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# **EWC** hopes to expand vet program

'They have all the opportunities in the world to go wherever they want'



RHETT BREEDLOVE/TORRINGTON TELEGRAM

The entire Eastern Wyoming College Veterinary Tech program stands before the Board of Trustees Tuesday evening to discuss both current and future expansion possibilities.

BY RHETT BREEDLOVE

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TORRINGTON - The Eastern Wyoming College (EWC) board of trustees met for the month- Adams, Robert Baumgartner, Doug Mercer, ly discussion of college topics, plans, and crucial agenda items.

College president Dr. Jeffry Hawes was present along with chairman Jackie Van Mark and vice chairman Rick Vonburg.

Trustee members Kurt Sittner, Randy

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# Title I family math night Elks Lodge donated bikes to six lucky kids who attended



**COURTESY PHOTO** 

Graham Watt (center) as he was one of six students to win a new bike and helmet, donated by the Torrington Elks Lodge.



Student Kaydence Werner (left) and elks representative Matt Mattis Delaney Martin (left) with Stacey elks representative Matt Mattis



Shirley Peterson(right), of Lincoln **Elementary and Christina Houk** (left) are seen holding the bucket of names to be drawn.



Robbins.



Kalliope Wyatt (left) with Christina Houk (right).



**COURTESY PHOTO** 

Oliver Mackenzie (left) and

# A special view of Wyoming law 'You only live once'

BY RHETT BREEDLOVE

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**TORRINGTON** – The Goshen District Court met in "session" at 8:30 a.m. early Tuesday morning.

This would be a special session, however. One meant to educate, inform, and perhaps set tomorrow's generation up for success rather than for dark complicated adversities.

The morning was not to address a defenside of Wyoming law, but to give a healthy and truthful view to all county eighth graders on what the law really looks like.

With not an empty seat in the district children with close and accurate sincerity early Tuesday morning. of how a seasoned attorney would in fact address a jury.

just how the law, and democracy really work," Boyer said to the children.

Over 100 eighth graders sat before the of youngsters. prosecuting attorney as well as district personnel.

The day marked the annual and traditional day off from school for all eighth graders from an authentic staff of real judges, lawto participate in YOLO Day.

You only live once would be the power-



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dant who found themselves on the wrong Goshen County and Prosecuting Attorney, Eric Boyer, welcomes the entire eighth-grade student body to the district courtroom for YOLO Day. The event was meant to educate students first-hand on Wyoming legal procedures, laws, and even consequences.

courtroom, Goshen County and Prosecut- ful and constant message for every child ing Attorney, Eric Boyer, addressed the sitting in the public area of the courtroom

As they entered and filled the large room; some excited, some curious, and of course "We are very excited to show you today others just happy to be out of school for a while, a very imperative and nourishing approach would be taken to help this group

They knew they would be witnessing a judge, Ed Buchanan, along with a long list trial simulation, but the question still reof county officials and law enforcement mained, "What does a real trial truly look like?" As the kids would soon see, a mock trial

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# Right to life hosts townhall

# 'Gray talks voting updates'

**BY: JESS OAKS** 

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**TORRINGTON** – A townhall style meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Lincoln Community Complex at

Jan Long, Goshen County Right to Life President welcomed community members in attendance, a short prayer was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

"The gameplan tonight is a question-and-answer session and we have Cheri Steinmetz and Chuck Gray and Allen Slagle and Scott Smith. So, any questions that you might have, they will be glad to hear from you and to answer," Long explained.

Secretary of State Chuck Gray gave a brief presentation during the meeting.

"Before serving as Secretary of State, I was a legislator representing portions of east Casper. We worked a lot on the life issue," Gray said. "At that time, when I entered in 2017, there hadn't been a pro-life bill passed in 30 years."

Gray explained after taking office, he filed house bill 137, the ultrasound requirement bill, which set off a 'wave of pro-life legislation.'

Then Gray gave a synopsis of how Wyoming has migrated through the Roe v. Wade overturn.

"When Row v. Wade was overturned, the pro-death forces were really flat-footed because we had a statute already on the books that would state that abortion was going to be banned in Wyoming," Gray said.

Gray spoke about legislation requesting abortion clinics and any individual performing abortions needs to have admitting privileges in a hospital.

"It's very reasonable. States across the county have this," Gray said. "It went through the legislature and then the governor vetoed it in his string of vetoes. His veto on the property tax bill which would have given a 25% exemption to all Wyomingites who qualified. His veto of the pro-gun bill which would have banned "gun-free zones" in numerous settings, including here (the Lincoln Complex) and I saw the sign coming in," he continued.

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Scott Smith and other constituents joined together at the Lincoln community complex on Tuesday evening for a townhall meeting. Topics of discussion where a legislative session update and new voting law updates.



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### **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

# **Cooper Tazmen Small**

Sunday, April 7, 2024, and he weighed Small, all of Torrington.

TORRINGTON - Ralaya Morris six pounds and five ounces. He was and Chasen Small are pleased to an- 19 ¼ inches long. He is welcomed by nounce the birth of their son, Cooper proud grandparents Ashley Wells Tazmen Small. Cooper was born on and Travis Wolfe and Amy and John



# Court fines for March 31 -April 6

A compendium of the Goshen County 301 bvii (2)] vehicle exceed 70 mph on pri-301 bvii (2)] vehicle exceed 70 mph on pricourt fines.

### March 31

Cassell, Cole – Forfeiture: \$25 [31-5-1402 a (1)] seat belt: driver.

Cassell, Cole – Forfeiture: \$150 [31-4-101 e] expired temporary license per- \$160 [31-5-301 bvii (2)] vehicle exceed 70 mit/improper registration.

### April 1

Hurwitz, Charlie – Forfeiture: \$140 [31-5-301 bvii (2)] vehicle exceed 70 mph on primary/secondary highway (6+ mph

Cross, Thomas – Forfeiture: \$135 [31-5-

mary/secondary highway (6+ mph over).

Southwick, Russell L. – Forfeiture: \$175 [31-5-301 c (2)] vehicle superintendent's speed zone (6+ MPH over).

### April 2

Enriquez, Suzanna M. – Forfeiture: mph on primary/secondary highway (6+ mph over).

Enriquez, Suzanna M. – Forfeiture: \$25 [31-5-1402 a (1)] seat belt: driver.

Hart, Joshua K. – Forfeiture: \$27 [31-5-1402 a (1)] seat belt: driver.

Numon, Jerry - Forfeiture: \$170 [31-5-

mary/secondary highway (6+ mph over). April 3

Chavez, Eli - Forfeiture: \$120 [31-5-301 bvii (2)] vehicle exceed 70 mph on primary/secondary highway (6+ mph

### April 4

Sapp Kendrick, Kyle – Forfeiture: \$140 [31-5-222 b) stop sign.

Romero, Leo A. – Forfeiture: \$103 [31-5-301 bvii (2)] vehicle exceed 70 mph on primary/secondary highway (6+ mph

April 5

Hatley, Jacob A. – Forfeiture: \$135 [31-5-301 bvii (2)] vehicle exceed 70 mph on primary/secondary highway (6+ mph

Cralle, Drue – Forfeiture: \$125 [31-5-301 bvii (2)] vehicle exceed 70 mph on primary/secondary highway (6+ mph over).

Bendix, Dylan C. - Forfeiture: \$105 [31-5-301 c (2)] vehicle superintendent's speed zone (6+ MPH over).

### April 6

Torres Castelan, Jose – Forfeiture: \$105 [31-5-301 bvii (2)] vehicle exceed 70 mph on primary/secondary highway (6+ mph over).

# **Emergency services rolling log**

ty emergency response and service calls

# day, April 4th

00:26-Suspicious Circumstances-Occurred on Converse St. Three people walking around and messing with vehicles. Unknown what they are doing but RP saw them walking towards vehicles. Last seen heading towards Albany on Converse. RP yelled at them and told them she was calling the pounknown what they said. Disposition: completed.

02:43-Suspicious Vehicle-Officer initiated activity at West 15th Ave, Line, Etc.)-Occurred on E G St. Torrington, Wyoming. Disposition: Abandoned call unable to call numcompleted.

04:25-Assist the Public-Occurred on E 22nd Ave. RP moving to New Mexico today wanting to report that subject told her that she is going to fistfight her and pull a gun on her. RP reporting that she said all of this. Disposition:

06:16-Medic AID-Occurred on Road 55 F. 71-year-old male beginning stages of heart attack, going in and out of cons. Did not advise further. Disposition: completed.

06:58-Motor Vehicle Accident-Occurred on Buttermilk Rd. Rolled truck in canal, will stay on scene until deputy can get there. Disposi-

A compendium of Goshen Countion: citation issued.

07:40-Traffic Complaints; speed, reckless, etc.-Occurred on U.S. Disposition: completed.

08:25-Traffic Complaints; speed, Was passed on Main St by a () 10 minutes ago. Not willing to sign a statement just wants us to watch out for. Disposition: completed.

lice and they yelled back at her, but brought into police department. Keys left in lost and found. Disposition: completed.

> 11:27-911 Call (Abandoned, Open lobby. Disposition: completed. cation. Disposition completed.

11:55-Water Department Call Out-Disposition completed.

11:57-Mecial Aid-Occurred on jammed shoulder. Disposition: required. completed.

completed.

on E 18th Ave. Getting threaten- position: completed. ing text messages. RP in lobby to 18:51-Parking Complaints-Oc-

completed.

13:21-911 Call (Abandoned, Open Highway 85. Northbound white Line, Etc.)-Occurred on W C St. Wednesday, April 3rd - Thurs- four-door car with South Dakota Open line call can hear people Than Warrants-Officer initiated plates swerving all over the road. talking doesn't sound like an emergency. Disposition: completed.

> 13:28-Assist the Public-Occurred reckless etc.-Occurred on Main St. on E G St. Wants to speak with () when asked what it was in refer- initiated activity at W C St, Torence to. RP just stated it's (). Dispo- rington, Wyoming. Disposition: sition: completed.

16:00-Assist the Public-Occurred 08:34-Found Property Report-Oc- on E B St. Questions about huntcurred on E C St. Sets of keys and er safety classes. Disposition completed.

E G St. Threatening RP, RP in the black cows right off highway. Cur-

17:12-Animal Call-Occurred on

Grande Vista Rd. RP came home to ber back, pinging around above lo- a dead coyote on top of trash cans. Disposition: completed. 17:18-Log Information-Occurred

Occurred on Industrial Park Ave. on E 22nd Ave. PD phones not High zone tank system intrusion. working. Disposition: citation

18:20-Suspicious Circumstancesshe will call us and report that Road 53 S. 68-year-old male fell off Occurred on Main St. RP states scaffolding, landed on left side. vehicle moved without permis-Possible broken rib. Fell between sion. Wants deputy to take pictures

18:44-Traffic complaints; speed, 12:29-Log Information-Occurred reckless, etc.-Occurred on E A on E 22nd Ave. Delayed inquiry hit St. RP states that the vehicle statnotification drives A. Disposition: ed from and is no on Main Street heading north. RP states driver ap-13:02-Harassment-Occurred pears to have been drinking. Dis-

speak with officer. Disposition: curred on W 15th Ave. RP states car parked in lot 12. Disposition: completed. 19:17-Officer Court Papers Other

> activity at Loma Vista Road, Torrington, Wyoming. Disposition: completed.

> 19:40-Community Contact-Officer completed.

> 20:05-Assist Other Agency-Occurred on E 22nd Ave. RP wants to talk with 120 about. Disposition: completed.

21:19-Animal Call-Occurred on 17:10-Harassment-Occurred on U.S. Highway 85. RP states 8-10 rently they are in the ditch on the east side of the road. Disposition: completed.

22:02-Suspicious Circumstances-

Occurred on E 25th Ave. Person on camera locking. Disposition: completed. 22:24-Traffic Stops-Officer initiated

activity at W Valley Road, Torrington, Wyoming. No lights on. Disposition: warning for any traffic or other. 22:50-Welfare Check-Occurred

on Road 39 E. Quite abruptly tosix and eight feet. Skinned elbow, of damage. Disposition: report night without notice. Disposition: completed.

01:24-Hazard-Traffic, PED, Etc.-Officer initiated activity at E Valley Road, Torrington, Wyoming. Something in the road. Disposition: completed.

04:04-Warrant-Occurred on E 22nd Ave. Removed NCIC warrant. Disposition: completed.



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# Town approves car show

# 'It's going to be fun this year'

**BY JESS OAKS** 

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**FORT LARAMIE** – The Fort Laramie Town Council met on Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. The meeting quickly began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the agenda. Mayor Joyce stated she had two additions to add and she added a discussion topic of the Lingle rest stop sign dedication and the invitation to attend the ceremony. She also added the next policy work session dates under the announcement portion of the agenda.

There was a motion to approve the amended agenda which was seconded to the council."It's going to be fun this and carried.

An executive session was also added to the agenda, before the meetings adjournment.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended agenda, which carried. A motion was then made to approve

March 27, which carried. The April 8 special meeting minutes were also approved.

the minutes from last month's meeting,

No action was needed for the item d, a review of financial documents, banking statements, and payroll-related documents.

The next item was the approval of the consent agenda, which was carried.

The first action item was the Fort Laramie Bar and Grill liquor license renewal. It was noted all paperwork and fees were completed. The council voted to approve the renewal.

The council then heard a request for an open container permit for a summer

mie Bar for a car show with live music approved and carried. on June 15. The bar has requested the streets be blocked off from the morning of June 15 until midnight. A motion was made which was seconded.

"It will be similar to the event we did last year," the bar owner said. "We will be doing a car show. We will have vendors. I'm trying to put together a cornhole competition. We will have a band, actually, we will have two."

The owner requested the street be closed early in the morning so cars could be lined up by 10 a.m.

The motion carried.

"Thanks, guys," the tavern owner said year."

The next item under the action section of the council agenda was to establish an account for utility deposits.

After a brief discussion on the banking institutions, the council agreed to continue to research the possibility of changing banking institutions. Evans advised the council it had been brought to her attention the town needs a separate banking account for utility deposits per Wyoming state statute. A brief discussion was held on utility deposits being a liability in the town's general banking account.

"It's really a good idea because that is a liability in our books because anybody could come in at any time and want to have their deposit back so if we have a separate account it would track that more clearly," Evans explained.

The council agreed to continue to explore options with other banking institutions.

A motion was made to 'Open a utility deposit account by July 2024 which bares event/catering event for the Fort Lara- the best interest rate possible,' which was forcement. It was noted the SRO would be

The next item on the agenda was depreciation accounts where more discussion ensued, and no action was taken.

Moving on to discussion items the council heard a report on the policy work

"I really appreciate this council," Evans said. "They are putting in a lot of thought and energy into getting these policies where they need to be."

Volunteer fire report, Pete Howes, chief, reported on training hours attended and a short report of the Easter celebrations.

"Breakfast went fair, I think it's been better," Howes said.

"I want to toot the horn of the members of the fire department for a sec," one council member said.

The council commended the fire department for their recent participation and support in the local Easter egg hunt held at the park.

Evans noted the town clerk was ill and therefore no report was read.

The treasurer's report was read and approved, and mayor Evans authorized the purchase of a new desk for the clerk.

During the law-enforcement report, it was noted that an SRO would be hired for additional patrol services, and it was requested that funds remaining from last year's SRO contract be reallocated to replace the bulletproof vest. The excessive cat problem was also discussed during the town council meeting law-enforcement report. The council was advised until there is a way to dispose of cats in the community, very little resolution was seen, however, options continue to be evaluated by the council and law en-



The Fort Laramie Town Council met Wednesday evening to approve a special summer event, a catering permit for the Fort Laramie bar and Grill.

available during the car show summer

During the emergency management report, it was advised the town of Fort Laramie tested their tornado sirens last week. Some repairs and maintenance will need to be done to ensure proper communication for the remainder of the storm season.

Evans announced Christian Du-Fresne was hired as a permanent department head for public works and she reminded the council and community of the dedication of highway signs on May, 2 at 2 p.m. and the Sunrise Mine tours on April 28.

Evans then moved on to announcements where she reminded the community of the health fair held Thursday. She also notes the budget work session at 2 PM on April 17 was open to the public. Evans then mentioned The next town Council meeting is April 24 at 7 p.m. And municipal elections are May 14 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The council then entered an executive session and the meeting was adjourned

# **Life:** 'It's a measure to ensure the Wyomingites vote in Wyoming'

FROM PAGE A1

"Does anybody feel secure now that we can't carry in here? I certainly don't. It makes us a soft target."

"That's a little bit of the session in terms of the life work. I am the Secretary of State [and in my] role there's a number of things that come across our desk and if I could just quickly speak to a couple," Gray said. "One is elections and that really gets a lot of the attention is our work on election integrity. I am a big believer in election integrity."

filiation declaration or change for registered voters is May 15.

"I will say, absent the vetoes, this was the most conservative session the '24 session since I've been involved which has been since 2017," Gray said. "By far, usually we get one or two, I'd say landmark conservative bills through but this year I'd say six. The governor vetoed four or five of them, so we ended up in the same place but in terms of the legislative work it was the most conservative I've seen since I've been involved."

Gray mentioned the early voting period was also shortened because of this session, from 45 days to 28 days before the election.

"[We] really want to move more towards voting on the election day, which of course the left and the media has tried to move us off of," Gray said. "We were tied for the longest early voting period in the nation and in the '23 session we cut that to 28 days so it's a little over two weeks, two and a half





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think that's really good from an election integrity perspective. It's going to encourage individuals to interact with the election process for a longer period of time which I can only think is a good thing. I think it also encourages voting on the day of election," he continued.

Gray mentioned the governor is to issue a decision by Friday, April 12 regarding a rulemaking saying 'If you are registering to vote, you need to provide proof you are a Wyomingite.'

"It's a measure to ensure that Wyonot illegal aliens and I think in the environment we are in here, in 2024, with the open border it's very important."

"Now it's on the governor's desk. He has 15 days from when that memo was issued from the management council to make a decision, which on our count is Friday and we are going to have a meeting with him tomorrow (Wednesday)," Gray explained. "We are very hopeful that it's going to go through," Gray said. "The governor has until Friday to make a decision."

Gray mentioned his effort to keep Trump on the 2024 electoral ballot, including the numerous lawsuits filed by Tim Newcomb to prevent Trump from

coming presidential election.

"I'm going to try to get some accountability on this individual because he's abusing the legal system. This is abuse of process," Gray said.

Gray then addressed the Amicus Curiae brief which was filed by Gray and other constituents urging the Colorado Supreme Court to keep Trump on the ballot.

"I was the only secretary of the state in the nation to file an Amicus [Curiael brief explicitly siding with Presi-Gray spoke on the party declaration mingites vote in Wyoming," Gray said. dent Trump's arguments there. Took deadline bill, which bans cross-over "Only Wyomingites are able to vote in a lot of heat from the media on that voting, noting the deadline for party af- Wyoming elections. Not nonresidents, but it was the right thing to do," Gray explained.

"Chuck gave you a pretty good legislative overview. One of the things I want to say is we have a great team here in Goshen County. I want to thank Scott (Smith) and Allen (Slagle)," Wyoming State Senator, Cheri Steinmetz said. "They have done a tremendous job representing you here. They are a joy to work with and we don't really often have to ask each other if we are on the same page. We seem to always be on the same page. I really appreciate that," she continued.

Steinmetz stressed how having a good team to work with during the legislative session is important because it

weeks that are cut off on that period. I being listed as a candidate for the up- takes a team to accomplish a common

"This year was a challenge," Steinmetz said. "As you know, we tried to get back into a special session and we weren't able to do so. We had 16 folks that voted for it in the senate, but we couldn't get a majority in the house unfortunately to override the governor's vetoes. The reason that is important is we abrogated our authority. We came home. We didn't finish our job and we said, 'Oh we're just going to let the governor legislate by veto,' and that's what

we did," Steinmetz added. Steinmetz expressed scheduling conflicts are common which means it is more difficult to work through each issue during the session. She also expressed her dissatisfaction with Wyoming Governor Gordon, stating during the COVID-19 pandemic, Gordon was forced to act without guidance.

"Unfortunately, during Covid, this governor got into some bad habits," Steinmetz said. "He thinks he runs the state alone right now, so we need to curb those bad habits and the longer we wait to do so the worse it is going to get."

The meeting continued with a brief discussion by representatives Scott Smith and Allen Slagle followed by a public question and answer period.









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the last things Jesus told His dis- worry, get upset or feel stressed-out

# The #1 Key to having peace

about peace. John 14:27 (AMP) says, not the way God wants us to live. "Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. [Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge.]"

the first thing Jesus said to His dis-We have to understand the value ciples after His resurrection. Verse 21 says, "Then Jesus said to them again, 'Peace to you....'" Notice the word "again." He must have wantbe stressed-out or upset all the ed them to realize how important it reassures the heart, that peace]

I think it's interesting that one of how much peace you have. Do you

A lot of Christians pray for God realize that as believers in Christ, learn how to walk in peace.

Philippians 4:6-7 (AMP) says: "Do not be anxious or worried about it." In John 20:19, "Peace to you!" is anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God. And the peace of God [that peace which which transcends all understand-Take a moment to think about ing, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours]."

> We can learn a lot about how to pray powerful, effective prayers by studying Scripture. Instead of praying for peace, notice that in Philippians the apostle Paul is encouraging believers to trust God in every circumstance so they can have His peace as they go through challenges.

If we don't have peace and we want it, we have to be ready to up trying to run my own life and make some changes. The world around us probably isn't going to change, so we need to change our approach to life. We need to make a conscious decision to trust God in every area of our lives, every day.

We're called believers, and that's God! When we trust Him, we enter His rest and can enjoy our lives.

Years ago, I remember when God studied James 4. In verses 1-4, we peace as you live in Him!

ciples before His crucifixion was often? Many people do...but that's see what causes quarrels, strife and discontentment. Verse 2 (NLT) says, "You want what you don't have, so to give them peace, but they need to you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, they already have His peace. We but you can't get it, so you fight need to pray for God to help us and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for

> Wow! This is basically saying, "You want something, so you strive to get it your way or make it happen on your own, but it doesn't work. If you would just ask Me, I would help you." It's important to point out here that God won't just give us anything we ask for. He loves us and wants what's best for us, and when we ask for things that are in His plan and purpose for us, He will give them to us.

> I used to think I wanted a lot of things that ended up making me miserable after I managed to get them. But once I started giving up my will and asking God to do what He wants to do in my life, I experienced peace and contentment that I'd never known before.

> It was so freeing for me to give instead focus on seeking God and trusting Him to give me what He wants me to have. Psalm 37:4 (AMP) says, "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires and petitions of your heart."

I want to strongly encourage you what we're supposed to do: Believe today to purposely choose to seek God and delight yourself in Him before anyone or anything else in your life. He is the Source of love, helped me to learn this lesson as I joy and peace. And you'll live in

# MENU

### **Senior Friendship Center**

If you would like a home delivered meal or you need to cancel for the day, *Please call us at 532-2796 by 9 a.m.* 

### April 15

Chicken Strips, Potato Wedges, Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges

### April 16

Italian Pasta Bake, Asparagus, Garlic Bread, Spring Salad, Peaches April 17

### Pork Wing with Sauerkraut, tater

tots, Applesauce, Pudding April 18

Cheese burger, Lettuce tomato, Onion Pickle, French Fries, Carrots, Apricots April 19 Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,

Chateau Veggies, Carrot Raisin Salad, Pineapple, Poke Cake GCSD #1 School Lunch

### April 15

Chicken Patty Sandwich, Protein Option, Tater tots

### April 16

Super Nachos, Protein Option, Refried Beans, Churro

### April 17

Pizza Cheese Sticks, Protein Option, Marinara, Green Beans

### April 18

Chicken Nuggets, Protein Option, WGR Chips, Cinnamon Apples

### April 19

Intervention/Enrichment Day Sacked Lunch Provided to attendees

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### 2002 East D - 532-2497 Pastor Brent Iden Sunday Worship ......10:45 a.m.

Bethel Baptist Church

(Baptist General Conference) 2980 East D Street ..9:30 a.m.

### Sunday School ..... Morning Worship ......10:45 a.m. Christ Reformed

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1101 East 22nd Åve - 532-5862 Bishop Brett Dyer - 801-864-0218 Sacrament Meeting .......10:00 a.m. Sunday School ......11:00 a.m. ..... 12:00 p.m.

# Church at Jay Em

Sunday School ......9:00 a.m. 

### Church of Our Saviour Episcopal Hartville, Wyoming

### Community Devotions 2833 Main St.

307-316-8568

# Community Presbyterian Church

3rd & Leiter, Lingle, WY 837-2729 Rev. Bruce McBurney

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East Gate Baptist Church 1715 East L - 532-3007

Pastor Tim Sparks

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Youth Service 7:00 p.m. Patch Club 7:00 p.m.

# **End Time Ministries**

6671 Hwy 85 Sunday Service......11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Torrington, WYPastor John Wilkey

### Family Church of the Nazarene 28th & Main - 307-338-1564

pjimlivinghope@gmailcom Pastor Jim Hofmann Services are held Wednesday nights ...... 5:30 p.m. .....10:30 a.m. Sunday... Family Friendly services for all ages

# First Baptist Church

nerican Bap 2241 Main St. - 338-0137 Reverend Brian Willats

www.firstbaptist-torrington	.com
Sunday School	9:30 a.m
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m
Wednesday Prayer	5:15 p.m
Wednesday Bible Study	5:45 p.m
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# First Congregational Church of Torrington Wyoming

Non-Denominational 2102 East E - 307-532-5595 Pastor Matthew Gordon

Kids Service During Worship Service......10:30 a.m. 

# First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church Rev. Bruce McBurney 2972 Main Street - 532-2972

G.I.F.T. Sunday meal at noon immediately following service. 

### Fort Laramie Community Presbyterian Church Pastor Elizabeth Morgan

Fort Laramie, WY 82212 Worship ......11:00 a.m.

Ft. Laramie Country Church

### Pastor R.J. Hesketh 319 N. Laramie Avenue

307-735-5001

### Sunday......9:00 a.m. Hawk Springs Community

Bible Church

Pastor Jeff Robinson Sunday School ......9:00 a.m. 

### Henry Bible Church 1592 Yorick Avenue, Henry, NE

Pastor Mark Bell Sunday Worship ......11:00 a.m.

### Henry/Lyman The Vine United Methodist Church 308-635-2069

1458 Yorick Ave.; Henry NE Handicapped Accessible Worship.....

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www.praiseagtorrington.com Sunday Worship Gathering ......10 a.m. Sunday Bible Study Fellowship .....6 p.m.

Kids Heros - Wednesday (Sept. - May only)

Dinner - 5:30 p.m. Royal Rangers & Missionettes 6:30 p.m.

## Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

1557 West E Street 532-7863

Sunday-Public Talk... Sunday-Watchtower Study......10:35 a.m. 

# LaGrange Bible Church

970-846-2791 Pastor Tom Harves

# LaGrange Bible Missionary Church

308 4th Ave., LaGrange Reverend Brian Herbert

303-810-2273 

# Lifeway Church, SBC

1341 East M Street

(661)868-9017 Jeff Wolfington, Senior Pastor Sunday School ......9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship ......10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service ......6 p.m. www.lifewaytorringtonwyo.org

# Lighthouse Ministries

Non-Denomination Rick Carroll, Pastor 532-5384 3802 Hot Springs • Torrington

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Wed. Eve. Bible Study.......7:00 p.m.

# North Hills Baptist Church North Hwy. 85 • Lingle 837-2755

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# Our Savior Lutheran Church

2973 East B. Street 532-5801

Inter-Denominational 206 6th Avenue Pastor Lonnie Crowe

Rhema Fellowship

.10:30 a.m. Thursday ... 7:00 p.m.

## Family Night & Youth Meeting Riverside Church

615 Main • Torrington 532-3141 Minister Gary J. Flom

.9:30 a.m. Sunday School ..... Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening ...... 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer...... 6:30 p.m.

### Seventh Day Adventist Church 2101 East B Street

Pastor Mark Jagitsch Sabbath Service......9:30 a.m. Worship Service ......11:00 a.m.

# Torrington Baptist Tabernacle

7228 McKenna Road Pastor Michael A. Gleb II Sunday Worship ......10:00 a.m. 

# SONrise Church

1100 East Valley Road Brent Mullock, Lead Pastor 307-532-0344 Youth/Worship Pastor Paul Braddy 308-660-3445 Saturday, 6 pm | Sunday, 10 am www.torringtonsonrisechurch.com

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# THS names new administrator

**BY JESS OAKS** 

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TORRINGTON - The Goshen County School Board meeting was off to a rocky start on Tuesday, April 9 as the board meeting battled some technology issues. The meeting was called to order around 7:20 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance shortly followed.

In attendance were, board chairman, Michael Sussex, vice chair, Sarah Chaires, clerk, Chris Alexander, treasurer, Carols Saucedo, and board members Lena Moeller, Matthew Cushman, Dylan Hager, Justin Hurely, and Wade Phipps. Also in attendance was Kevin Derby, director of curriculum, instruction, and data management, and Ryan Kramer, superintendent.

Kramer made a few minor adjustments to the agenda and the board agreed to adopt the new agenda with addenda.

During the information and proposal portion of the agenda, no action was taken, and the council heard the 2024 Goshen County Recreation Board allocations. The following grants were requested and approved City of Torrington Pool request an amount of \$5,518, which was granted. The city of Torrington Parks Department requested \$7,000 and received the total amount. Bent Barrels Crooked Arrows 4-H club requested the amount of \$7,400 and received that amount. Torrington Wrestling Club requested the amount of \$50.512.21 and received that amount. Goshen County High School Shooting team was awarded the amount requested of \$5,220. Fort Laramie Place to Play requested \$14,204.89 of which they received. Goshen County Library had capacity I have seen the need for stu-

two applications requesting the total dents from elementary to high school amount of \$25,545; they also received that amount. The City of Torrington golf course requested the amount of \$22,950 and received that amount as well. Goshen County Grizzlies baseball team requested and was awarded \$18,604.23. The Torrington Little League baseball requested \$9,388.37 which was the amount granted. Football 101-Sled requested and received \$7,666. Legion baseball requested and received \$18,825. The Torrington Girls Softball Association requested and was rewarded \$21,000. GoWyo Soccer requested and was granted \$1,930. The Torrington Junior Rodeo requested and received \$5,000. The Torrington Rotary Walking Path requested and received \$50,000. The total amount of grant money to be allocated totaled \$270,763.70.

The next item on the agenda was reported by student representatives to the board. Kramer announced due to several student representatives being absent, no assignment for the board was given.

Next on the agenda was a school presentation and artwork in the boardroom by Trail Elementary.

During the public forum, Sussex reminded speakers there was a five-minute time limit.

Tony Goulart spoke on his concern about the Franklin Covey curriculum urging the board to find a different type of program.

Another member of the community spoke up against the Franklin Covey curriculum and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and the 2024-2025 school calendar.

"I have served in the district for 13 years as a teacher and a coach. In this

to be taught life habits and skills that will carry over into their lives not just as students by as productive members and leaders within their families, communities, and society," Monica Anderson, Southeast High School teacher said. "Like many people in our community, I am concerned with what our children are being taught and being exposed to. As a teacher of Leader-in-Me and a cofacilitator of the Southeast Elementary Lighthouse Team. I am confident that there is nothing within the curriculum that would expose students to anything other than strong habits of mind."

Anderson continued to address the concern brought up by the previous speakers, DEI, challenging the board to see exactly what companies have DEI. Anderson noted the increased popularity of the DEI movement.

Moving on to the consent agenda, the board approved the March 12, 2024, regular meeting minutes as read.

In old business, letter a, the board considered the approval of the proposed policy revision on the second and final reading for the tobacco and smoking policy which was approved after a motion was made.

The board then moved on to consider the approval of the proposed policy revision on the second and final reading for policy 3643 unpaid student meal debt which was also approved.

In letter c, the board considered the approval of the proposed policy revision on the second and final reading for policy 5113-5 students withdraw 2024 and policy 5113-5 students withdraw EX 2024. A motion was made, seconded and the revision was approved on the second and final reading.

It was recommended to consider the approval of the proposed policy and revision on the 2nd and final reading for policy 3420 purchasing rev 2024 which also carried.

The board moved on to new business with the considered approval of the 2024-2025 school year calendar. After a brief discussion, the board voted to approve the calendar.

"I just want to thank the committee members of that," Kramer said. "We met for an hour and a half. I believe there ended up being ten meetings total to create this calendar."

In the next item on the agenda, the board accepted the resignation of three school faculty members and approved the recommendation offering teaching contracts, including renewal of initial contract teachers, and annual employment agreements for the 2024-2025 school year.

The board approved offering certified teaching contracts for the 2024-2025 school year and approved offering administrator contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.

Alan Van Tilburg was offered the administrator contact for Torrington High School.

"I would just like to say, I sat in the committee for hiring and it was a very, very impressive committee," Moeller said. "A very, very impressive process. I am excited for him to come. I think he is going to be a huge asset to this community and to the high school. I fully realize there is some PTSD because we've had some turnover, but I think he's going to be a huge asset so I'm excited for him to come," she continued.

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# EWC: 'Congrats on full accreditation

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and Jim Willox were all additionally crucial information before the Board in present, while Trustee Katherine Pat- regard to significant accomplishments rick attended digitally.

on the evening's agenda was the recognition of both recent and anticipated future progress of the college Veterinary Technology (vet-tech) Colleen Mitchell.

Dr. Colleen Mitchell would present made by vet-tech students, recent schol-Perhaps the most noteworthy item arships awarded, and future program

According to Dr. Mitchell, the program enrollment has become so high with first-and second-year students, the program, currently headed up by Dr. college in years to come may have no

sion with resources and even additional ships, so we are very proud of them on buildings.

The vet-tech program head would begin her presentation by giving welldeserved acknowledgment of both her students and colleagues.

"I do want to mention several of our students have been awarded scholarships by the drug companies Pfizer and Merk," Dr. Mitchell began. "Several of

choice but to continue program expan- them applied for and got those scholarthat."

> "We use models a lot for students to practice. What vets-techs do is actually a wide variety of things. We usually think about them working in clinicals practices. That's just a part of what our students are qualified to do such

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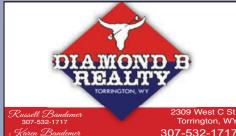
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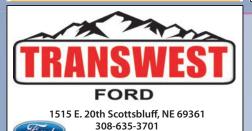








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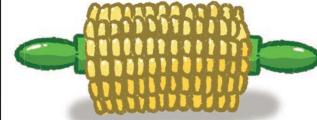
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Corn is used in more than 3,500 ways. To name just a few, there is corn starch, corn syrup, corn oil, popcorn and good old eating corn. Corn is even used to make a kind of fuel called **ethanol**.



# Two Kinds of Corn



Most of the corn grown is **dent corn**, also called field corn. Dent corn is picked dry and used mostly for livestock feed and ethanol.

Another popular corn is **sweet corn**. Sweet corn is sweeter and juicier than dent corn and is the kind we eat!

# The average ear of corn usually

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Work with a family member to use vour math skills to reveal more facts about corn.

Each corn stalk usually grows

ear of corn.

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If you plant one kernel and care for it, you end up with \_\_\_\_\_ kernels!

400 + 400 =

If a farmer plants 30,000 kernels in one acre, how many will he plant in 100 acres?

About how many are there in two ears of corn?

800 + 800 =

If a giraffe is 16 feet tall, how much taller is the tallest stalk of corn ever measured?

If a corn plant grows 2 inches a day, how long until it is 12 feet tall?

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This week's word: **STALK** 

The noun **stalk** means the main stem of a plant.

The corn plant has one

main stem called a stalk.

Try to use the word **stalk** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

**Your Favorite** 

Vegetable

Write a riddle for people

to figure out your favorite vegetable.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write using descriptive details.

Write On! <

Corn seeds are planted in the spring. Corn seeds are called kernels.

In the spring, farmers wait until the \_ is warm before planting corn. The corn kernels need warm soil and spring \_\_\_\_\_\_to start growing.

**Corn was first** grown in this country more than 9,000 years ago:

The letters along the correct path through the corn maze reveals the answer!

code!

=B

=C

=E

=I

 $\square = M$ 

= N

Replace the missing words.

FARS SOIL GROWING STALKS WATER HURT FIX RAINS

During the summer, farmers care for their corn plants. They make sure they get enough\_ \_. They check for weeds, diseases and insects that could the plants. It takes science to grow healthy corn crops!

With water and warmth, corn grows about 2 inches a day. Corn \_\_\_\_\_ usually grow to about 8 feet tall. The tallest stalk on record was about 45 feet tall—nearly as tall as a four-story building!

many inventions that help farmers.

plant. The machine is called a:

In the fall, corn plants Farmers wait for the

plants turn brown, and the \_\_\_\_\_ point down. ears of corn to dry, and then they harvest.

Farmers ship their corn to customers. They also their equipment and get ready to plant again in the spring.



# Make a Tall **Corn Stalk**

Roll up sheets of the newspaper to make long rolls. How long is one sheet rolled? Estimate how many more pages need to be rolled to make one long roll that is 45 feet long. Then keep rolling pages and lining them up until you make a 45-foot-long roll—the length of one of the tallest corn stalks measured.

Standards Link: Math: Estimate lengths.



# Puzzier Can you find each ear of corn's twin?

## Double Double Word

**ACRE CARE CORN CROPS DENT EAR FARMER FEED FIELD GROWS HARVEST PLANT STALK SWEET** WATER

Corn for many centuries was picked by hand. But there have been

One machine combines several farming jobs in one machine. It cuts

the corn stalks and then brings them through the machine.

This machine then separates the kernels from the rest of the

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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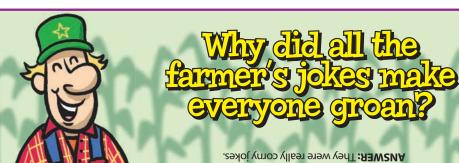
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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# **Life Cycle**

Look through the newspaper for pictures that show people, animals or things at different stages of their lives. Cut them out to create a life cycle.

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Understand the natural life cycle of people and objects.



# ANSWER: They were really corny jokes.



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# **School:** 'Best that we possibly can for our kids'

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The board next moved on to consider approval of rehiring a retiree for the 2024-2025 school year, Randy Epler as a half-time NPS coordinator, carried.

The board moved on to consider the approval of contracting with Franklin-Covey for district professional development services. After a brief discussion, Alexander expressed his disapproval of the contract, citing concerns with the DEI mission statements and philosophy.

"I would just like to say, I respect the concerns over DEI, but above that, I trust the staff in our district," Chaires said. "I trust them enough I give them my babies every day to teach. They are our neighbors and our friends. I believe they hold the same values, and they are not pushing things on our children that this community does not support."

"I would like to speak to it as well," Moeller explained. "We were challenged with spending the time educating ourselves and looking into this and I've done exactly that. I went to Southeast, and I picked up the curriculum and materials that are actually being shared with the staff that are teaching my children. My kids are in Southeast. I have pulled up the exact website Mr. Alexander that you asked us to read that literally talks about kindness and compassion and the hurt associated with Mr. Floyd's death. I saw absolutely no negativity there whatsoever in my personal opinion a school board is not a battleground for political initiatives. It's not. We have to learn as a community and this school board to set those things aside and focus on what's important to our kids," she continued.

Moeller expressed, students need more and more instruction on life skills,

and she urged fellow board member, Alplies was approved. exander, to look at the material being taught to the children.

Saucedo offered his comments, stating the teachings of the healthy habits offers students a choice on the things they do in life.

"I am very confident I will be making the choice to do the best that we possibly can for our kids," Saucedo said. "I am hoping that I am assisting in building good leaders for our future."

Item d, to approve the contract with FranklinCovey after the board vote.

The board then moved on to consider approval of contracting with Wyoming Educators Benefit Trust (WEBT) for district health insurance coverage for the 2024-2025 school year which was

The board approved contracting for asbestos abatement management and oversight and approved contracting services for the demolition of the Torrington High School Tech Ed building and a little house.

Next, the board approved contracting for district concrete projects and approved of purchase exceeding \$5,000.00 for water softener replacement.

A purchase exceeding \$5,000 for replacement carpet was approved by the board and a purchase exceeding \$5,000.00 for Kajeet SmartBus internet data renewal was also approved by the

The board approved of building fire panel upgrades and the purchase exceeding \$5,000.00 for replacement music riser stands.

The purchase exceeding \$5,000.00 for THS Family Consumer Science kitchen equipment was approved by the board and the purchase exceeding \$5,000.00 for the purchase of Orton-Gillingham sup-

Lastly, the board approved of purchase exceeding \$5,000.00 for Trail library books.

During the topics for discussion, Sussex read a letter addressed to the Carbon County School Board regarding an email from the board.

"On March 4, 2024, trustees for Goshen County School District received an email with a variety of allegations regarding the misconduct of our superintendent, Ryan Kramer. While in attendance at the 3A regional basketball tournament that was hosted in Rawlins, following this email, an informal investigation was conducted which included the review of video surveillance from the event as well as first-hand accounts of the incidents in question," Sussex read. "'Trustees reviewed all evidence presented and unanimously found our superintendent acted within the parameters of his position and with reason regarding the situation. We stand with Mr. Kramer and support his actions as a reflection of his desire to safeguard the wellbeing of our student-athletes during a state-sanctioned sporting event."

"To be very honest with you I've really, really, struggled with this and whether or not even say anything to this board but I'm very disturbed by something that has occurred and was brought to my attention by a community member," Moeller explained. "I understand that an e-mail pertaining to this very sensitive subject was printed and circulated amongst the community. In fact, it was sent by a board member to a former board member who then took it to a bank and printed it off, and planted it down for the community to read. There are specifically laws to protect

someone from branding another human being with baseless accusations and allegations. The purpose of internal investigations of personnel matters is that they are very sensitive and it's not fair to release that information to those that are not sitting on the board when we are discussing it and considering it," Moeller continued. "That information was released in my opinion for no other purpose other than to drag Mr. Kramer's name through the mud this particular action has destroyed my trust in you, Mr. Alexander, for releasing this e-mail. It's disheartening, it's appalling. We work very hard as this board. We spend a lot of time trying to do what's best for this district so when something like that happens it's very, very, discouraging and disappointing and I think it's important for this board to know that that has occurred. I don't know if this is the first time, I'm hopeful it's the last," Moeller

The board then entered executive session during the regular board meeting.

After an executive session, the board announced future meetings.

A work session for salary relations information will be held on April 18 and the salary relations committee will meet on April 22 at 8 a.m.

District graduation dates and times were announced during the meeting and Platte River School graduation will be May 15 at 5 p.m. The remaining Goshen County ceremonies will be held on Sunday, May 19. Southeast graduation will be held at 1 p.m.; Torrington High School graduation will be at 2:30 p.m. and Lingle-Ft. Laramie High School ceremonies begin at 4 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned to reconvene for a regular session on Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m.

# EWC: 'This would include building and an increase in our...

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as working at vet labs and zoos. Also, things point to control hotlines, emergency clinics, and specialty clinics."

Dr. Mitchell, with the presence of the entire vet-tech student body, would continue to speak before the board with a sincere explanation of the cruciality and ever-growing industry demand in both the country and vastly worldwide.

"Vet clinics are in high demand, and they can all find a job," Dr. Mitchell continued. "There is no problem with that at all. I have had numerous people contact me looking for technicals both close and far away. We have vet-tecs right now with salaries increasing rapidly, and they have all the opportunities in the world to go wherever they want.

other fields in the vet profession."

As Dr. Mitchell continued with her presentation while holding her colleagues and students in very high regard, the seasoned professor ensured one other thing was to be brought up at the meeting.

Despite significant recent accomplishments within the program, the program head was resolute in mentioning more improvements can be made; this as well as supplementary support from the Board will be essential in moving forward.

"The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) committee on Veterinary Tech Education and Activities continued the EWC vet-tech program on full accreditation. Not every vettech school does this, but we did. This Washington state can't get enough stuits a huge congrats. We weren't perfect dents to work for them. They can have as they did some up some deficiencies. government work, corporations, every- Not that they are major, it's just they thing. This is the whole range besides are more important. The good news working in vet clinics. This is where is we have five to six years to correct most of them go, but some want to try them. We have to keep working on our

be where we need your help. Money in staffing. If we hire two vets, that will other words."

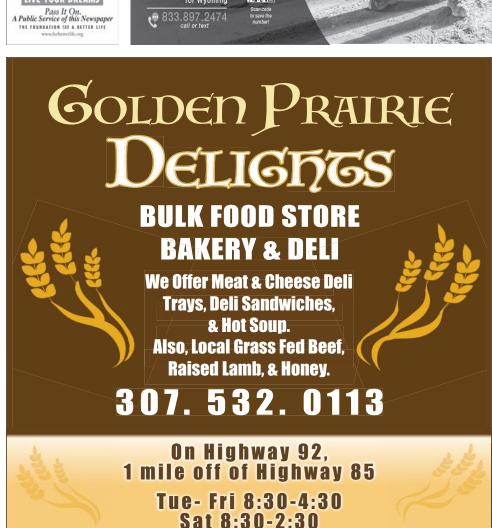
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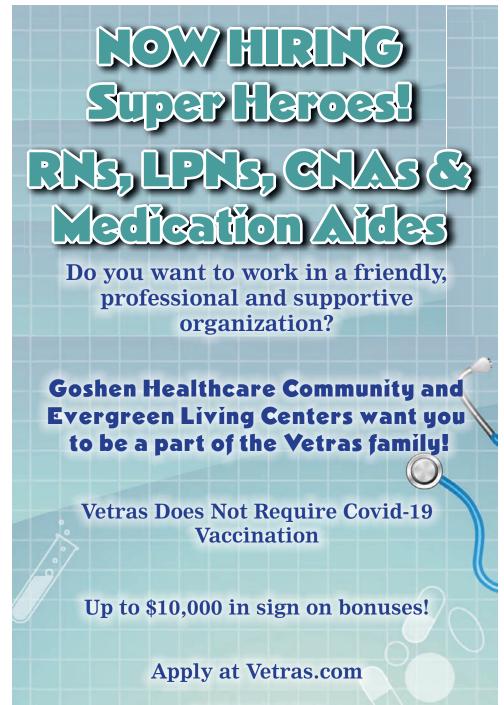
"This would include buildings and an increase in our faculty type thing. Right now, I'm the only full-time vet. Our adjunct helps quite a bit, but right now we have two job openings listed for program veterinarians, and that's how

protocols, but a major deficiency would we are going to try and get program allow the program director more time for administrative and teaching duties while allowing faculty to have more time. If we have more faculty, we will have more time to prepare for classes and counsel them. The long-term needs are the building. We need a new

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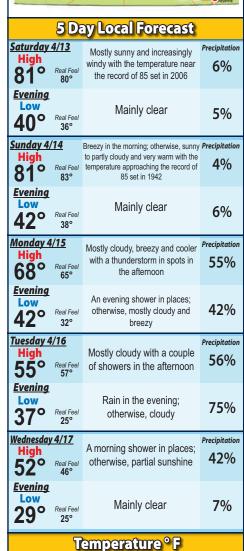
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# EWC: 'meeting will reconvene May 14 at 4 p.m.'

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vet-tech building. It has to go through the plans, but we need more to work through major deficiencies and there needs to be more working as a college to take care of that. It won't be built in five years, but it's expected we keep moving forward on those plans."

The room applauded as Dr. Mitchell finished her presentation. Soon thereafter, vice chairman Vonburg gave further kudos to the vet-tech program for their recent endeavors as well as other contributions.

"Congrats on full accreditation," Vonburg said. "Also, thank you for hosting the state FFA science contest. That takes a lot of work. Many years ago, we were at an ag meeting, and they said we want to do an ag contest, so you can blame us for that. We know that takes a lot of work, so we greatly appreciate that, and we appreciate all you've done."

"There's only certain programs that have this level of rigor," president Dr. Hawes added. "There's rigor in everything, but very few have accrediting bodies with accreditation such as healthcare and nursing programs. There's a lot the leadership had to put in for this accreditation standard, and they've had very high success rates."

The meeting continued further with a discussion regarding the EWC Gear Up program, headed by college staff Chel-

According to Ballard, the direction

program but to begin recruitment efforts just a few years earlier.

As Ballard explained before the Board of Trustees, talking about higher education with students well before high school plants a positive seed in helping them set their minds much sooner; as well as being better prepared academically and financially.

When it came to this particular notion, Ballard expressed a firm belief our local high and middle school students should take top consideration for recruitment heading forward.

"I have been asked to share where the program is, where it is was, and where it's going," Ballard said. "The first thing is through our financial items. The grant is almost half a mile a year over the course of seven years. We are in year seven right now. We have many objectives to serve here at EWC, and one is getting our locals to come here. The goal is to get them to graduate and come here. We have put a lot of emphasis on this, and we are trying to get them used to coming here early. The goal is to get them to come to our school, and not immediately go to Casper College or UW right away. We want them to come here first, and then transition on elsewhere. That is the goal with our seventh through twelve graders. That is a direct reflection of what is happening. We are moving in a very positive direction and a large piece is for our local students; espe-

the program is headed deals primarily cially low-income first-year students with continuing to not only grow the that don't get as many opportunities. Often times they don't know what to do or where to go, so they just stay home. We appreciate your support in what we are doing to share with our population."

> Just prior to the adjournment of the meeting, college legislative intern, Brandon Patterson, gave a brief but enlightening account of recent first-hand experiences with Wyoming's latest legislative session.

> "I spent every day I could there from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., going to committee meetings, and had a lot to take in," Patterson said. "It started off very interesting. Actually, a fun fact, as it went on it didn't get less interesting. My time there was very decent. Many things I took away are it's not as political as it sounds, and it's not at all like DC politics where it seems super contentious. They seem to work very well with each other, they take other's opinions and take thoughts from other sides into consideration. They work very long days, as some were there from 7 a.m. to 12 at night going through all the things they had to get done. There was a lot of hard work and dedication, with quite a lot of different people."

> The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. and will reconvene on May 14 at 4 p.m.

If you would like more information or have further questions regarding EWC, feel free to call 307-532-8200 or visit www.ewc.wy.edu.

# **Law:** 'What does a real trial truly look like'

FROM PAGE A1

yers, and law enforcement does not differentiate much from the real

As judge Buchanan entered the courtroom, it seemed as if it was business as usual. As all were required to rise as Buchanan made his entrance, the sound of chit-chat and giggling slowly died while the district judge took his chair, customary shining black robe clean and ready to educate a younger

Despite the procedure being merely a show for all the children pres-

ent, the atmosphere felt entirely torney, police officer, or social much like the real thing. The kids worker in the room would explain; were able to see first-hand exactly life is much too short to complicate what the final stage of a legal case it with poor decisions. or felony realistically is, in this case the sentencing.

were once again read regarding the their way onto national television case, and both sides were given a in recent years, the purpose of the final chance to be heard including the defendant.

With both defense and prosecution counsels "recommending probation" on behalf of the "defendant charged with aggravated assault," Judge Buchanan explained in depth the reasoning behind a looming sentence. According to Wyoming statute on this particular charge, the penalty factually carries a maximum of up to ten years of incarceration.

fractions," Judge Buchanan did not.

"On behalf of the state of Wyoming, I hereby sentence you to than six, at a state correctional in- ity of the innocent and vulnerable. stitution," Buchanan said. "Court will stand in recess."

Soon thereafter county investigator, Sergeant Herbie Irons, placed escorted her promptly out of the later on in life. courtroom.

roughly in the realm of at least half an hour. In those thirty minutes, however, the complete silence of the room hinted perceptions were altered and thoughts were running with questions.

As Judicial Assistant, Melissa Stevens, kindly introduced every position, numerous hands slowly questions.

As Stevens reminded the children once more, "You only live once."

If something could be taken away from those words and as every at- incarcerations.

In total ambiguity of certain "scared straight" programs, per-As with a real sentencing, facts haps which have unethically made day was guidance, education, and peaceful yet persistent dissuasion.

Not fear.

The message to the dozens and dozens of middle schoolers sitting in the county's only courthouse was soft but clear.

Courts do not exist to instill fear. They are there to uphold the law. As Judge Buchanan further explained, "The laws are there to keep everyone safe."

Furthermore, the district judge While both defense and prosecution additionally alluded without law "agreed" probation would be appro- we, as a society, would not have priate for the "defendant with a his- peace, we would not have happitory of drug and alcohol-related in- ness, and we certainly would not be civilized. In simple terms, Wyoming statute acts as a convincing deterrent for those who would proceed to serve no less than four years no less intrude on the peace and tranquil-

As every official in the room is entirely familiar, perhaps teaching a child fear and anger will only reinforce decisions ultimately resulting the "defendant" in handcuffs, and in sitting in the defendant's chair

"Hopefully students leave with The entire mock hearing lasted more understanding of how the criminal justice system works in our democracy, and how democracy wouldn't work without a justice system." Donna Duncan of Goshen County Victim's Assistance said.

If there is one thing every resident in Goshen County might be able to agree on from YOLO Day; present official by full name and if more age-appropriate children could witness what a courtroom but surely began to fill the air with truly feels like in the presence of real officials, perhaps we would witness far more of them choosing trades, careers and colleges over substances, charges, and



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Donna Duncan of the Goshen County Victim's Assistance Office patiently waits for the commencement of YOLO Day in the county district courtroom. Hundreds of eighth graders throughout the district took part in a mock sentencing, meant to give students an accurate look at the laws of Wyoming.

# **SPORTS**

### **SCHEDULES**

# **Torrington**

# **Track**

The Blazer and Lady Blazer track teams travel to the Burns Invitational on Friday beginning at 9 a.m. Tracksters board the bus for the Scottsbluff Twilight Invite on April 19.

### Girls soccer

The Lady Blazers host Worland on Friday at 4 p.m. and host Buffalo on Saturday at 12 p.m.

### **Boys soccer**

The Blazers play Worland at home on Friday at 6 p.m., followed by a home game against Buffalo on Saturday at 2 p.m.

## Softball

The Torrington High School girls' softball team travels to Laramie on Friday for a double-header beginning at 4 p.m.

# Southeast

### Track

The Southeast boys' and girls' track teams compete at the Burns Invitational on Friday with competition beginning at 9 a.m. Tracksters travel to the Pine Bluffs on April 19.

### **Lingle-Fort Laramie Track**

LFL tracksters travel to the Burns Invite on April 12. Events are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Next up is the George Calvert Invite in Morrill, Nebraska, on April 19.

### Eastern Wyo. College Rodeo

The Lancers and Lady Lancers are on the road to compete at Casper College on April 12-14.

# Men's golf

The Lancers play day two of the Eastern Wyoming College Tournament today beginning at 9 a.m. at Torrington's Cottonwood Golf Course. EWC travels to Central Wyoming College for a tourament from April 18-19.

# **SPORTS BRIEF**

# Wrestling awarded team scholar all-american honor

LARAMIE - The National Wrestling Coaches Association announced its Team Scholar All-American honorees. The University of Wyoming garnered a

top-30 ranking. The Cowboys held a cumulative GPA of 3.35 to rank No. 27. Harvard led the way with a 3.61, while Cleveland State and Drexel rounded out the top three with a 3.57

and 3.55, respectively. "We are immensely proud to recognize the exceptional commitment demonstrated by these athletes who showcase remarkable dedication both on and off the wrestling mat," NWCA Executive Director Mike Moyer said. "Our heartfelt congratulations extends to all the teams for their outstanding accomplishments."

# Lancer golfers snag fourth consecutive win at NJC

BY ROBERT GALBREATH rgalbreath@torringtontelegram.com

STERLING, COLO-**RADO** – Maintaining an undefeated record for the spring season, the Eastern Wyoming College (EWC) men's golf team trounced the competition at the Northeastern Junior College (NJC) Tournament on April 4-5 to clinch their fourth successive victory.

The Lancers shot a twoday cumulative score of 556 strokes at 16 under par, matching an EWC team record set at the NJC Tournament in Sterling, Colorado the previous fall.

Central Wyoming College came in second place at the NJC spring tournament, grossing 577 strokes after two rounds. Central Wyoming was followed by Otero College (587), Lamar Community College (599), McCook Community College (599), NJC (599) and North Platte Community College (625).

Lancer freshman Taiki Sugawara, hailing from Aizuwakamatsu, Japan, captured first place with



EWC freshman Taiki Sugawara celebrates his scores at the Northeastern a combined score of 133, Junior College Tournament on April 5. Sugawara captured first place coming in 10 below par. on the leaderboard with a two-day score of 133 (10 under par).

Sugawara shot consistently on both days, tallying 66 strokes in the first round and 67 in the second.

"The guys played great on Thursday," coach Zach Smith said. "Taiki Sugawara and (freshman) Braylon Bingham played fantastic rounds on Thursday, shooting 10 under par between the two of them to help us take the lead into day two. Taiki followed up the next day with another amazing round to get the individual win. We tied a team record that was set in the fall at (-16) par at the same tournament."

The Lancers hosted the first round of the Eastern Wyoming College Tournament on Thursday and play the second round beginning today at 9 a.m. at the Cottonwood Golf Course located in Torrington.

"We look forward to hosting at home this week to hopefully make it five straight wins for this spring," Smith said.

Top 20 leaderboard Sophomore Leander Suttka, from Berlin, Ger-

see GOLF page B3

# **Bartel and Cook named SEWAC Coaches of the Year**

BY ROBERT GALBREATH

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LINGLE - A successful winter basketball season for Lingle-Fort Laramie (LFL) High School culminated with Lady Doggers head coach Susan Bartel and Doggers head coach Chris Cook receiving the Southeast Wyoming Athletic Conference (SEWAC) Coach of the Year awards.

# Coach Bartel

The Lady Doggers concluded the 2023-2024 winter season ranked No. 1 in the 2A Southeast Quadrant, netting an impressive 22-6 overall record an undefeated conference record of 6-0.

Bartel credited the exceptional team chemistry between players and coaches for LFL's accomplishments.

"I am grateful to be honored as Coach of the Year for SEWAC," Bartel said. "It is a testament to how well our team and coaches worked together for a successful season. The team had an amazing 14-game winning streak during the (regular) season that propelled us into regionals and state."

LFL captured the No. 2 state berth as the runner-up at the 2A Regional Tournament in Burns following victories against Wright in the quarterfinals and Pine Bluffs in the semifinals.

The Lady Doggers left it all on the court at the state tournament, opening the action with a 48-32 victory against Wind

Advancing to the semifinals, LFL defeated Wyoming Indian High School 68-51.

The championship game between LFL and Tongue River turned into an epic battle between two talented teams.



Lingle-Fort Laramie High School head boys' basketball coach Chris Cook, pictured giving junior Cooper Smith a high five during the December 15 game against Kaycee, earned SEWAC's 2024 Coach of the Year Award.



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Lingle-Fort Laramie High School head girls' basketball coach Susan Bartel, pictured above giving her starting lineup a pep talk during the January 19 game against Guernsey-Sunrise, received SEWAC's 2024 Coach of the Year Award for girls' basketball.



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# **THS softball** team ties ranked **Cheyenne East**

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**CHEYENNE** – The Torrington High School girls' softball team stepped up to the challenge in a double-header against the Cheyenne East junior varsity team on April 9.

The first game between Torrington and a Cheyenne East team containing several members of the No. 1-ranked Thunderbird varsity squad ended in a 3-3 tie.

"In the first game, the girls hit the ball well," coach Robin Schainost said. "East had a fast pitcher, but Torrington players were patient at the plate and got walks. We also ran the bases relatively aggressively. We held Cheyenne to a tie at the bottom of the fifth inning – we considered this a moral victory against top-ranked players."

Sophomore pitcher Kennedy Reinhardt played a "great game" against Cheyenne East in the first matchup, striking out seven opponents over the course of five innings.

Cheyenne East rallied in the second game to prevail, 11-2. Due to illnesses or injuries, Torrington made several alterations to its fielders.

"We made some changes in positions, but the girls stepped up and played good defense," Schainost said. "We picked off a few of Cheyenne's players on second and third bases. We'll keep working on improvement and we'll get there."

# Lancer rodeo team posts solid spring season



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EWC freshman RaeLee Caldwell, hailing from Gillette, quickly dismounts during the goat tying short-go round at the EWC Lancer Rodeo in March. At the CSU rodeo on April 5, Caldwell was one of six EWC cowboys and cowgirls to advance to the shortgo. The freshman finished third in the average with a 7.2-second run in the long-go and an impressive short-go with a 6.6-second run. Up next, the EWC rodeo team competes at Casper College from April 12-14.

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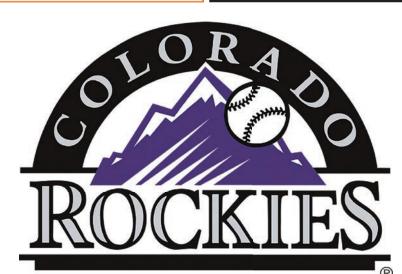
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# Golf: Eight Lancers secure top 20 spots on leaderboard

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many, tied for fourth place on the final leaderboard, shooting a 71 in both rounds for a cumulative score of 142. Suttka's two-day tally came in at one under

Bingham and British freshman Joshua Chapman tied for sixth place with an overall score of 143 (on par).

Bingham totaled 68 strokes on Thursday and 75 on Saturday. Chapman advanced from a first-round score of 72 to 71 in the second round.

Utah freshman Tytan Birchell finished the tournament in 11th place, shooting 145 after two days at two over par, improving from 75 on Thursday to 70 on Friday.



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Sophomore Leander Suttka, of Berlin, Germany, takes a swing at the NJC Tournament. Suttka tied for fourth place with a cumulative score of 142.



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Freshman Taiki Sugawara tees off at the NJC Tournament. Sugawara snagged first place with a two-day score of 133 (-10).

Freshman Mathis Fortin, from Ottawa, Canada, and freshman Coltin Powell, hailing from Ogden, Utah, both tallied 147 strokes (four over par) during the tournament to tie for 15th place. Fortin shot 70 in the first round and 77 in the second, with Powell shooting 73 and 74.

Utah sophomore Ryker Dunkley tied for 20th place, moving up on the leaderboard from 77 on Thursday to 74 on Friday for a combined score of 151 at eight over par.

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30 Brodey Deacon - 156

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(76-84, +17)T43 Tyler Wallace – 163

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T49 Tyler Fraser – 168 (79-89, +25)

# **Coaches:** Bartel and Cook credit assistant coaches and athletes

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Bartel thanked Lady Doggers assistant coach Kim Cooper for helping Bartel develop strong team bonds throughout the season.

"Coach Cooper – Coops – and I have worked to make our season about continuing to develop our team's family atmosphere with each player, coach or manager supporting each other," Bartel said. "We have a great group of girls and hope to continue our success as we move to 1A next year."

Coach Cook

The Doggers finished the season as the No. 1 team in the 2A Southeast Quadrant, posting an 18-6 overall record and a 4-2 conference record. An undefeated 13-0 record at home highlighted the season for the Doggers.

Cook attributed LFL's outstanding regular season run to the efforts of his assistant coaches, Brice Hill and Jeshua Arnusch.

"The Coach of the Year is a nice award, but it is really a reward for our staff for a success-



ful overall year," Cook said. "I have two great assistants in Brice Hill and Jeshua Arnusch. They helped tremendously throughout the season and deserve a ton of credit. They both bring different perspectives to the game that I

really appreciate."

The athletes on the team set the bar high for the Doggers' program during the 2023-2024

Cook outlined several of the Dogger's notable achievements:

"We were able to accomplish some things this year that had not been done in many years at LFL, or in some cases, at all. We were the best defensive team in 2A, allowing 46.2 points per game. We were the best shooting team in 2A as well, at 49.02 percent. We were able to complete the best school record at home at 13-0. We finished third in the state in scoring at 63.5 points per game."

Ultimately, the coach of the year award reflected a "nice regular season" for the Doggers, Cook said.

"I have a great support staff of coaches and parents willing to put in extra effort to help me and our team," Cook added. "We look to build on this next fall.

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE OF DISTRIBUTION OF TRUST

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE TRUST OF GARY H. DALTON AND PATRI-CIA JEAN DALTON:

You are hereby notified that the Successor Trustee, Hilltop National Bank, Casper, Wyoming ("Trustee") of The Revocable Trust of Gary H. Dalton and Patricia Jean Dalton, Dated October 21, 2015 ("Trust"), intend and have initiated pursuit of appropriate actions to have the assets of the Trust distributed. The Trust is an inter vivos trust created by Gary H. Dalton and Patricia Jean Dalton, ("Grantors").

TAKE NOTICE THAT, any person or entity having claims against the Trust and/or the assets thereof, are required to file their claims with Counsel for the Trust at the following address:

Charles S. Chapin Williams, Porter, Day & Neville, P.C. 159 N. Wolcott, Suite 400 Casper, WY 82601

within 120 days of the last date of publication of this Notice of Distribution of Trust.

TAKE ADDITIONAL NOTICE THAT any person desiring to commence a judicial proceeding to contest the validity of the Trust is required to file a complaint challenging the validity of the Trust with the State of Wyoming District Court, 7th Judicial District, Natrona County, Wyoming, Natrona County Townsend Justice Center, 115 North Center Street, Suite 100, Casper, Wyoming 82601, within 120 days of the last date of publication of this Notice of Distribution of Trust.

If any person or entity fails to file his/her/its claim, or to commence a judicial proceeding to contest the validity of the Trust within the stated 120 day period, such individual or entity shall be forever prohibited from making a claim against the Trust and/or the assets thereof, or commencing any judicial proceeding challenging the validity of The Revocable Trust of Gary H. Dalton and Patricia Jean Dalton, Dated October 21,

DATED this 2nd day of April, 2024.

Charles S. Chapin, Atty. #5-1965 Williams, Porter, Day & Neville, PC 159 N. Wolcott, Suite 400 Casper, WY 82601 (307) 265-0700 (307) 266-2306 Fax

Public Notice No. 8941 published in the Torrington Telegram on April 5 and 12, 2024.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Town of Fort Laramie Municipal Election, Voters Registration & Filing for Office Deadlines

Deadline to register to vote is 4:00P. April

Voters can register at the Town of Fort Laramie Town Hall or at the Goshen County Clerks

Election Date: May 14, 2024 Polling Place: Town of Fort Laramie Com-

munity Center Poll Hours: 7A to 7P

Offices to be filled:

Mayor Council Member

Term: 4 years Term: 4 years

Council Member Term: 4 years

Filing Place: Town of Fort Laramie Town Hall

Filing dates are February 10, 2024 to April 9, 2024. No filing applications will be accepted after April 9, 2024 at 4:00P

Candidates must pay the required \$25 nonrefundable filing fee.

Tristica Short Town Clerk

Public Notice No. 8942 published in the Torrington Telegram on April 5 and 12, 2024.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF WYOMING COUNTY OF GOSHEN Docket No. 2024-CV-30-DC

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MIKE F. BRANDT

Deceased.

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of April, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of decedent was admitted to probate by the abovenamed court, and Penny Brandt was appointed personal representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Will shall be filed in the Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the Law Office of Anna E. Barnes, P.O. Box 130, Torrington, Wyoming 82240.

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 no-

tice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2024.

Anna E. Barnes, WSB # 7-5896 Attorney for the Estate 215 East 21st Avenue PO Box 130 Torrington, WY 82240 (307) 532-2700

Public Notice No. 8943 published in the Torrington Telegram on April 5, 12 and 19, 2024.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHWG) for authority to pass on a wholesale gas cost increase of \$0.0114 per therm for non-Choice Gas customers, effective for usage on and after March 1, 2024. The rate is applicable to 67,987 customers, including the Cheyenne and Cody divisions and all non-Choice Gas customers in the Casper, Gillette, and Torrington divisions who have elected to take service under the Gas Cost Adjustment Rate. The Commission's approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing, and further order.

The proposed gas cost rate results in an increase of \$1.98 or 0.9% for the typical residential customer using 58 therms per month during March 2024 through May 2024.

Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 26 allows a utility to pass on to its customers known or projected commodity cost increases or decreases on a dollar-for-dollar basis, subject to public notice, opportunity for hearing, and re-

1. BHWG's Application is available at the Commission or online at: http://dms.wyo.gov/ external/publicusers.aspx (Enter Record No.

Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest, or request for a public hearing must file with the Commission on or before May 3, 2024. A proposed intervention or request for hearing must set forth the grounds and the position and interest of the petitioner in this pro-

If you wish to participate in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communicationsimpaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 30026-87-GP-24.

Dated: April 3, 2024.

Public Notice No. 8944 published in the Torrington Telegram on April 5 and 12, 2024.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF SALE BY AUCTION

The City of Torrington will sell by auction the following equipment via on-line auction beginning May 1, 2024: 1988 Kawasaki AF450 UTV, 2018 Dodge Charger, 1987 Chevrolet C10 pickup, 1976 Massey 235 tractor, 1991 GMC Kodiak C70 dump truck, 2001 International 490 dump truck, Spray Trailer, Ford 951A 3-point rotary mower, 2007 Ford Crown Victoria, Rhino SE-5 brush hog mower, 3-point blade, 3-point New Holland 451 sickle mower, Snow plow blade. These items will be available for on-line auction on BigIron Auctions website https:// www.bigiron.com.

Public Notice No. 8945 published in the Torrington Telegram on April 5, 12 and 19, 2024.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Warrants approved for payment at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Goshen County School District No. 1, State of Wyoming, held March 12, 2024 and published in accordance with Section 26 (B), Wyoming Code 1969

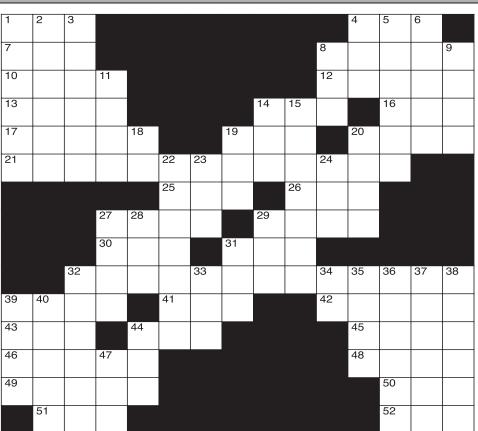
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AIRGAS USA, LLC; SUPPLIES, 11,836.00, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES; SUP-PLIES, 20,076.74, AMERICINN - LARAMIE; TRAVEL EXPENSES, 819.80, ANIXTER INC; SUPPLIES, 45,285.80, APPLE COMPUTER INC; FEES, 3,888.00, ARBUCKLE LODGE; LODGING, 2,136.00, BANNER HEALTH/ NORTH CO MED CTR; PROFESSIONAL SVCS, 2,156.84, BARNES & NOBLE; SUP-PLIES, 1,056.90, BENZEL PEST CONTROL. INC; FEES, 869.00, BLACK HILLS ENERGY; UTILITIES, 13,547.42, BLICK ART MATE-RIALS; SUPPLIES, 555.09, BLOEDORN LUMBER COMPANY; SUPPLIES, 2,394.29, BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS; SUPPLIES, 6,860.85, BRUSTEIN AND MANASEVIT; REGISTRATION FEES, 3,040.00, BUTLER'S AUTO SALVAGE; FEES, 747.10, CANON FI-NANCIAL; COPIER LEASE, 3,098.00, CARO-LINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY CO; SUPPLIES, 1,644.12, CARSON, BROOKE; PROFES-SIONAL SVCS, 2,041.88, CASH-WA DIS-TRIBUTING; SUPPLIES, 24,675.35, CASPER COLLEGE; REGISTRATIONS, 685.00, CEN-TURY LUMBER CO.; SUPPLIES, 607.19, COMFORT INN - EVANSVILLE; LODGING, 7,212.00, CONNECTING POINT; COPIER FEES, 4,564.00, CONTRACT PAPER GROUP INC.; COPYING PAPER, 26,451.60, CUL-LIGAN WATER CONDITIONING ; SUP-PLIES, 1,764.70, CUSTOM EDCUATIONAL SOLUTIONS, INC.; PROFESSIONAL SVCS. 3,444.52, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE; FEES, 600.00, ELDER EQUIP-MENT LEASING INC; SUPPLIES, 3,615.25 ETP SPORTS; SUPPLIES, 2,570.90, FRANK PARTS COMPANY; SUPPLIES, 1,335.66, GAME ONE / UNIVERSAL ATHLETIC, LLC; SUPPLIES, 4,133.00, GBS-GRO BUSINESS SOLUTIONS; SUPPLIES, 1,306.19, GOOD-HEART - WILCOX PUBLISHER; SUPPLIES, 3,408.28, GOSHEN COUNTY CONSTRUC-REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE, TION LLC: 4,999.12, GRANITE TELECOMMUNICA-TIONS; SERVICES, 2,613.55, GROENE, JA-

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# **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Microgram
- 4. Where golfers begin
- 7. Each
- 8. Warm weather metropolis
- 12. Girl's given name
- 13. Myth (Spanish)
- 14. Ultrahigh frequency
- 16. Former NBAer Jeremy
- 17. Where rockers work
- 19. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 20. Soft-finned fishes
- 21. Localities
- 25. Paddle
- 26. Union
- 27. Member of religious community
- 29. Small shrill flute

# **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. An insane person 2. Boothe Luce,
- American author
- 3. Buttock muscles
- 4. Men's fashion accessory
- 5. "Hotel California" rockers
- 6. Electronic communication
- 8. Magnetomotive force (abbr.)
- 9. Hostelries
- 11. A way to resound
- 14. Exclamation: yuck!
- 15. A resident of Indiana 18. Exclamation of surprise
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Boundary
- 22. Antilles island
- 23. It's used to make furniture 47. Wood or metal bolt
- 24. Clod

- 30. Small constellation in the Milky Way
- 31. They
- 32. College kid on vacation
- 10. Coat with sticky substance 39. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
  - 41. Part of the human body
  - 42. A progressive grading
  - 43. Sound unit
  - 44. Noise some birds make
  - 45. Abba , Israeli politician
  - 46. Portuguese city
  - 48. Be extremely, uncritically fond of
  - 49. Resembling old Norse poems 50. Ask for out of extreme need
  - 51. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
  - 52. Midway between south and southeast
  - 27. They indicate where places
  - 28. Bobby , NHL champ
  - 29. Prints money
  - 31. Honorable title (Turkish) 32. Appetizers

  - 33. Midway between north and northwest
  - 34. Spanish be 35. Breezed through
  - 36. Grilled dishes
  - 37. In a way, excites 38. Change mind
  - 39. A French abbot
  - 40. Popular candy
  - 44. Partner to cheese

# Last week's Crossword Puzzle answers...

Stay tuned to the next issue of the Torrington Telegram for this weeks answers!

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653,938.35

Goshen County School District #1 Chris Alexander, Board Clerk

Public Notice No. 8950 published in the Torrington Telegram on April 12, 2024.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Torrington County of Goshen State of Wyoming

The Torrington City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 in the City Council Chambers at 436 East 22nd Ave. at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mayor Doby, Council Members Deahl, Kelly, Patterson and Viktorin. Also Present: Clerk/Treasurer Strecker, Director of Public Works Harkins, Assistant Chief of Police Connelly, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Estes, Senior Accounting Clerk Estes, Museum Director Chaires and Deputy City Clerk Anaya.

Mayor Doby called the meeting to order. Councilman Patterson led the Pledge of Al-

Mayor Doby led the session with informational announcements on the following items: 1. Reminder that the annual spring clean-up is scheduled for 05-04-24 through 05-11-24; 2. Announcement that the City of Torrington received a check in the amount of \$14,434.00 from Wyoming Community Gas (WCG) as a result of the support from the community in the selection of WCG as their natural gas supplier. Mayor Doby stated that the contribution funds that the City receives on behalf of WCG are used for several community projects such as a scholarship to Eastern Wyoming College; 3. Announcement that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month; 4.

Reminder to the public to be cautious and mind-

ful of the presence of pedestrians, bicyclists and

approaches; 5. Request to the public to refrain from using their cell phones while driving; and 6. Announcement that a sewer lining project will be commencing on 04-03-24. Mayor Doby indicated that Insituform, the contractor, will be working in multiple areas throughout the City, and will be notifying residents prior to work at each segment. He commented that the contractor is asking residents to refrain from using their washing machines, dishwasher, toilet, etc. during the work. Mayor Doby stated that each segment will take approximately 3-4 hours from start to finish, and indicated that the project is expected to be complete by the end of April.

Councilman Kelly moved and Councilman Patterson seconded to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes from the 03-19-24 Council meeting as published and all actions therein be ratified. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Viktorin moved and Councilman Deahl seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Senior Accounting Clerk Estes gave a brief history of the Choice Gas program and explained how the program works. She stated that the 2024 selection period begins on 04-04-24 and ends on 04-24-24, and encouraged the public to stop by or call City Hall with any questions that they may have regarding the program or selection pe-

Mayor Doby presented for approval the appointment of Luis Correa as Fire Chief for the term 04-08-24 to 12-31-24. Councilman Deahl moved and Councilman Patterson seconded to approve the appointment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doby read by title AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 3.04.210 OF THE TORRINGTON MUNICIC-PAL CODE, 2024 REVISIONS, RELATING TO SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS AND FEES. Councilman Viktorin suggested the following editorial revisions: 1. Modifying Section 3) a) ix) (4) from may be refunded at the discretion of the City of Torrington to may be refunded at the discretion of the Torrington City Council; 2. Moving the definition of community or nonprofit events located under Section 4) a) ii) (1) to Section 1) Definitions; and 3. Elaborating on the definition of community or nonprofit events. He stated that there may be an event that fits the criteria of community or nonprofit as the ordinance is currently written that does not include the service of alcohol that could require a substantial amount of City resources. Councilman Patterson moved and Councilman Kelly seconded to approve the ordinance on second reading with the suggested editorial revisions as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Leann Mattis with Go Goshen requested approval of four special event permits for a series of Summer Concert events to be held on 06-05-24, 06-12-24, 06-19-24 and 06-26-24 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the intersection of East A Street and East 21st Avenue. Ms. Mattis stated that the location change is expected to mitigate any sound level issues that may arise. Councilman Deahl moved and Councilman Kelly seconded to approve the special event permits as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Thomas Bozeman, Goshen County Emergency Management Coordinator, presented for approval a change in vendor for mass notification services from Onsolve to CivicReady. He stated that for years, Goshen County has maintained the mass notification services through Onsolve, and indicated that at renewal last year, he was informed that the pricing would increase 8% and another 18% in FY24 due to the company not supporting the minute bank plan that Goshen County is grandfathered into. Mr. Bozeman commented that after talking to the local stakeholders about the situation, he contacted several vendors and had them provide online presentations to several users. He stated that CivicReady, a company that he is familiar with from his previous employment, seemed to be the best option, especially since it will interface with the City and County websites. Mr. Bozeman indicated that the cost to remain on the Onsolve minute bank plan is \$16,567.20, the cost to upgrade to the Onsolve unlimited plan is \$15,190.88 and the cost to convert to CivicReady is \$7,505.00 which includes the first year subscription cost of \$6,000.00 and a setup/training fee of \$1,505.00. He commented that year two will cost \$6,000.00 and that a 3% increase will be assessed yearly commencing in year three. Mr. Bozeman stated that the conversion to CivicReady will not only produce instant savings but it will also be an extremely cost effective solution moving forward for all stakeholders involved. Councilman Viktorin moved and Councilman Kelly seconded to approve the change in vendor for mass notification services from Onsolve to CivicReady as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Museum Director Chaires presented for approval the Construction Manager-At-Risk (CMAR) Proposal prepared by Goshen County Construction, LLC for the Homesteaders Museum Construction Project. She stated that seven years ago, James Kelly of Casper, Wyoming, contacted her about his desire to donate his artifacts and a sum of money to the Homesteaders Museum. Museum Director Chaires indicated that last year, that sum of money was received, and commented that the artifacts were collected a couple of years ago and placed in storage. She stated that Mr. Kelly's hopes with the money that he donated, was for the City to construct a building that can be utilized as a multipurpose space that will have a designated space for his artifacts. Museum Director Chaires indicated that the preliminary plan for the building includes an archival space, a designated research space, a collection space and a storage area. She com-

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mented that the reason they decided to go with the CMAR process is because there is a greater amount of transparency with that process and she is able to work with the contractor from the very beginning through the end of the project to get exactly what she wants. Museum Director Chaires stated that a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a CMAR was advertised. She indicated that all submittals were then reviewed and the proposal by Goshen County Construction was selected. Ken Farrier with Goshen County Construction addressed the Mayor and Council. He explained the CMAR process in detail and commented that the only item of the proposal that needs to be approved at this moment is the proposed pre-construction services fixed fee amount of \$45,400.00. Mr. Farrier stated that if approved, that fixed fee will allow him to proceed with the formal design of the building and everything associated with that based off of the City's initial concept. Councilman Patterson moved and Councilman Viktorin seconded to approve the Construction Manager-at-Risk (CMAR) Proposal prepared by Goshen County Construction, LLC in the amount of \$45,400.00 for the proposed pre-construction services fixed fee as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Director of Public Works (DPW) Harkins presented the bid results for the FY24 Pioneer Drive Project. He stated that staff recommends awarding the bid to J-Built Homes, Inc. of Torrington, Wyoming in the amount of \$375,795.25 with no contingency. DPW Harkins indicated that the finished project will be scaled back in the amount of \$43,795.25 for a final project cost of \$332,000.00 to match available funding. He commented that the project consists of 3,535 SY of existing pavement removals, 2,752 LF of new curb and gutter, and 2,688 SY of new 6" PCC pavement. DPW Harkins stated that a bid opening was held on 03-20-24 and indicated that two bids were submitted in conformance with the bidding requirements. He commented that funding for the project was established in the FY24 Budget in the amount of \$320,000.00 and stated that the remaining \$12,000.00 will be taken from the Streets Repair & Maintenance Budget. Councilman Viktorin moved and Councilman Deahl seconded to award the bid to J-Built Homes. Inc. of Torrington, Wyoming in the amount of \$332,000.00 with no contingency as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doby read Resolution No. 2024-2 authorizing the submission of a Statement of Interest (SOI) for federal funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) administered by the Wyoming Department of Transportation for the purpose of the City of Torrington/Torrington Rotary Club Walking & Biking Pathway Improvements West C Street to Jirdon Park Project. Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Estes stated that the City was asked by the Torrington Rotary Club to participate in a program to replace all of the walking paths from West C Street to Jirdon Park where they connect to the newer path going east. He indicated that the intent of the project is to completely tear out the existing paths and replace them with new 8' wide paths that have pavement markings and ADA accessible ramps at every approach to the street. Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Estes commented that the resolution simply authorizes the submission of a SOI application to the Wyoming Department of Transportation for a TAP grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to fund the proposed project. He stated that submitting the required SOI does not commit or obligate the City of Torrington or the Torrington Rotary Club to actually move forward and apply for a project or this funding. Brayden Connour with Go Goshen spoke in support of the resolution. Councilman Deahl moved and Councilman Patterson seconded to approve Resolution No. 2024-2 as presented. Motion carried unanimous-

The bills from 03-20-24 to 04-02-24 were presented for payment. Councilman Kelly moved and Councilman Viktorin seconded to approve the bills for payment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Doby asked for public comments, uestions or concerns

Fire Chief Petsch briefly updated the Mayor and Council on the calls that the Torrington Volunteer Fire Department responded to in the last couple of weeks.

The Mayor and Council thanked Fire Chief Petch for his service.

Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Estes stated that there is currently flood surveying taking place in Torrington by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). He indicated that USACE surveyors will need to access private property to collect foundation heights. Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Estes advised the public that they may see someone standing on a porch or steps taking measurements.

Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Estes announced that the Parks and Cemetery Departments are seeking applicants for seasonal employment. He stated that interested individuals 18 years of age and older can call City Hall for more information.

Councilman Patterson moved and Councilman Deahl seconded to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel. Motion carried unani-

Councilman Viktorin moved and Councilman Kelly seconded to return the Mayor and Council to regular session. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Deahl moved and Councilman Patterson seconded to allow for a Group Retiree Medicare Supplement Plan to be provided by the City of Torrington to eligible retirees and their dependents as allowed under Federal and State law, knowing that the actual insurance carrier may change over time. Motion carried unani-

Mayor Doby adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

The following bills were approved for pay-

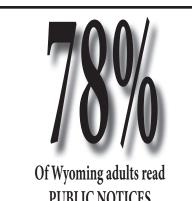
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roll withholding 199.98;78249 SOUTH TOR-RINGTON WATER & SEWER DISTRICT museum-water/sewer 86.87;78250 STANDARD INSURANCE CO premium-long term disability 2580.77; 78251 TORRINGTON EMPLOYEES INSURANCE select flex contributions 4408.80;78252 VIAERO WIRELESS cell phone, wireless hotspots 649.54;78253 WY DEPT OF REVENUE sales tax 22865.88;78254 AT&T MOBILITY cardiac monitor transmission fees 28.87;78255 ACCUSCREEN MO-BILE DRUG TESTING SERVICES rapid screen drug tests 180.00;78256 ACTIVE911 INC. alerting subscription for an agency-ambulance 110.25;78257 AIRNAV LLC renewal-basic listing 72.00;78258 ALL USA CLOTHING zipper hoodies w/ reflective tape striping 75.68;78259 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES engine heaters,utility cart, cleaning dusters, binders, sun shades,traffic cones,microwave 2326.89;78260 ANTHONY, GINA credit/ deposit refund 189.04;78261 APPLIED CONCEPTS INC. radar units-certification/update 982.50;78262 AR-ROW ELECTRIC OF TORRINGTON replace bad breaker, finish LED conversion at baler 640.00;78263 ASSUREDPARTNERS AERO-SPACE LLC general liability renewal-airport 2596.00;78264 AT&T MOBILITY modem for ambulance 40.04;78265 AVFUEL COR-PORATION jet fuel 15701.04;78266 AVI PC Well #16 Connection Project 7646.13;78267 B & B REPORTING INC. background checks 453.25;78268 BIVENS CONSTRUCTION INC. recycled asphalt 128.00;78269 BLOE-DORN LUMBER CO-TORRINGTON hem fir, concrete mix,tape,mason line,spikes,cable ties, spray paint 128.78;78270 BLUE TO GOLD LLC police officer training/various trainings 3600.00;78271 BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC. swivel snowbrush, fasteners, discs, cutting whe els,oil,chains,screwdrivers,spray paint, starting fluid, welding rod, bench vise, oscillating set, hitch pins,hitch pin clip,gas can,tamper,bucket seat covers, wicks, battery chargers BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC. fiberglass tangents,galv deadend,c-neck wraplock ties, clevis, ground rods, clamp on caps, crossarm pins,machine bolts,pins,ext ring cts,insulator pins, auto splice, auto wedges, wedge clamps, guy wire,2-hole straps 10183.14;78273 BOWERS. 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COX certified pool operator training 750.00;78277 CEN-TURYLINK data lines, telemetry line, remote line 1113.58;78278 CITY SERVICE VALCON aviation gas, Phillips 66 terminal maint fee 5170.77;78279 CO GOLF & TURF INC. ccdriven clutch 231.71;78280 CORE & MAIN LP ball curb stops,no leads 1695.20;78281 CONDITIONING CULLIGAN WATER TORRINGTON dispenser rentals, water 125.95;78282 DANA KEPNER CO INC. nut and grip assys, guard adaptors 446.90;78283 DBT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES LLC quarterly beacon maint 1120.75;78284 DECK-ER, STEVE greens fertilizer 672.00;78285 DH PACE CO INC. padlock/core,shackle/ core,ez battery 3 wire 570.15;78286 DOOLEY OIL def fluid 747.50;78287 DOREMUS, EM-ILY D. deposit refund 111.17;78288 EJS SUP-PLY LLC hd emco cut black side-dmstr lids 1119.00;78289 ENERGY LABORATORIES INC. lab test 392.00;78290 EWING IRRIGA-TION PRODUCTS INC. turface mound clay and bricks 536.08;78291 FASTENAL CO bleach 53.00; 78292 FERGUSON WATER-WORKS #1116 check valve 6600.00;78293 FRONTIER PRECISION INC. catalyst on demand 135.00;78294 FUSS, DAVID reimb-diff weekend to weekday rate 250.00;78295 G & L CONCRETE concrete 2235.00;78296 GOS-HEN DIESEL SERVICE repair of coolant leak in garbage truck 854.00;78297 GRAINGER eye wash bottles,danger tags 53.09;78298 HANEY, PAULA deposit refund 200.31;78299 HAWKINS INC. sodium hydrox 50% diaphragm 3230.36;/8300 HIGH PLAINS AP deposit refund 111.28;78301 HOTLINE ELEC-TRICAL SALES & SERVICE LLC electric meters 1242.92;78302 IDEAL LINEN/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTION trash bags,paper towels, disinfectant, hand cleaner 431.30;78303 JAMES A. EDDINGTON PC City Attorney extended hours 660.00;78304 J-BUILT HOMES INC. Golf Course Parking Lot Improvements (Phase II) Project 110050.33;78305 KINETIC ENERGY SERVICES refund hydrant meter deposit less usage 1862.55;78306 MALLORY SAFETY AND SUPPLY LLC degreaser,glass cleaner 137.42;78307 MATHESON TRI-GAS INC. mesh vests,profax drive roll kit/welder repair 52.29;78308 MCINTOSH, TOM clean/ seal gutter system 500.00;78309 MEGLI, BIL-LIE deposit refund 145.44;78310 MSA SAFE-TY SALES gas detector 3260.86;78311 NEW NORTH PLATTE IRRIGATION & DITCH 2024 water assessments 2400.00;78312 NEW-MAN SIGNS INC. signs 1770.31;78313 NEXT LEVEL RESTORATION interior detailing 350.00;78314 O'REILLY AUTO ENTERPRIS-ES LLC filters, wiper blades, oil, alternator, stripe tape 346.18;78315 POMP'S TIRE SERVICE tires 478.00;78316 PRO QUALITY PEST CONTROL rodent control 90.00;78317 QUILL LLC toner cartridges 343.96;78318 RICHEY, MICHAEL A. Airport Operator Contract 1666.67;78319 RIVER VIEW SAND AND GRAVEL LLC infield dirt 1125.90;78320 ROM-RIELL, DAVID deposit refund 53.58;78321 RUSSELL INDUSTRIES INC. butterfly valve/ cemetery booster 1542.06; 78322 SENTENEY, JASON refund-proof of rabies vaccination 50.00;78323 SHÛRE-STEP.COM shure-step III nobby top black step stool 377.94;78324 SNOW CREST CHEMICALS LLC hot water closed loop contract 145.00;78325 SOIL WATER PLANT TESTING LAB soil testing package 80.00;78326 T D S COLLECTION SÉRVICE INC. grading W 1438.14;78327 TIMBERLINE ELECTRIC & CONTROL CORP field service/ computer tech/check 2279.55;78328 TOR-RINGTON FIRE DEPT professional services 1250.00;78329 TORRINGTON OFFICE SUP-PLY address labels,copy paper,usb drives,desk chair,toner cartridges,post it flags,binders, bath tissue envelopes 1205.21;78330 TOR-RINGTON SAGE APT deposit refund TORRINGTON 101.46;78331 TELEGRAM ads,legals 4054.13;78332 USABLUE-BOOK grease,pH buffer packs,diameter tape 445.68;78333 VERIZON WIRELESS cell phones 658.99;78334 VYVE BROADBAND data lines, fiber internet service 4157.00;78335 WAM-WCCA museum improvements installment 650.00;78336 WILHOIT, CALEB deposit refund 31.27;78337 WORTH N A LLC top/

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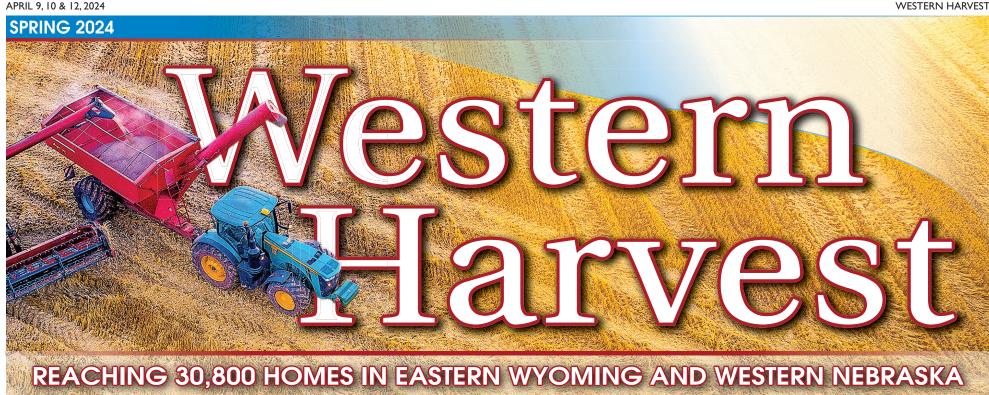
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# Life after the implementation of GIF #263

**BY JESS OAKS** 

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TRI-STATE – On June 12, 2023, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced they had successfully implemented guidance for the industry #263, "to out-

sponsors to voluntarily change the approved marketing status of certain medically important antimicrobial drugs from over the counter (OTC) to prescription (Rx)."

"Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the 'Act'), the

line the process for animal drug term 'drug' means articles recognized in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or official National Formulary; articles intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in man or other animals; and articles other than food intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or other animals. It also includes articles intended for use as a component of a drug," according to the FDA.

GFI #263 was introduced in 2019 as a draft and the final guidance was published in June 2021 which

outlined a two-year timeline for animal drug sponsors to transition products to prescription status.

As the two-year span continued to close, many local farm and ranch supply stores continued to sell the remaining products from shelves however many of stores have officially run out of common antimicrobial drugs around the tri-state area.

Karah Booth and her family raise close to 40 head of goats near Veteran, Wyoming. Booth explains the new guidelines haven't prompted much of a change in the family's goat operation.

"We haven't really had to change much, except now we have the inconvenience of depending on a vet clinic that may not be open when you need something," Booth explained. "Also, the added cost of always going through a vet. I will say our vet has been very easy to work with, but they are not available 24/7 like we sometimes need. We only vaccinate for CD&T. Once at eight weeks of age, and again four weeks later. All moms get their annual booster one month prior to kidding. Bucks get theirs one month prior to breeding

Cattle producer Joe Fales of Torrington expressed, he, like most producers who have been in the animal business for a length of time have a general idea of what is wrong with their animal.

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The refrigerated drug selection at the Torrington Bomgaars store now only holds a small amount of pharmaceuticals available for producers over the counter. Thr regulation came as part of GIF #263 which outline the process for animal drug sponsors to voluntarily change the approved marketing status of certain medically important antimicrobial drugs.









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"Most of us used to rely on our own knowledge," Fales said. "Now we have to call a vet every time. It costs extra time we don't have sometimes."

"As a producer, and a degree in veterinary science, I generally know what my goats need, and a lot of times, it's a simple antibiotic. Living in a very rural area with only one vet clinic, it was nice to be able to get vaccines and meds at the local store," Booth said. "I recently lost a buck to an infected tooth. Noticed him on Thursday, couldn't get any antibiotics till the vet opened on Monday, he was dead on Sunday. It is very inconvenient to not be able to drive into town and pick up what you need."

Janelle Prows has a small operation located in northwest Wyoming.

"I am currently calving. I vaccinate cows and calves but only run 75 head. The mandate is very frustrating because it vets are swamped and extremely hard to reach," Prows explained. "They are so busy and burnt out that they cannot be reached at night or on the weekend. I have had to drastically increase what I personally keep on hand and have had to network with other local producers to access antibiotics during the more difficult times to reach a vet. Additionally, even the vets have had difficulty keeping certain products in stock," she continued.

Prows orders her vaccines from a pharmaceutical wholesaler and feels the regulations have zero benefits for her operation.

"I already have a good relationship with my vet. Neither they nor I needed the extra restrictions," Prows explained. "I now have had to purchase my antibiotics in 500ml containers instead of buying 100ml at a time. It is more upfront cost that I have to hold as inventory. Thankfully, my vets will give me whatever I ask for. They don't hassle me or require me to bring animals into the clinic for visits," she continued.

Megan Salzer and her husband primarily raise black angus cattle south of Alliance, Nebraska.

"My husband and I only have about 20 head of cattle, but we run our cows on two separate operations. I would say between the two ranches, we handle between 700-850 cattle at any given time," Salzer explained. "We vaccinate our cattle on a schedule that works for us. The general rule of thumb is to vaccinate cows and heifers prior to breeding, vaccinate calves prior to weaning at branding time."

"Honestly, I have been working in veterinary medicine for most of my adult life. I've seen firsthand why these rules are being implemented and had to deal with the aftermath of a producer administering a drug via the incorrect route and dose," Salzer said. "The rule is inconvenient, yes, but it serves a purpose. If you have a good relationship with your local veteri-

narian, you should have no issue obtaining the drugs and supplies you need. Thus far, we have had no challenges directly due to this rule."

Salzer attributes most of her feelings about the regulation to the fact she has a great working relationship with her veterinarian.

"This rule has not affected our operations in the least. We maintain working relationships with our veterinarians, just as we always have. I mean, any veterinarian worth their salt is going to protect their license. They have to ensure that the producers they are selling drugs to and utilizing them correctly and are using them in appropriate situations. Have you ever seen a Clostridial myositis in a horse's neck? It's awful. If you didn't know better and read the back of the bottle of Banamine, you might think it's okay to administer the drug via the intramuscular route. You can do that in cattle, so why not horses? Well, in horses Banamine can cause muscle damage if injected into muscle. Some horses can have dormant spores of the bacteria Clostridium hiding in healthy muscle. If that muscle is damaged, the bacteria go wild. The growth of this bacteria causes Clostridial myositis. It starts as a warm swelling under the skin, but within 72 hours of the start, the swelling worsens and a crunchy area of gas (emphysema) forms under the skin at the site of the IM injection. Bacterial toxins are released into the bloodstream, and horses quickly become very sick. Banamine should always be administered intravenously in horses, and if that isn't possible, it should be administered orally."

Extra guidance by veterinarians isn't just seen on a local level, according to Prows.

"All meat that sold commercially is antibiotic free! Withdrawal periods are there for that reason and they are generous. Additionally, many packing houses also do random drug testing to make sure the meat is free of drug residue," Prows explained.

Sarah Hashman of Hemingford, Nebraska raises cattle and chickens.

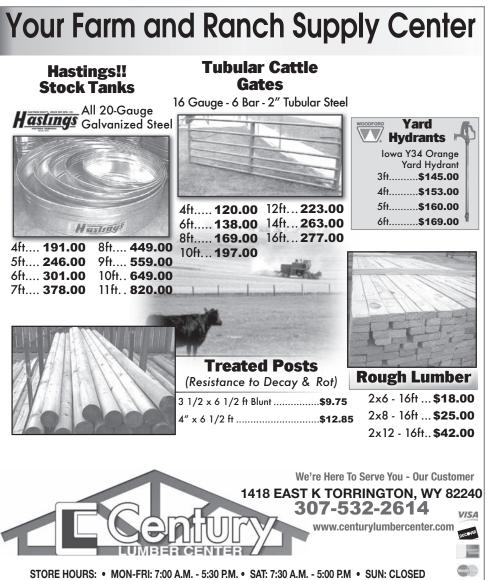
"[We have] ten mother cows, but we also background and finish our calves," Hashman said. "At any given time, there are 20-30 head of cattle on our place and 30 chickens. [We have had] absolutely zero problems. We already had a wellestablished veterinary/client/patient relationship with our local veterinary clinic. So still business as usual. We typically have what we need on hand from discussing with our vets what possible situations we could see."

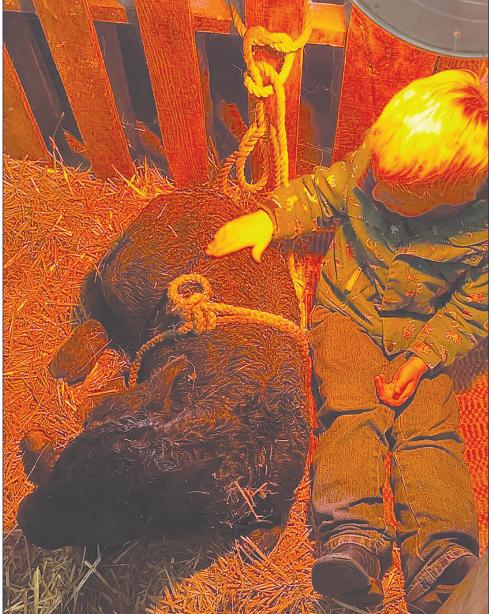
"Personally, I am 100% on board with these new regulations," Hashman said. "I've worked on operations of 10 head to 800 head. So, I've had the benefit of dealing with 'hobby' farms up to multi-generational ranches. I've always preferred to purchase my antibiotics and medications from the vet clinic, having people who are actually trained to handle the medicine and store them properly, in example, proper temp and light exposure, helps to ensure the product I am buying is not already ruined before I purchase it," she continued. "It also helps to guarantee producers are getting the correct product and not just shooting in the dark for treatment and using the incorrect medication or improper dosing."



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Reata Salzer helping her dad Tate, dry off one of the newest arrivals at the family ranch south of Alliance, Nebraska. The Salzers are one of the many ranches who suggest working closely with local veterinary staff to manage the regulation changes.





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Cooper Salzer with one of the newest arrivals at the family ranch south of Alliance, Nebraska. The Salzers are one of the many ranches who suggest working closely with local veterinary staff to manage the regulation changes.

