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Lincoln Elementary para-educator, Brock Kochera (right), along with nearly a dozen kindergarten, first and second graders enjoy a Friday morning of science experiments courteously demonstrated by EWC students and staff.

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College CDL program teams with FMCSA and highway patrol

'Have a good attitude, and it can change the entire outcome'

BY RHETT BREEDLOVE
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TORRINGTON – The Eastern Wyoming College (EWC) Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Program within a short period of time has already proven it is here to stay and doesn't plan on going anywhere.

Having made its start just over a year ago, the program has continued every day, week, and month ever since to show it is more than capable of winding out knowledgeable, dependable, and above all safe drivers on state roads and highways.

Led by veteran driver and seasoned teacher, Ed Kimes, the program has continued to de-

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Eastern Wyoming College CDL Program Director, Ed Kimes, presents a Wednesday evening seminar of valuable information along with rules of safety and compliance for dozens of local truckers and business owners.

County fire departments respond to Wednesday barn fire

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LINGLE – The Lingle Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning on, April 10, in response to a barn fire located just south of Lingle off of roads 68 and 32.

According to Lingle Fire Chief, Kasey Bangerter, the fire is currently believed to have been caused by an electric malfunctioning of a parked motorhome within the structure.

Two residents were transported to the hospital by Torrington Emergency Medical Services with non-life-threatening injuries.

"By the time we were paged, the structure was fully engulfed in flames," Bangerter stated. "Lingle, Yoder, and Veteran Fire Departments all sent vehicles and were mutualized with Torrington sending an ambulance. As far as what caused the motorhome to catch fire is currently unknown. The barn was a complete loss, and we all operated on scene for roughly five hours."

Bangerter would additionally add, although the barn itself with all items inside were lost, emergency personnel was able to prevent flames from spreading to nearby fields and neighboring structures.



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Lingle, Yoder and Veteran Fire Departments worked to contain a barn fire from spreading to nearby fields and structures Wednesday morning just south of Lingle. The fire is currently believed to have been caused by an electric malfunction of a motorhome parked within the structure.

"One of the owners claimed she had smelt what seemed like burning plastic prior to the fire," Bangerter added. "She thought maybe it was a dog bowl too close to a heater. She then found a small fire in the barn bathroom, put it out, and proceeded to enter her house for a shower. When she came back outside the barn was fully engulfed."

No other additional facts are known at this time.

Torrington man sentenced for unlawful touching

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TORRINGTON – The Goshen County Circuit Court met Thursday morning at 11 a.m. for the sentencing of Torrington man, Harold Flores, for the unlawful touching of a young local woman.

District Judge Nathaniel Hibben presided over the proceedings with Goshen County and Prosecuting Attorney, Eric Boyer, representing the State of Wyoming.

Representing the defense of Flores was Wheatland attorney, Eric Jones.

The defendant had previously been found guilty concluding a bench trial conducted by the Goshen County Circuit Court.

The hearing began with the state advocating on behalf of the victim before the court, citing significant mental and emotional trauma brought on by the defendant.

"Your Honor, the victim is here today and has chosen not to make a statement but has been advised to speak to the victim's office should she change her mind," Boyer began. "The conclusion of the court's reasoning at the trial was the testimony involving sexually provocative touching or grinding. The state would find a sentence for unlawful touching being a watered-down version of battery; someone who touches someone else in a rude or insolent manner or uses sufficient force to cause bodily injury. The issue here isn't bodily injury, but the emotional and psychological effects on the victim is.

"With this being said, I suggest proper restitution at just over \$600 is utterly fair and reasonable," Boyer continued. "This would be for victim's counseling and therapy for the trauma she received in this case."

Boyer continued further in the direction of the defendant, noting a significant lack of remorse and responsibility over the course of legal proceedings in this particular instance.

"I suggest arguably with all similar sets of facts alleging sexual gratification, innuendos and leaving a woman victimized; my understanding is the defendant plead guilty months ago to the plea agreement both parties had worked out," Boyer continued. "Apparently, they failed or refused to sign the plea agreement resulting in a stalemate and which has not yet been resolved. I find this interesting and unnerving. If it pleases the court in this case, what I just related in city court furthers my belief the defendant literally shows no capability and never has. The defendant was arguably untruthful in his testimony in court, the only flipside is the defendant's health. I'm aware the

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Richard 'Dick' Block

September 4, 1931 – March 29, 2024

CASPER – Richard “Dick” Block passed on March 29, 2024, at home surrounded by family. He was born in Mitchell, Nebraska, September 4, 1931, to Grace and Harold Block. He was the fifth of 10 children. The story was, he was so little his head fit in a tea cup and he slept in a shoe box.



Richard served in the Korean War and after his service he met his wife Mary in Torrington. Later they married in 1958. He was the service manager for several car dealerships in Torrington. In 1970, the Block family moved to Gillette where Dick worked as the supervisor for Belle Fourche Pipe Line until his

retirement in 1996. He then enjoyed going to visit his sibling across the States and going to his military reunions.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Mary, sons Brian, Lance, and grandson Ethan “Nate” as well as numerous siblings, three sisters and three brothers.

He is survived by his daughters, Cathy and Beth; and daughter-in-law Jill; as well as siblings Ron, Morie, and Betty. Continuing with seven grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Services will be announced at a later date.

Gary Bruce Kirchhefer II

May 25, 1970 – April 10, 2024

TORRINGTON – It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Gary Bruce Kirchhefer II, aged 53, in an automobile accident on April 10, 2024. Services will be at the Torrington Rendezvous Center April 19, 2024, at 11 a.m. with Pastor David Anderson officiating. His final resting place will be in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Affectionately known as GB by his family, he was born on May 25, 1970, in Torrington, to Gary and Joyce (Werner) Kirchhefer.



Gary’s upbringing in rural Yoder, Wyoming shaped his character and skills. He grew up surrounded by family including his parents, sister Joylene, grandparents, extended family, and friends that felt like family. Gary excelled as a world class hunter, outdoorsman and the owner of Maximum Waterfowl, LLC. He was a talented carpenter and versatile tradesman, Gary’s expertise spanned various fields. It is said that children and dogs are the best judges of character and children and dogs absolutely loved Gary! He was liked and loved by just about everyone he met.

His commitment to mentoring and sharing his knowledge, especially in outdoor pursuits and craftsmanship, impacted many lives. He introduced many to the joys of outdoor sports and he coached youth baseball for many years. Gary’s strong work

ethic, kindness, and ability to connect with others endeared him to all who knew him. Strangers were only a short conversation away from becoming new friends.

Gary recently married his best friend on September 26, 2023, and they resided in Scottsbluff. They had a once in a lifetime love that shined through to everyone who crossed their way. Together, they embraced a life filled with grandchildren (their pride & joy), lots of travel, and an overall spirit of adventure. He always made sure to tell Windy to have her passport ready.

Gary was a kid at heart and loved his grandkids. Whether playing, eating ice-cream, or watching movies they loved their papa, who always knew how to make them laugh.

He is survived by his Wife, Windy Kirchhefer; Father, Gary Kirchhefer; Sister, Joylene (Brent) Anderson; Sons, Skyler, Cole, & Josh Kirchhefer; Stepchildren; Britney Krick, Bee Krick, Brice Krick, Jacob & Julian Preston; Grandchildren Reverie, Britton & Barrett Kirchhefer & Rowan Herrera; Nephew Caleb & Nieces Abigail and Faith Anderson; as well as numerous relatives and friends.

Gary was preceded in death by his mother, Joyce Kirchhefer; stepmother, Shelly Kirchhefer; grandparents, Dick and Mary Kirchhefer; Earl and Eleanor Werner and Laura Werner.

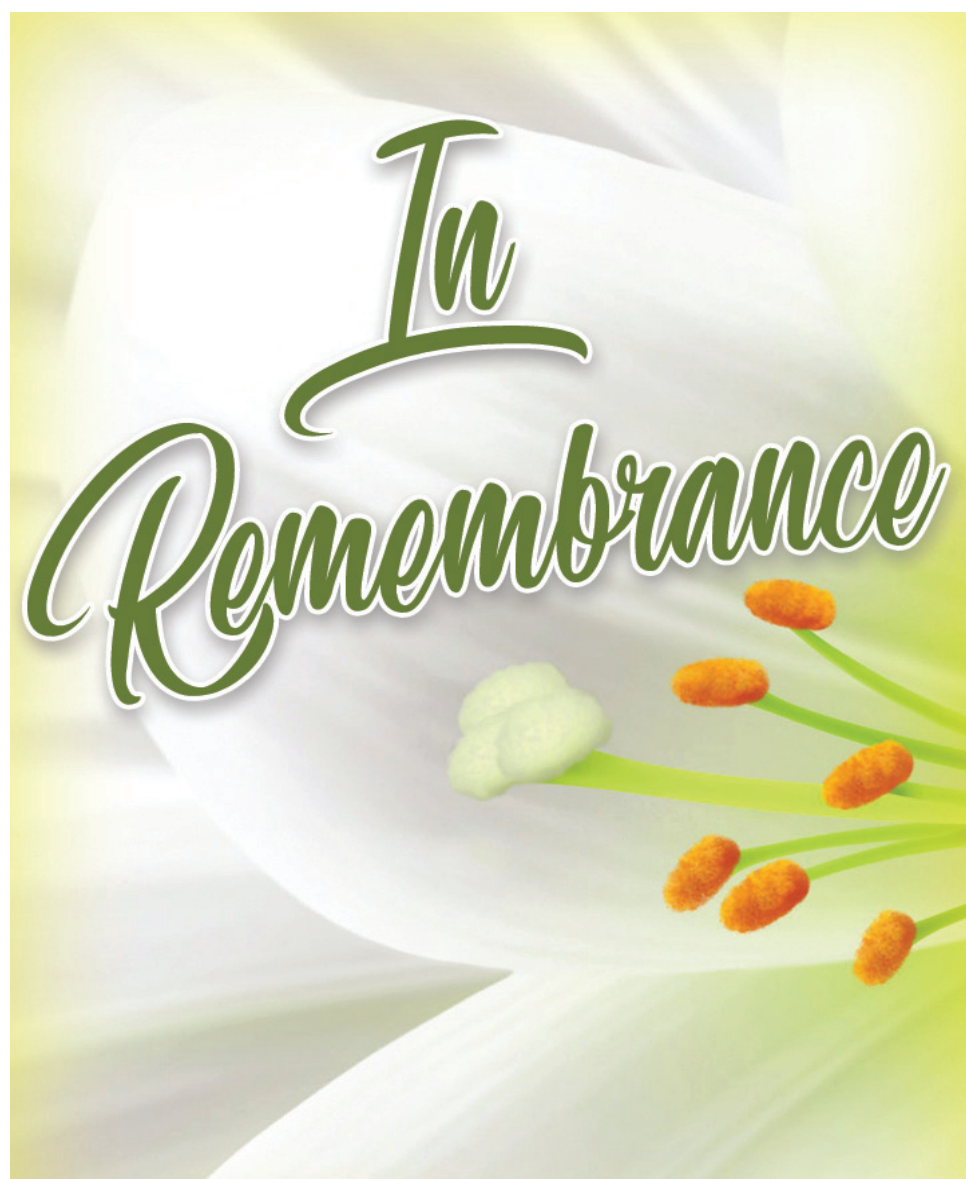
SERVICE NOTICE

Leland Hull

TORRINGTON – Graveside services April 20 at 10:30 a.m. for Leland Hull.

Service for Leland who passed away September 11, 2023, will be held at 10:

30 a.m. April 20 at Valley View Cemetery. A celebration of Leland’s life, a light lunch and time to share memories will follow at the First Presbyterian Church Parlor.



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Gordon vetoes proof of residency

BY JESS OAKS

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CHEYENNE – In a recent press release, Wyoming Secretary of State, Chuck Gray, announced his disapproval of the actions of Wyoming State Governor, Mark Gordon. In the release, Gray criticizes the governor for his recent decision to veto amendments to Chapter Two of the Wyoming Secretary of State's Election Procedures which would have required "acceptable" identification for proof of identity, including proof of Wyoming residency when registering to vote in the state.

During a recent town hall meeting, Gray spoke briefly to Goshen County residents about his role in the election and his beliefs on election integrity. He stated the governor had until Friday, April 12 to make his decision on the rulemaking saying if you are registering to vote in the State of Wyoming, you need to prove you are a Wyomingite.

"What it would say is if you have a Wyoming driver's license, you're fine," Gray said during the meeting last week. "No matter if it has your P.O. box on it or whatever address is on it, as long as it's a Wyoming address, your Wyoming license would still qualify to register to vote."

The process would not have affected voters who are currently registered to vote in the state and not a moment shy of his deadline, Gordon issued a statement to Gray regarding the rulemaking.

"On March 28, 2024, I received notice from the management council recommending that I order the chapter two identification for voter registration proposed rule be amended or rescinded to address concerns raised in the legislative service offices February 21, 2024, rule review memo," Gordon's statement reads. "Under WY. Stat. Ann. 28-9-106, I must respond to the management council's recommendations by April 12, 2024. Having reviewed the Chapter 2 proposed rule, I write to inform you of my determination that the proposed language in the attached rule packet is not within the scope of statutory authority delegated to the Secretary of State by law. Accordingly, I disapprove of this proposed rule and have informed the management council of my agreement with its recommendations," Gordon's letter to Gray continued.

Gordon continues to emphasize that Wyoming elections are safe and according to him as evidenced by the widely accepted success of the 2022 election cycle. Continuing,

Gordon mentions that the state election code (the act) functions well, noting countless hours of volunteers, election judges, canvassing boards, county clerks, town clerks, and numerous other offices.

"Wyoming's constitution provides for the opportunity to vote, and the legislature has given primarily to the county clerks the responsibility and infrastructure to efficiently run elections as well as the tools to prevent voter fraud and deliver accurate results," Gordon said in his letter to Gray.

"In order to ensure the integrity of voter registration data provided in these forms, county clerks have used the verification process described in Wyo. Stat. Ann. 22-3-104 through -106, and -116 for years to investigate voter data and, according to the statutorily mandated process for appeals and provisional ballots, challenge or deny registration," Gordon explained in the letter.

"Wyoming elections should be decided by Wyomingites, NOT illegal immigrants," Secretary of State Chuck Gray said in his release. "Governor Gordon's veto makes it easier for illegal aliens and non-residents to illegally vote, which is deeply disturbing."

Gordon further states the act provides "comprehensive framework"

for how Wyomingites can register to vote and how election officials can investigate or challenge the voter's qualifications.

"Regardless, I agree with the foundational principle that only United States citizens who are Wyoming residents should be voting in our elections," Gordon's letter continued. "Just as we must ensure no eligible voter is wrongly disenfranchised, we must equally continue to ensure that no ineligible person can fraudulently misrepresent their residency or citizenship."

Gray expressed his disagreement with Gordon by noting Wyoming already has had illegal aliens register to vote by mentioning county clerks in Campbell County canceled the voter registration of an illegal alien who illegally voted in the 2020 election.

"Every vote by an illegal alien disenfranchises the vote of Wyoming residents. These rules were a commonsense solution to stopping voter fraud in Wyoming," Gray's statement continued. "These rules undertook a thorough vetting process and received overwhelming support from the people of Wyoming during the public comment period. They should have been signed. I will continue to fight for election integrity measures to protect and improve our elections."

Governor Gordon criticizes oil and gas rule that raises cost to producers

FOR THE TELEGRAM

CHEYENNE – Governor Mark Gordon is criticizing an announcement from the Department of Interior last week that will increase the costs to oil and gas companies seeking to drill on federal lands. The Governor used the following statement:

"If there was any doubt, it could not be more clear now that the Department of Interior has lost its way. Within a day of announcing

its renewable energy rule designed to promote the equivalent of a modern-day gold rush of development for renewables by reducing fees and rents on federal lands by 80%, Interior issued an oil and gas rule increasing costs to Wyoming's industry by 1400%.

America surely needs more energy, including from renewable sources. What our country does not need are policies that greatly reduce the return to our nation's taxpayers while simultaneously increasing

the impacts and burdens on states and communities. We don't need policies that increase the costs to consumers while also reducing reliability, or rules that sharpen the threat of industrializing our open spaces and crucial wildlife habitat without recognizing the importance of balance in our energy portfolio. These policies should seem misguided to most Americans of every stripe who love our country. Instead of experience and practicality, DOI has doubled down on bias, dogma,

and politics. America is suffering as a result.

It is time we get back to commonsense energy policy. I will continue to fight against federal policies that are short-sighted and antagonistic to Wyoming's industries, our workers, and our way of life. We need to build a realistic, all-of-the-above energy strategy that correctly plans a future of reliable and dispatchable power and properly accounts for – and balances – the costs and impacts of all energy sources."

State FFA convention results

BY JESS OAKS

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CHEYENNE – A collaboration of the Wyoming State FFA Convention held on April 10-13 in Cheyenne results.

Torrington/Lingle FFA Chapter results

Wyoming FFA Star Farmer – Connor Booth

Wyoming FFA Champion Team in agricultural sales – Connor Booth, Loudon Bremer, Natalie Speckner, and Anna Frederick

Wyoming FFA Champion in employment skills – Sarah Birdsall

Natalie Speckner – Fourth high individual overall

Wyoming FFA Reserve Champion Team in agronomy – Wittni Bugher,

Wyatt Sylvester, Carter Groene, Conner Correll

Conduct of Chapter Meeting – Third high team overall – Ava Mattis, Addie Hager, Aftyn Hager, Taelor Cushman, Charlotte Speckner, Tatum Carlson, Maddie Bugher

Charlotte Speckner – High test Farm and Agribusiness Management – Third high team overall – Addie Hansen, Ava Mattis, Jady Chilson, and Katie Reimer

Poultry evaluation – Fourth high team overall – Audrina Dugger, Charlotte Speckner, Anna Frederick, and Taelor Cushman

Jr. High poultry – Third high team overall – Hayden Willey, Tali Kinberg, Maddi Bugher, Tatum Carlson

Jr. High livestock evaluation – Sixth

high overall – Hayden Willey, Tali Kinberg, Maddi Bugher, Tatum Carlson

Meats evaluation and technology – Sixth high team overall – Connor Booth, Kaleb Booth, Natalie Speckner, Holly Leiseth

Agricultural mechanics and technology – High individual in ENR – Wyatt Sylvester

Birdsall and the agricultural sales members will represent Wyoming at the 97th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in October.

Southeast FFA Chapter results

Silver Emblem Chapter Award

Agriculture mechanics – Silver team (14th) – William Knowlton (gold), Zach Jurek (gold), Ben Gibbons (bronze), Teddy Goulet. Top in the state – William Knowlton

Horse judging – (38th) – Kailey Porter (gold), Abby Forbes, Taylor Hansen

Veterinary science – (34th) – Thomas Jill, Holly Schultz

Range management – Nebraska contest – First place – Taylor Hansen (silver), Teddy Goulet (silver)

ENR environmental and natural resources – Silver team (seventh) – Mateo Correa (silver), Connor Coxbill (gold), Connor Moody, Alec Demarc (bronze)

Agronomy – Ninth place – Emmett Coxbill (silver), Kylee Llewellyn (silver), Bo Baumgartner (silver)

Livestock judging – Silver (20th) – Bailey Mehling (bronze), Connor Coxbill, Tylar Stoddard, Brea Mills (silver)

State FFA degree awards: Kylee Llewellyn, Kailey Porter, Abby Forbes, Kodie Anderson

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Glitter

In most cases, when we think of the word grief, we think of death and dying. Grief isn't only limited to the people we lose but it also encompasses parts of our life which had meaning.

Webster's defines grief as a "deep and poignant distress caused by or as if by bereavement," and in simple terms, grief is a deep emotional distress caused by as or as if by depriving of something or someone.

There is no form of instruction listed below the definition for how to grieve. There is no subject list of "things you can grieve" about. Nope, the definition just tells us it is okay to grieve when we have been deprived of something or someone.

We all remember Bob, well, it turns out, maybe the reason behind Bob's odd, withdrawn behavior is the fact the company Bob began working at 20 years ago just announced it's closure. Bob is grieving and rightfully so.

Sure, maybe he is handling it a little harder than you feel he should, but that's not our place to decide. We all grieve differently.

Maybe Bob sold lawnmowers at the Coast-to-Coast store on main street and the thought of doing lawncare right now is just a little too much for him. It's not our place to tell Bob to get his thoughts and emotions in order.

Some of us are grieving the loss of a loved one. Some of us are grieving the loss of a pet. Some of us are grieving the loss of a job. Truthfully speaking, we are all grieving. And that is okay.

I heard a song a few years ago which put a new perspective on the word "grief." The tune "Glitter," by Patrick Droney, explains how grief is individualized and unpredictable.

Have you ever been plugging along, living life and then bam...out of the blue, you feel a wave of grief overcome you? You see, "Grief it's just like glitter. It's hard to brush away. Bright light and it still shimmers like it was yester-

day and it falls like confetti."

Grief is something far more personal than most realize. Although there is a definition, there really aren't any other guidelines for us to know if we are doing it "right."

There's no instruction...just a process of emotional discomfort which sometimes makes it hard to breathe.

"All of the memories explode like a hand grenade and it's sweet and it's bitter," the song continues. "Grief, it's like glitter. Oh, what a mess it makes. What a mess it makes."

There is really no time limit on grief and there is really no time limit on the grieving process. It looks differently for each of us.

Maybe Bob's wife died ten years ago, and he just cleaned out his storage unit. Mixed in the boxes of old kitchen ware, household goods, old bookshelves, and baseball memorabilia, Bob found a speck of glitter.

Sometimes it's something as simple as an old photograph while sometimes it's the scent of a loved one's perfume. It is

different for each of us.

"Past denial and the rage. The what if and the praying on the hardest days," the song continues. "You accept what you can't change."

Even though the actual event may have taken place sometime ago, the grief may still come in waves and that's okay. Grief is about accepting what you cannot change. Maybe there are some of us who grieve the things we can change however sometimes grief has a blindfold and we can't see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Be kind. Just because you can't see the glitter, doesn't mean someone else can't. Remember grief is personal. It is the most individualized emotion we have. Grief doesn't care if you are having a good day, it's going to show up unannounced. Grief doesn't pick a certain situation to abide by. It comes when we are deprived on something we have grown accustomed to. Be kind to one another. We are all hurting. We are all grieving. And that's okay.

A law-abiding life

If there is something to be learned from covering what now seems like hundreds of court cases over the past year, one can sincerely say from a stranger's viewpoint being an attorney or a judge is much more challenging than it initially appears.

And for good reason.

The law for everyday people you think wouldn't be incredibly difficult to understand. Once again, everybody makes mistakes and many of us probably had to pay at least one traffic ticket at some point. We have all been there.

For the most part, most of us have absolutely no desire to sit in a court room with a judge looking over why we are there, and a prosecutor whose sole task is to prove our guilt.

Understandably, a vast majority of everyday people do not have an extensive knowledge of state and federal statutes like these men and women do. We actually try to just stick with the basics, so we do not ever find ourselves on the wrong side of the law.

If we at least make an attempt to try and understand the whole concept of the law, we will actually find it reaches far beyond concrete rules in a book which are there to keep people safe. In all truth, it is a fascinating process which ensures the rights of a defendant and protects the innocent.

We should obviously know and understand if something feels wrong, then it probably is and it's time to back off and go in a different direction. Moving forward however, once again it's never going to be a perfect world and bad things happen every single day.

Judges, attorneys, paralegals and their staff understand this notion perhaps better than anyone. Despite the fact working in the field is very respected by modern societal standards, from an outsider's perspective it seems to be a very challenging, mentally and emo-

tionally exhausting career when we look closely and try to understand.

The rewards certainly are there we can imagine, but not without the immense personal sacrifice and professional strain to protect simple everyday people.

Just recently a local individual was scheduled to be in court for an arraignment hearing.

For those of you who are unaware, the film My Cousin Vinny gives a very humorous take on the legal process particularly when it reaches the point of an arraignment. It is a relatively simple procedure where the court is reminded of the charges the defendant is facing, and all they have to do is simply enter in a plea of guilty or not guilty.

Of course, in the film we all remember this does not go over well for Joe Pesci.

Moving on however, this particular individual was facing legal charges of various infractions, and was scheduled to be in the courtroom with their legal counsel to simply enter in a plea.

The clock ticked in the time this person was supposed to be there. With their defense attorney, the state prosecutor and district judge all waiting patiently, the defendant was nowhere to be seen.

They allegedly had violated a Wyoming law, had been summoned to court and had been provided with legal counsel they were Constitutionally entitled to. Everything was in order to begin the legal process.

And then they no showed.

The individual was given extra time and even the benefit of the doubt in hopes they would soon walk through the door. Maybe they had car trouble. Maybe they had a sick child. Maybe they got injured. It was not to be known as

they wouldn't pick up their phone.

Everyone sat in dead silence for a few moments in the courtroom.

One does not have to be a lawyer to understand what happens next when you do not show up for a scheduled court date.

There was no anger, no scoffing and no indication of retribution from all three parties.

Just painfully silent frustration and disappointment.

The judge then calmly looked at the prosecutor and said with soft, even weary composure, "Okay. First thing tomorrow morning would you please draft a warrant for their arrest?"

In all actuality, it was a rhetorical request. The judge didn't necessarily want to order the prosecutor to do this, but it wasn't a matter of want at that point. It was a matter of the law.

"Yes, Your Honor," the prosecutor replied.

There was no other answer than yes. There couldn't be any other answer than yes. A legal document had to be drafted, and would be the responsibility of the prosecutor to get it done first thing the next morning.

The court then stood in recess as the judge stepped down from the bench to return to his chambers. He then looked at the defense attorney who had driven two hours from another town ready to defend her client, and said with a bit of encouraging humor, "Well at least you had good weather."

Everything was put into perspective with these people in that one moment. Despite judges and lawyers being very high in social status, are extremely educated and possess immense authority; they are people just the same who feel pain, exhaustion, and disappointment just like everyone else.

Perhaps more than anyone judges and lawyers understand they can't control

everything. This was a prime example. Their days and workloads depend entirely on others choosing whether or not to follow simple rules.

All three knew by this one person not showing up for a simple hearing that wouldn't have taken more than twenty minutes at most, this person had just made the entire situation ten times harder than it needed to be.

Not just on themselves but also on their own lawyer, the prosecutor, the judge and of course their staffs who work vigorously every day to help manage the caseloads. They had just created far more work and headaches for everyone. The saddest part being it didn't have to be this way had they simply showed up.

That's all they had to do.

A sixth sense could feel the unsurprising presence of drugs and alcohol as the foundation to the whole scenario. A brutal reminder perhaps of the severe deception and manipulation these two things can have on people. They swindle a person into thinking they are friends, and then stab them in the back without mercy. This court hearing was but an extremely heartbreaking reminder of the principal, along with the devastating impact they can have on so many people.

Now other court hearings would have to be rescheduled, and tons of paperwork would probably now have to be done by everyone. It might be safe to say weeks of getting everything in order for so many things in the courthouse just went right out the window.

As this eccentric reporter made his way towards the exit of the courthouse, he casually bumped into the prosecutor he had come to know quite well over the course of a year, and just couldn't help but ask.

"Did this just create a whole lot more

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Hit and run causes Lingle property damage

BY RHETT BREEDLOVE
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LINGLE – On Friday afternoon at approximately 4 p.m., Lingle Police Chief, Endra Andrews, received a call from a Lingle homeowner reporting a vehicle had run through and left significant damage to a fence on property at the corner of Leiter Avenue and US Highway 26-85.

According to Andrews, there were no injuries to the homeowner, but unknown at this time if the driver had sustained any.

Andrews additionally stated parts of the vehicle were found at the scene of the incident including a wheel-well cover, as well as front and end lighting trim which belongs to a 2019-2022 Hyundai Genesis G70.

It is believed at this time the driver was headed eastbound on 26-85, lost control of the vehicle, and promptly drove off. The fence is located on the



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An unknown driver ran through and caused significant damage to a Lingle homeowner's fence located on the north end of highway 26-85 at the corner of Leiter Avenue late Friday afternoon. Residents are encouraged to contact local law enforcement with any information regarding the driver of the vehicle.

north side of the highway.

“It would be nice if the driver took responsibility for the damage,” Andrews stated. “Frankly I don’t know how the car drove off because the model is a small car and went through a lot of posts and cinderblocks.”

Andrews received the call after patrolling all day Friday and had just gotten home after finishing late afternoon duties.

“We have their wheel well cover and lighting trim if they want it back,” Andrews said. “I drove by that location at about 4 p.m. and did not see anything. I was called shortly after with notification by the homeowner someone had driven through his fence. I had been running traffic all day and had just gotten home and out of my uniform.”

If you have any information regarding the driver of a 2019-2022 Hyundai Genesis G70, please call the Lingle Police Department at 307-837-2626.

CDL: 'This is the second seminar our agency has done recently...'

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velop a solid reputation of indeed certifying capable men and women who have completed the program; but more so building strong and trusting relationships with the communities, counties, and states.

Wednesday night the college CDL program met with dozens of local drivers, business owners, and regulation officials to continue promoting safety, compliance, and knowledge in helping keep truckers on the road and diminish damaging accidents.

As alluded strongly by Kimes, if the program continues to build said relationships while keeping safety and regulation compliance as a top priority; it is well on its way to becoming even more than one of the best in Wyoming.

As dozens of local and neighboring drivers gathered at the college C-Tech building for a brief night of informative business information, Kimes spoke with words of assurance not only to truckers in attendance but to the entire community.

“We do train CDL drivers, but we would love to know what you would like

from us,” Kimes said. “I am very proud of our program at this point, and we definitely need more trainers. If you are interested, we would love to talk to you. Beyond that if there’s anything we can do as a training facility or program, or if you have any suggestions which would make us a better program please reach out. We don’t want to be just one of the best in Wyoming, we want to be the best in Wyoming.”

Adding further to the training process of certifying a CDL driver, Kimes explained an enormous part of ensuring students’ ability to learn correctly and efficiently is one overlooked quality most would assume applies only to an elementary school. According to Kimes without this particular quality, a student certainly cannot learn the extensive skills and knowledge required for being behind the wheel of a very large and expensive piece of machinery.

“Remember, they are learning,” Kimes said with a smile. “I remember learning, and all of you remember learning. We certainly appreciate your patience with them, and they are doing fantastic. If there is anything to be had

from this, it’s an incredible process to work together. We work a lot, and if you have a CDL out of Nebraska or Colorado you can still train with us here. We could really use you as a trainer.”

To broaden safety compliance and teamwork with numerous state officials, Kimes introduced two guest speakers for the evening.

Joshua Camp of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and Wyoming Highway Patrol New Entrant Auditor, Chris Stewart joined the college CDL head to provide additional knowledge and information to all attending on the incredible importance of following federal and state driving regulations.

Rendering to both officials, straying away or undermining such regulations often results in severe, and in some cases final consequences to a trucker’s career.

“This is actually the second seminar our agency has done recently,” Camp began. “We ran Laramie County Community College last week, so thank you to Ed and his partners in bringing this safety message out. Everything our

agency does in Wyoming is with the Highway Patrol. That’s the same with the state and country. Without the police, we can’t accomplish much. We are a very tiny agency, but we are not going to just be talking about random stuff. These are the things that heavily apply to Wyoming drivers.”

“Our agency is kind of like the Federal Aviation Administration, but much smaller. Different agencies have different parts. We are about 1,100 people nationwide, and our mission is to reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving large trucks and buses. In terms of inspections and investigations, the top violations we are talking about involve CDLs.”

Camp would heavily push during his presentation the utmost importance of all drivers, as well as employers to always follow rules and regulations regarding the use of drugs and alcohol.

Although this particular concept among CDL drivers is well-known perhaps more than any other; according to Camp this is why it makes all

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Life: 'Yeah. But it's okay. That's just the way it goes'

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work for you?”

The veteran lawyer merely smiled, shrugged his shoulders and replied, “Yeah. But it’s okay. That’s just the way it goes.”

He then wished the reporter well and walked back to his office, presumably to write a lengthy arrest warrant which needed to be done by the very next day. Whatever personal plans he may have had with his family were now gone. God knows how bad this would affect other cases which required his attention.

Not because he wanted to, and not because the judge wanted to for that matter. More often than not these men prefer to give citizens a second chance, and would much rather see them succeed in life instead of having to be punished. Most of the time what they are really looking for is for their fellow human beings to simply own up to their mistakes. But because their positions require them to uphold the laws of Wyoming,

one could sincerely see it was neither the judge’s or prosecutor’s decision to now have someone arrested.

It was the person who violated the law and chose to violate it even further.

The very sad truth: being a law-abiding citizen is easier said than done for

some. And make no mistake any one of us can fall into that pattern, so don’t get too high and mighty. That is not a judgment, it is just a statement of the facts.

Witnessing something like that first-hand would make a person not

even take one puff on a joint, or even sip a beer if this is where it can lead eventually.

As another local judge consistently and sincerely tells defendant’s, “All you have to do is live a law-abiding life.”

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TORRINGTON – Banner Health Torrington Community Hospital is the first hospital in a 60-mile radius to offer the Stryker Mako SmartRobotics system. This advancement in joint replacement surgery transforms the way total hip, total knee and partial knee replacements are performed by helping surgeons know more and cut less.

Mako SmartRobotics combines three key components into one platform including 3D CT scan-based planning, AccuStop haptic technology and insightful data analytics which together have shown better outcomes for total hip, total knee and partial knee patients.

With Mako SmartRobotics for joint replacement, a personalized plan is made from a 3D CT scan allowing your surgeon to plan your hip and knee replacement based on your unique anatomy before even entering the operating room," said Eleanor von Stade M.D. "During your surgery, the plan is validated and can be changed in real time to provide perfect alignment and

sizing. The surgeon then guides the robotic arm to perform the surgery according to your customized plan. This allows your surgery to be much more accurate and precise, as well as less invasive with less tissue damage and preservation of more bone. Incisions are smaller, pain is less and recovery is faster. It's exciting to be able to offer this transformative technology."

By 2030, total hip replacements in the United States are projected to grow 171%. The Mako Total Hip surgery is a treatment option for adults who suffer from degenerative joint disease of the hip. During surgery, the surgeon guides the robotic arm during bone preparation to prepare the hip socket and position the implant according to the predetermined surgical plan. In a controlled matched-paired study to measure acetabular bone resection, results suggested greater bone preservation for Mako Total Hip compared to manual surgery.

Even more significant, total knee replacements in the United States are expected to increase 189% by 2030 yet studies have shown approximately 20%

of patients are dissatisfied after conventional surgery. The Mako Total Knee surgery combines Stryker's advanced robotic technology with its clinically successful Triathlon Total Knee System, which enables surgeons to have a more predictable surgical experience with increased precision and accuracy. In clinical studies, Mako Total Knee demonstrated the potential for patients to experience less pain, less need for opiate analgesics, less need for inpatient physical therapy, reduction in length of hospital stay, improved knee flexion and greater soft tissue protection in comparison to manual techniques.

As another treatment option, the Mako Partial Knee replacement surgery is designed to relieve the pain caused by joint degeneration due to osteoarthritis that has not yet progressed to all three compartments of the knee. During surgery, the surgeon guides the robotic arm during bone preparation to execute the predetermined surgical plan and position the implant. By selectively targeting only the part of the knee damaged by osteoarthritis, surgeons can resurface the diseased portion of the knee

while helping to protect the healthy bone surrounding the knee joint. Studies have shown that robotic-arm-assisted partial knee replacement leads to greater accuracy of implant position to plan compared to manual partial knee replacement procedures.

"We are proud to be the first hospital in our service area to offer this highly advanced SmartRobotics technology," Zachary Miller said, CEO of Banner Torrington Community Hospital. "This addition to our orthopedic service line further demonstrates our commitment to make healthcare easier and life better for all those we serve."

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Sentence: 'You will book yourself in tomorrow and will be released'

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defendant through counsel has had extraordinarily serious health concerns which have been concerning to him. I take that at face value and don't disbelieve it, although I don't know how this factors in here. Regardless of this, the defendant is here today and was given time for a delayed sentencing. I suggest the sentence should be extended with suspended incarceration, at his own expense receive counseling and treatment in relation to sex offense, and or anger management. The defendant should, as part of probation report to the court, again at his own expense and seek out any appropriate treatment for this type of behavior."

The defense was soon after given a chance to redirect in light of the state's arguments. Jones would speak on behalf of his client noting a strong desire for Flores' wishes to merely move on, put the matter behind him, and continue fighting his battle with cancer.

"Your Honor I'm going to talk backwards in terms of this," Jones began. "Mr. Boyer wants to talk about city court and things of that nature, but with the plea agreements signed in this packet here Mr. Flores had no desire to get cancer, had no desire to fight cancer, and had no desire to sit in a hospital to have surgery. It is ridiculous to state we drug this on or made implications he hasn't done what was needed because of his health. Mr. Flores had successful surgery, and he is still under the care of his physicians. Cancer was found on his kidneys and lungs which were removed. He indicated to me he still goes to physicians two to three times a week for follow-up."

Judge Hibben would soon stop the statement, citing Flores' health matters were not implied negatively in such a way by the state in the final legal process of sentencing.

"This is not the way I take that," Hibben said. "I am familiar with his healthcare issues. So, take a moment. I want to hear about them as I think it's relative to the sentence, however, it is not the implication I heard Mr. Boyer make. Let's talk about sentencing factors."

"In relation to Mr. Flores, my understanding was there was not any

previous activity like this or other activities relating to this," Jones continued. "We are here to talk about one instance where the state alleges he touched another in a rude and insolent manner. I would have to say Mr. Boyer is a worthy legal advisory. He interviewed Mr. Flores, the victim, and her mother. He could have charged him with many other things if it was true as the state puts it. This was something where he needs to look at sex offender treatment. I don't think \$600 will be an issue."

After hearing both statements from the defense and prosecution, the present victim did change her mind and chose to speak before the court and her attacker.

Feeling more comfortable sitting at the state's table next to Boyer, the victim made a statement in light of hearing the defense's argument.

The victim did not hold back words of sincere hurt and anger towards Flores, citing an illness in any form is never an excuse to violate or harm another person. She would cite the loss of a very close family member as strong reasoning as to why the statements of the defense were not authentic.

"I would like to say sir, I am sure you never wanted to get cancer," the victim stated. "I understand that. My father died a month after he was diagnosed. Throughout this life, he had chronic health issues, was constantly shaking, and had a shattered lumbar. With that being said, he never ever hurt a soul. He never grinded on or touched anyone. He was the kindest

soul I ever knew. He helped everyone he came in contact with. If you ask anyone he knew, they would say they loved him. He impacted people in ways that are just unbelievable, and I strive to be like him. He was a one-of-a-kind person. When you say because of all these issues you have, and because of your back, or whatever, is why you grinded on me and did all these things is just terrible. My dad had chronic illness. I have chronic illness. My uncle has chronic illness. That is not ever an excuse for hurting someone. Don't ever use it as an excuse to hurt someone. It invalidates other people; it invalidates the victim and it invalidates people with chronic illnesses. The only person you have to blame is yourself for this. You can curse me all you want, and I understand it. The reason we are here today is because I spoke up, and that is fine. But don't ever use your illness as a reason you did something wrong. I have so many mental illnesses I could use as reasons to go out and do things wrong, but I don't. I own up when I do something wrong. When you do something wrong, it's because you at your core are a bad person. Thank you."

After hearing statements from each party including the victim herself, Judge Hibben spoke in the direction of the defendant; seemingly agreeing with the victim's statement on Flores' behavior not being the result of suffering from cancer.

"I first take

into account the charge, but I take into account the nature of the act I found were modulated by others," Hibben stated. "Conduct which I felt ultimately showed you are guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of touching someone in a rude or insolent way. It is a situation where your intentional conduct was accompanied with statements. I found your conduct was intentional and was not the result of shaking or falling. These things took place in your home by you towards the victim. So, a change of nature with facts of this variety would perhaps very often be accompanied by a lengthy jail sentence and would be the appropriate sentence."

In consideration of the current cancer treatment Flores is receiving, the court deemed it appropriate for a suspended jail sentence plus over \$1,000 in fines, court costs, and restitution.

"Taking all this into account, it is the judgment of the court for you to be sentenced to 180 days in jail, in which you will serve 10 of those days," Hibben said. "You will book yourself in tomorrow and will be released on April 22 followed by six months of probation. Within 30 days of today, you will obtain a clinical assessment, it will be disclosed to the court, and it will be confidential. You will comply with all recommendations."

The court stood in recess at 11:33 a.m.

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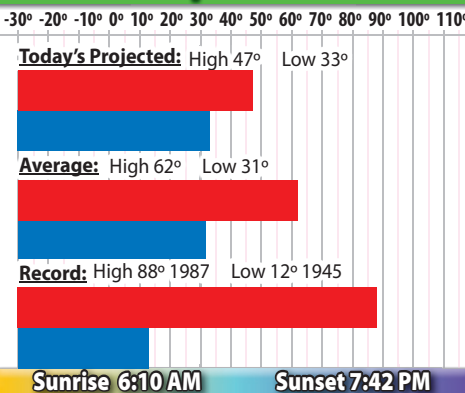
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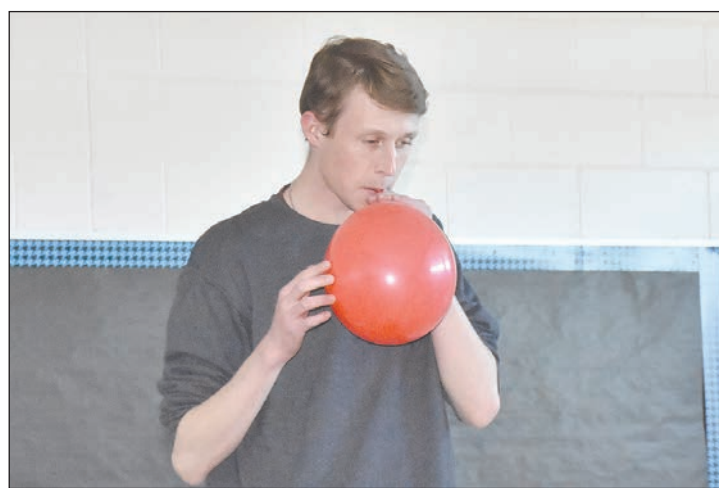


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EWC students demonstrate experiments

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Lincoln Elementary para-educator, Brock Kochera, participates in a little balloon and helium experiment for his students Friday morning.



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Eastern Wyoming College chemistry students, Camden Fitzwater (left) and Jenelle Johnson demonstrate flaming but safe science experiments to Lincoln Elementary students early Friday morning.



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Lincoln Elementary staff, Shirley Peterson (right), has a good laugh while demonstrating the famed helium-voice experiment while college freshman Kiera Bisbee (center) and professor Todd Aschent try and contain their hilarity.



RHETT BREEDLOVE/TORRINGTON TELEGRAM

Eastern Wyoming College science professor, Todd Aschent, keeps the humor while instructing Lincoln Elementary students Friday morning.

CDL: 'Why do we have truck size and ...'

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the more reason for drivers to never be complacent.

As both Camp and Stewart were humbly remindful; accidents, injuries, and death are the very last thing any driver will ever want.

“View yourselves as the captain of the ship,” Camp continued. “Drugs and alcohol are a big thing for our agency. Not because of investigations, but it is something very serious. A driver who’s drunk or under the influence is a very big deal. This is what causes accidents and injuries. Wyoming actually does do a very good job on this and is one of the top states for catching it which is great to hear. This pretty much applies to every driver and even mechanics. If you are a mechanic who gets behind the wheel and drives around, that mechanic also needs a CDL. And if it’s a CDL, you are going to be subject to drug testing.”

“Some of the major questions we get is, what are we going to subject you to? Or we may just start throwing fines at you. When I say we have to look at everything, if you have drivers getting busted at the roadside we may come out and look at your logbooks. For the most part, when we go to companies, it’s because they have had an inspection at the roadside with certain violations. If your trucks keep having flat tires, we may come out for vehicle maintenance.”

As Camp wrapped up his portion of the evening’s seminar, a compact example of personal or even disturbing concern was shared.

“We had a wife file a complaint with us because her husband was doing drugs and didn’t want him on the road,” Camp shared. “So, we went ahead and did an investigation. If a motor carrier does not cooperate with the investigation process, they can be placed out of service and incur civil penalties.”

Stewart would continue with the evening’s seminar going over crucial regulations concerning weight and rules of equipment, but more importantly the value of honesty and working together within the industry.

“This is like your credit card score, it’s always evolving and changing,” Stewart said. “We don’t target, but we do focus. That’s our state. You do you, until you do something stupid, and we have to tell you to stop. Run your business but stay within the law. We try not to get into your business, but if it becomes a safety issue, we have to step in. The us vs. you was a long time ago. I want you to get there by how rules are designed along with its partnerships. We need to work together to get there so we don’t have fatalities. I don’t like seeing that, and you guys don’t want to be involved in that stuff.”

Stewart would use a memorable visual example of a large trailer not in compliance with regulations and would very regretfully damage a state highway bridge.

“Why do we have truck size and weight limits?” Stewart asked. “That bridge got taken out by a load like this, doing eighty miles an hour. They bought that bridge. They didn’t have a permit because they didn’t want to spend the money, but that’s why we have them.”

“It’s a partnership. That’s how we do things, and that’s how we train. Don’t do stupid stuff, and do not falsify anything. Feel free to challenge and appeal, but do not falsify anything. We see a lot of stuff we shouldn’t have to see, but it can happen. We are just human. So have a good attitude, and it can change the entire outcome.”

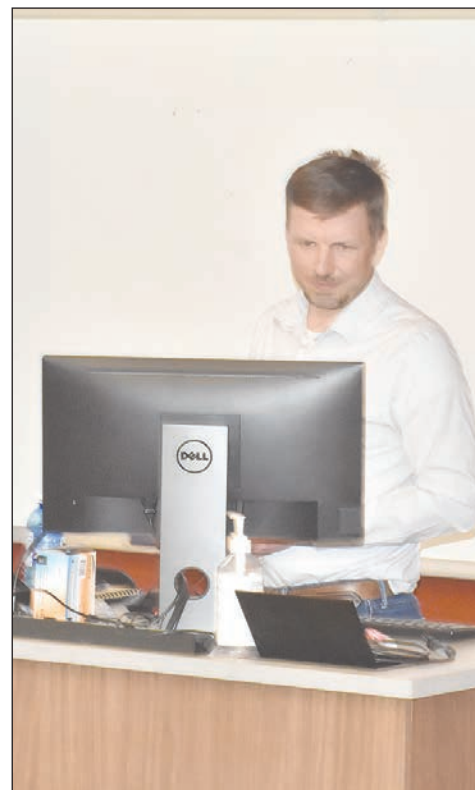
Both men received applause from all in attendance at the conclusion of their presentations.

As Kimes returned to the front of the evening’s attendees, the fresh yet am-

bitious CDL instructor had final words of thought for all in front of him.

“We want to rain people out being drivers,” Kimes concluded. “But we also want to be present to the industry. It’s not always easy to find the information to do our jobs. We don’t want ever to be out of compliance, but sometimes it’s hard to find out what we need to do to be in compliance. I think this is going to be a very good thing for us. Remember when we hire drivers, they are entry drivers, so help them. Having said that, we always want to turn out and produce high quality safe, and efficient drivers.”

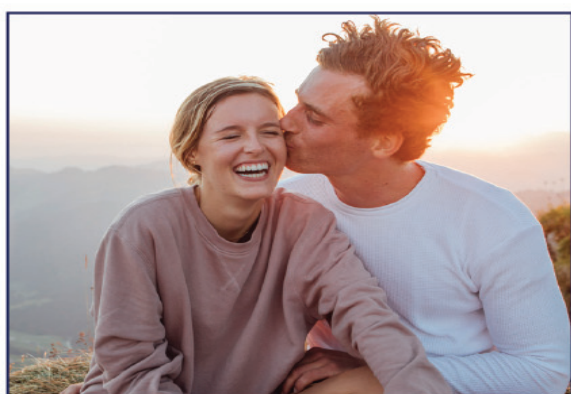
The seminar reached its conclusion shortly before 8 p.m.



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Joshua Camp of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration addresses dozens of local CDL students, drivers, and business owners Wednesday evening at EWC’s program seminar.

COLORECTAL CANCER: LIFESAVING INFO YOUNG ADULTS SHOULD KNOW



If you’re not yet 45, you probably haven’t given colorectal cancer a thought, but there is crucial information younger people should know.

While the overall rates of colorectal cancer are declining in the United States because more people are being screened, the rate of colorectal cancer in younger people is on the rise. Madappa Kundranda, MD, a medical oncologist with Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center at Banner Gateway Medical Center, shared these concerning statistics—newly diagnosed colorectal cancer is up 6% in people under age 45 and up about 20% in people younger than 55.

Reduce Your Risk

- Get at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise or 75 minutes of vigorous exercise each week.
- Eat a plant-based diet—two thirds of every meal with whole grains, vegetables, fruits, nuts and seeds, and one third with lean protein like chicken, fish or tofu.
- Eat no more than 18 ounces of red meat per week. Three ounces is about the size of a pack of cards.
- Limit processed meats: bacon, hot dogs, deli meats.
- Maintain a healthy body weight. Excess fat increases the risk for colorectal cancer.
- Limit alcohol.
- Avoid tobacco.

Be Aware of Symptoms

See a healthcare provider if any of these symptoms last for more than two weeks, even if you’re a teenager or young adult:

- Persistent diarrhea or constipation
- Change in bowel habits: size, shape or frequency
- Discomfort or urge to have a bowel movement when there is no need

- Rectal bleeding
- Blood in your stool or toilet after a bowel movement
- Abdominal pain, cramping in your lower stomach or weakness
- Feeling bloated or full
- Change in appetite
- Unexplained weight loss
- Fatigue, low stamina or more exhaustion than normal

Younger people with a family history of colorectal cancer or those who experience concerning symptoms for more than two weeks should talk to a health care professional.

For information call: 307-532-2107

Read the full article: [bannerhealth.com/healthcareblog/teach-me/colorectal-cancer-lifesaving-info-young-adults-should-know](https://www.bannerhealth.com/healthcareblog/teach-me/colorectal-cancer-lifesaving-info-young-adults-should-know)

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The Blazer and Lady Blazer track teams compete at the Scottsbluff Twilight Invitational on Friday

Girls soccer

The Lady Blazers travel to play Newcastle on Thursday with kickoff scheduled for 4 p.m. Torrington hosts Douglas on April 26 at 4 p.m.

Boys soccer

The Blazers square off against Newcastle at an away game on Thursday at 6 p.m. Torrington hosts Douglas on April 26 at 6 p.m.

Softball

The Torrington High School girls' softball team hosts Cheyenne South for a doubleheader on April 22 at 3 p.m.

Golf

The THS golf team competes at Cheyenne East on Friday.

Southeast Track

The Southeast boys' and girls' track teams compete at the Pine Bluffs Invitational on Friday at 9 a.m.

Lingle-Fort Laramie Track

LFL tracksters are on the road for the George Calvert Invite in Morrill, Nebraska, on Friday.

Eastern Wyo. College Rodeo

The Lancers and Lady Lancers travel to compete at the University of Wyoming from April 19-21.

Men's golf

The Lancer golf team plays at the Central Wyoming College Tournament on April 18-19.

THS tracksters dominate Burns Lady Blazers capture first place at invitational

BY ROBERT GALBREATH
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BURNS – Torrington High School runners, jumpers and throwers left their opponents in the dust at the Burns Invite on April 12, with athletes capturing gold in multiple events and posting new personal and school records.

The Lady Blazers trounced 10 other schools in girls' varsity to place first as a team at 120 points, picking up eight gold medals in the process.

Wheatland came in second at 106 points with the host school in distant third at 96 points.

The Blazer boys placed fourth as a team, tallying 76 points and securing four gold medals.

Sophomore Brooklyn Asmus blew the competition out of the water in both the girls' 100- and 200-meters.

Asmus garnered gold in the 100-meters, beating the runner-up, Desirae Iocovetto, of Wheatland, by an overwhelming 0.34-second margin to clock in with a time of 12.01 seconds. In the 200-meters, Asmus pulled into first place at 24.54 seconds, with nearly one second to spare



ROBERT GALBREATH/TORRINGTON TELEGRAM

Sophomore Brooklyn Asmus explodes from the starting blocks in the 200-meter dash at Burns. Asmus broke the Torrington High School records in two events as well as garnering gold.

over Iacovetto.

Asmus broke the Torrington High School records she previously set this season in both events.

Timing the girls' 3200-meters in at 13 minutes, 43.82 seconds, sophomore Callie Taylor scooped

up first place in the event. Taylor finished more than one minute ahead of the competition, Burns' Payton Pollard.

In hurdles, sophomore Natalie Hawes clinched first place in the girls' 100-meters, crossing the finish line in 16.78 seconds, more

than 0.25 seconds ahead of Lingle-Fort Laramie's Jada Kaufman. Hawes went on to take second place in the 300-meter hurdles at 48.27 seconds.

Sophomore Trishell Pontarolo

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Blazers shatter Worland's 3A conference winning streak



ROBERT GALBREATH/TORRINGTON TELEGRAM

Junior Ayden Shimic tosses the ball back onto the field while defending Torrington's goal on April 12.

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TORRINGTON – The Torrington High School Blazer boys' soccer team battled the Worland Warriors to a 2-2 deadlock by the end of regulation in Torrington on Friday, April 12.

As darkness fell and the lights above the Old Wiseman Field flickered on, the two top-ranked conference opponents selected players for the overtime shootout.

The Blazers lined up and shot in five penalty kicks into the net, including goals by junior Kaiden Riggs, junior Skyler Thomas, sophomore Anthony Arnusch, junior Elijah Hatch and senior Adam Bartlett.

Worland responded with five goals, tying the shootout, 5-5.

Senior Leo Belli stepped up for the Blazers, launching a kick past Worland's goalie.

Worland took its turn to attempt a sixth penalty kick, sending the ball toward junior goalie Ayden Shimic.

Shimic leapt into action, took the dive and wrapped his arms around the ball for an epic save the clinched the Blaz-

ers' victory against Worland, 3-2.

"We played Worland in a game a few weeks ago," Shimic said. "I blocked that same kid in that game, and I knew he was going to kick the same direction. I just dove – you kind of pick a side and go with it and hope for the best. It's a mental game – you gotta get it into your head that you're going to save it."

The Blazers' win against Worland not only avenged a loss to the Warriors early in the season, but secured the No. 1 spot for the Blazers in the 3A East Conference. Torrington also demolished Worland's long standing winning streak against 3A teams.

"Honestly, this is the best feeling I've ever had in my life," Shimic said of the victory. "We ended up breaking a six-year winning streak for Worland (against 3A teams) all on that PK."

Torrington's overall victory was ultimately the result of a gritty team effort and solid team chemistry, Shimic added:

"I'm glad I have a mentally strong team. We did run our mouths a little bit, but we stayed in that game and

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Southeast girls fourth, boys eighth at Burns

BY ROBERT GALBREATH
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BURNS – Due to multiple high school activities over the weekend, Southeast High School fielded a small roster at the Burns Invite on April 12.

Despite its reduced numbers, Southeast tracksters garnered significant hardware and posted nine new personal records, along with several prequalifying times and marks.

The Lady Cyclones took fourth place as a team out of a field of 10 schools with 83 points. The Cyclones came in eighth place with 37 team points.

Senior Harper Boche captured gold in the girls' shot put, launching the device 38 feet, 1 inch. Boche went on to achieve third place in the discus, hitting a mark of 107-03 ½.

In the boys' 400-meters, junior Kannon Tippetts pulled into first place, timing in

with a new person record and state prequalifying time of 52.83 seconds.

Sophomore Kaycee Kosmicki qualified in her third state event at Burns with a second-place finish in the girls' 400-meter at 1 minute, 1.34 seconds.

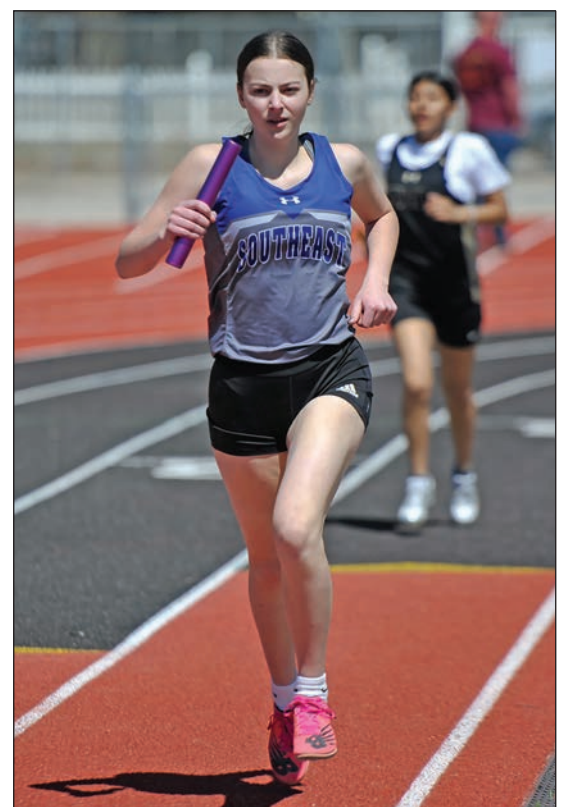
Freshman Bailey Mehling also added her third state event by securing fourth place in the girls' 200-meters with a prequalifying time of 27.53 seconds.

The boys' 4x400-meter relay team punched their state ticket with a third-place finish. Senior Wyatt Gladson, sophomore T.J. Moats, Tippetts and junior William Knowlton timed in with a prequalifying time of 3:51.65.

In throwing events, sophomore Hadley Leithead earned a state berth with a seventh-place finish in the discus at 94-07 ½.

"It was a good day for the kids that chose

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Senior Kylee Llewellyn runs the final leg of the 1600-meter sprint medley relay at Burns.

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TORRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK 24



Photo/Robert Galbreath

Members of the Torrington High School girls' track team include in back row, from left: Wittni Bugher, Teryn Stokes, Kaia Jacobson, Callie Taylor, Tiffany Krueger and Trishell Pontarolo. Front row, from left: Natalie Long, Karlee Mathson, Esperanza Chavez, Ava Mattis, Kadence Schamel, Brooklyn Asmus and Natalie Hawes. Also on the team, but not pictured, is Alyssa Wondercheck.

THS Lady Blazers capture gold at Burns

BURNS – Torrington High School runners, jumpers and throwers left their opponents in the dust at the Burns Invite on April 12, with athletes capturing gold in multiple events and posting new personal and school records. The Lady Blazers trounced 10 other schools in girls' varsity with eight gold medals to place first as a team at 120 points. Wheatland came in second at 106 points with the host school in distant third at 96 points. Sophomore Brooklyn Asmus blew the competition out of the water in both the girls' 100- and 200-meters. Asmus garnered gold in the 100-meters by an overwhelming 0.34-second margin to clock in with a time of 12.01 seconds. In the 200-meters, Asmus pulled into first place at 24.54 seconds, with nearly one second to spare over Iacovetto. Asmus shattered Torrington High School records in both events.

Lady Cyclones snag fourth at Burns

BURNS – Due to multiple high school activities over the weekend, Southeast High School fielded a small roster at the Burns Invite on April 12. Despite its reduced numbers, both the Southeast tracksters garnered significant hardware and posted nine new personal records and several prequalifying times and marks. The Lady Cyclones took fourth place as a team out of a field of 10 schools with 83 points. Senior Harper Boche captured gold in the girls' shot put, launching the device 38 feet, 1 inch. Boche went on to achieve third place in the discus, hitting a mark of 107-03 1/2. Sophomore Kaycee Kosmicki qualified in her third state event at Burns with a second-place finish in the girls' 400-meter at 1 minute, 1.34 seconds. Freshman Bailey Mehling also added her third state event by securing fourth place in the girls' 200-meters with a prequalifying time of 27.53 seconds. In throwing events, sophomore Hadley Leithead earned a state berth with a seventh-place finish in the discus at 94-07 1/2.

SOUTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK 24



Photo/Robert Galbreath

Members of the Southeast High School girls' outdoor track team include in back, from left: Harper Boche, Brooklyn Leithead, Haylee Ekwall, Hadley Leithead and Bailey Mehling. Middle row, from left: Taylor Hansen, Lizzy Boche, Keana Llewellyn, Molly Hasbargen and Haylee Gibson. Front row, from left: Kylee Llewellyn, Sasha Haines and Kaycee Kosmicki. Also on the team, but not pictured, are Tylar Stoddard, Madison Boyden, Kodie Andersen, Anna Hartman and Angie Logsdon.

LINGLE-FORT LARAMIE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK 24



Photo/Robert Galbreath

Members of the LFL girls' track team include in back row, from left: Alisha McGraw, Jada Kaufman, Josie Houk, Holly Leiseth, Natalie Speckner, Izzy Spears, Brianna Lowther and Kenzie Wilkins. Middle row, from left: Avary Rising, Addie Teeters, Charlotte Speckner, Kaiten Schilreff, Anna Frederick, Jordynn Speckner, Addi Wilkins and Madison Hatch. Front row, from left: Haven Torres and Kiera Fleenor. Also on the team, but not pictured, are Grace Gibson and Emma Seals.

Lady Doggers small squad places seventh at Burns

BURNS – A variety of school activities over the weekend meant the Lingle-Fort Laramie (LFL) High School track team fielded a small roster at the 2024 Burns Invite on April 12. Regardless of numbers, both the Doggers and Lady Doggers posted strong performances and placed well on the team leaderboard. The Lady Doggers placed seventh with 53 points. Sophomore Jordynn Speckner punched her state ticket in the 800-meters, posting a prequalifying time of 2:32.59. In the girls' 4x100-meter relay, sophomore Kiera Fleenor, freshman Addi Wilkins, freshman Madison Hatch and junior Grace Gibson punched their state ticket with a fourth-place finish at 54.74 seconds. Junior Jada Kaufman, Hatch, Gibson and Speckner also placed fourth in the 4x400-meter relay, timing in with a prequalifying mark of 4:34.75.

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THS golfers play at Cheyenne

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CHEYENNE – The Torrington High School golf team entered week two of the spring season at the Cheyenne Spring Golf Invitational on April 12 hosted by the Airport County Club.

Eight boys and one girl represented Torrington at the competition featuring a single round of golf.

Junior Kaleigh Waymire tied for 18th place in varsity girls, shooting 97 strokes at 27 over par.

Sophomore Caleb Kelly led the Blazer pack in varsity boys, tying

for 14th place with a score of 79 (nine over par).

“All of our varsity kids had a good day,” coach Jeff Halley said. “Caleb shot one of his best rounds with a 79 to finish 14th in a loaded field. We were missing most of our girls to other activities, but Kaleigh shot a good score of under 100.”

Additional boys' results

T46 Connor Correll – 86

54 Mason Wilkes – 89

T60 Wyatt Lynde – 93

T68 Mason Unverzagt – 97

T82 Hadley Evans – 109

91 Preston Telford – 121

93 Griffin Wolfe – 125

BY KEELEY PULS
Contributing writer

CASPER – The Eastern Wyoming College (EWC) Lancers rodeo team travelled to Casper for the Ropin' and Rigg'in' Days hosted by the Casper College Thunderbirds on April 12-14. Five college athletes representing EWC made it back for short-go Sunday.

In the team roping, two teams with EWC students found their way to the short-go. Brenna Herring of Veteran and Brenlee Logan of Rock Springs came back ninth with a 12.2-second run and ended their weekend tenth. On the heel side, Tyler Clark of Yoder ended his weekend third in the average with two respectable runs of 8.5 and 7.9 seconds.

RaeLee Caldwell, of Gillette, ended her

weekend fifth in the average in the goat tying. A 7.1- and a 9-second run allowed her to gain some points while working toward making her CNFR debut in the middle of June.

In the breakaway roping, freshman Brenna Herring also made an appearance. She put together a 3.1-second run in the long go and a 12.2-second run with a barrier penalty in the short-go to place sixth for the weekend.

Bridger Amiotte, a sophomore from Wall, South Dakota, punched himself a ticket for short-go Sunday with a 6.3-second run in the long-go to finish 10th in the average.

The Lancers travel to Laramie next weekend for the Laramie River Roundup hosted by the University of Wyoming. This will be the final rodeo for the Lancers of the 2023-2024 season, and regional champions will be crowned.

Lady Blazers demonstrate improvement

BY ROBERT GALBREATH
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TORRINGTON – The Torrington High School Lady Blazers exhibited considerable growth over the course of a weekend featuring home games against Worland on Friday, April 12 and Buffalo on Saturday.

The Lady Blazers kicked the action off in a tough matchup against top-ranked Worland with Torrington coming up short, 13-0.

Digging deep, the Lady Blazers returned to the field to square off against the Buffalo Lady Bison less than 12 hours after playing Worland.

While Buffalo prevailed, 7-0, the scoreboard did not reflect the Lady Blazers' grit and determination during the game.

The Torrington offense maintained the pressure on Buffalo's

defenders, launching aggressive attacks deep into Lady Bison territory. The Lady Blazers spent significantly more time in their opponent's side of the field on Saturday.

A solid Torrington defense kept Buffalo in check for most of the first and second halves.

“In the Buffalo game, we definitely made changes from the day before,” coach Tyler Cram said. “Our defense had more control in the backfield, creating opportunities for our players to get the ball to our forward offense. We definitely slowed down Buffalo's attacks and shut down more plays today. Our goal this week is to continue to tune up our defense and work on getting more opportunities offensively.”

Worland

Worland established a 9-0 lead at halftime. The Lady Blazers man-

aged to get in some good punches, however.

Sophomore Kristin Prado played goalie in the first half and tallied eight saves. Defensive hustle by juniors Kayden Tucker and Maggie Jacobson and sophomores Brooklyn McCoy and Kennedy Blevins cleared the backfield. A header by Tucker deflected an attempted shot by Worland.

The Torrington defense stepped up the intensity in the second half, holding Worland to four goals. McCoy served as goalie and made four saves. Prado and sophomores Salma Beltran and Natalie Lira cleared the back- and midfield with defensive plays.

On offense, junior Marisol Munoz broke through Worland's defenders to make a shot on goal.

Buffalo

The Lady Blazer defense kept the Lady Bison offense on its toes in

the first half, holding Buffalo to three goals.

Prado tallied eight saves in the first half as goalie. Beltran, Blevins, Tucker, Lira and sophomore Allie Martinez made solid defensive plays in the backfield and midfield.

Sophomore Macy Tremain delivered a shot on goal early in the first half while Tremain, Munoz and freshman Zoe Wilson led attacks into Buffalo's territory.

Prado continued as goalie into the second half, posting seven more saves, including one on a penalty kick. Munoz found an opening in Buffalo's defense to make a shot on goal.

The Lady Blazers hosted Scottsbluff on Tuesday, April 16. Results were not available at press time. Torrington travels to play Newcastle on April 18 with kickoff scheduled for 4 p.m.

Gold: Top eight finishes at Burns

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leapt into first place in the girls' triple jump, hitting a mark of 36 feet, 7 inches. Pontarolo's best jump measured more than three feet longer than that achieved by the runner-up, Bailey Mehling, of Southeast.

The race for the top two spots in the boys' 1600-meters between senior Zabdiel Munoz and Lingle-Fort Laramie's Sullivan Wilson came down to the wire, with Munoz pulling ahead by nearly three seconds to win at 4:54.63.

Senior Trey Parriott achieved gold in the boys' shot put with a toss measuring 49-09.

In the boys' triple jump, junior Evan Hellus snapped up first place with a leap of 19-07 ³/₄, beating Gering's Eran James by 1.5 feet.

Four of Torrington's five relay teams captured gold. The girls' 4x100-meter team – Asmus, Hawes, junior Jaycee Hurley and senior Alyssa Wondercheck – clocked in more than three seconds ahead of Leyton, Nebraska, to win at 48.95 seconds. The team broke the Torrington High School record in the event they set the previous week.

Asmus, sophomore Natalie Long, Hurley and Wondercheck won the 4x400-meter relay, timing in at 4:17.28 – eight seconds ahead of Leyton.

In the girls' 4x800-meter relay, Taylor, junior Tiffany Krueger, Long and freshman Esperanza Chavez obtained gold with a time of 11:23.47, beating Gering by 2.69 seconds.

Senior Jorey Asmus, sophomore Brady Dagen, Munoz and junior Tyler Nicolay won

the boys' 4x800-meter relay, clocking in at 9:29.26, nearly 40 seconds ahead of Burns.

Girls top eight

Hurley snapped up hardware in two additional events, placing third in the 100-meter dash with a prequalifying time of 12.82 seconds before securing fourth place in the 300-hurdles at 49.89 seconds.

Pontarolo finished fifth in the 200-meters, at 27.86 seconds, and placed fourth in the long jump with a prequalifying mark of 16-09 ¹/₂.

Wondercheck garnered bronze in the long jump, posting a leap of 16-10.

Freshman Sophia Wilson clinched seventh place in the 400-meters, clocking in at 1:09.60.

In throwing events, freshman Kaia Jacobson took fifth place in the discus at 98-04.

Boys top eight

Hellus secured additional hardware in both the 200-meters, placing fifth at 24.31 seconds, and the long jump, finishing fifth at 19-07 ³/₄.

Throwers posted solid performances at Burns. Senior Brayden Frazier snagged silver in the shot put, measuring 46-02, and went on to earn seventh place in the discus, at 109-01 ¹/₂.

Parriott obtained second place in the discus, clearing 126-10.

Junior Brayden Hime placed eighth in the shot put at 38-07.

Freshman Beau Martinez came in fifth place in the 300-hurdles, timing in at 47.11 seconds.

Freshman Matthew Rogers, sophomore Travis Nobs, Asmus and Dagen placed fourth in the 4x400-meter relay at 4:08.15.

Southeast:

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to compete at Burns,” coach Jeff Fullmer said. “We need to get a full team effort together so we can run the (girls') 4x800-meters and get a time for that in the next week or two to see where we stack up at the state level.”

The team is preparing for a hectic schedule over the next two weeks, including the Best of the West in Scottsbluff on April 23 and the Wyoming Track Classic in Casper on April 26.

“We need to start cleaning up some things so we can get relays, starts and marks ready for regionals and state,” Fullmer added.

Girls top eight

Senior Sasha Haines snagged fifth place in the 100-meters, posting a time of 13.31 seconds.

Representing Southeast in the pole vault, junior Angie Logsdon placed fifth in the event with a mark of 8-06. Logsdon also snapped up seventh place in the 800-meters at 2:56.58.

In long distance events, junior Anna Hartman raced into third place in the 1600-meters, timing in at 7:19.84.

Mehling garnered second place

in the triple jump, leaping 33-06.

Freshman Haylee Ekwall clinched second place in the shot put, hitting a mark of 34-11 ¹/₂. Senior Madison Boyden placed seventh in the event with a personal record of 31-04 ¹/₂.

Relay highlights included a third-place finish for Mehling, sophomore Molly Hasbargen, Kosmicki and Haines in the 4x100-meters at 53.89 seconds.

Freshman Liz Boche, Mehling, Haines and Kosmicki also took third place in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4:29.89.

Clocking the 1600-meter sprint medley relay in at 5:16.99, Hasbargen, Liz Boche, senior Kylee Llewellyn and Haines finished third in the event.

Boys top eight

Tippetts captured silver in the 800-meters, timing in at 2:17.70.

Gladson secured second place in the 400-meters, clocking in at 54.38 seconds. The senior also placed eighth in the 200-meters at 24.44 seconds.

Gladson, senior Lance York, sophomore Liam Haas and freshman Trevor Jolovich obtained fifth place in the 4x100-meter relay at 49.92 seconds.

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THURSDAY EVENING APRIL 18, 2024

Table of TV listings for Thursday evening, April 18, 2024, including channels like KCWC, KNEP, KSTF, and programs such as 'Train Journeys', 'Doc Martin', and 'The Mummy Returns'.

FRIDAY EVENING APRIL 19, 2024

Table of TV listings for Friday evening, April 19, 2024, including channels like KCWC, KNEP, KSTF, and programs such as 'Week (N) Wyoming', 'Shark Tank', and 'The Avengers'.

SATURDAY EVENING APRIL 20, 2024

Table of TV listings for Saturday evening, April 20, 2024, including channels like KCWC, KNEP, KSTF, and programs such as 'Lawrence Welk', 'Basketball First Round', and 'The Shawshank Redemption'.

SUNDAY EVENING APRIL 21, 2024

Table of TV listings for Sunday evening, April 21, 2024, including channels like KCWC, KNEP, KSTF, and programs such as 'Call the Midwife', 'Mr Bates-Post', and 'The Day After Tomorrow'.

MONDAY EVENING APRIL 22, 2024

Table of TV listings for Monday evening, April 22, 2024, including channels like KCWC, KNEP, KSTF, and programs such as 'Antiques (N)', 'American Experience', and 'The Bachelor'.

TUESDAY EVENING APRIL 23, 2024

Table of TV listings for Tuesday evening, April 23, 2024, including channels like KCWC, KNEP, KSTF, and programs such as 'Countdown to War', 'Express (N)', and 'The Bachelor'.

WEDNESDAY EVENING APRIL 24, 2024

Table of TV listings for Wednesday evening, April 24, 2024, including channels like KCWC, KNEP, KSTF, and programs such as 'Changing (N) SP', 'A Brief History (N)', and 'The Bachelor'.

Real estate advertisement for Windmill Realty featuring Heather Kraus, Curtis Birkley, and Deanna Gerrad. The ad includes contact information and the company logo.

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159 Announcements

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163 Lost & Found

Lost your kitten? Call 532-2184. Our lost and found classifieds are FREE. Ask today about including a photo

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239 Help Wanted - Part Time

Homemaker to work in homes for seniors. 25-35 hours per week. Application available at 216 East 19th ave. EOE Open until filled. 4/19

345 Firewood

FREE recycled paper for fire starter. Pick up at Torrington Telegram. Please use back door facing alley. TFN

359 Misc-For Sale

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The TOWN OF LINGLE is accepting applications for a person to clean Town Hall and The Lingle Community Center building every week and as needed. A listing of cleaning duties may be obtained at the Lingle Town Hall. Deadline for applications is April 26, 2024 at 4:00 PM. Applications can be picked up at 220 Main Street, Lingle, WY or downloaded online at townoflingle.com.
TOWN OF LINGLE
Main St.—Lingle, WY— 837-2422

The Town of Lingle is accepting applications for a summer P/T Maintenance Employee. This is a part-time position and requires being able to lift 50 pounds and be able to perform basic grounds keeper duties. Applications can be obtained and turned into Lingle Town Hall, 220 Main Street, Lingle, WY 82223. The application deadline is April 30, 2024. Pay is based on qualifications and experience. The Town of Lingle is an EOE.
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Address:
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Torrington, WY 82240

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Weekly Shopper, Thursday, 3 p.m.
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PLEASE READ your ad on the first day of publication. If there are mistakes, notify us immediately. We will make changes for errors and adjust your bill, but only if we receive notice on the first day the ad is published. We limit our liability to you in this way, and we do not accept liability for any damages which may result from an error or omission in an ad.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a Promissory Note (the "Note") dated May 17, 2019, executed and delivered by Judi K. Fogle and Dennis A. Fogle ("Mortgagors") to loanDepot.com, LLC, and a real estate Mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for loanDepot.com, LLC, its successors and assigns, as Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded on June 3, 2019, at Reception No. 967524, in Book 938, at Page 437 MTGE in the public records in the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Goshen County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: NexBank Assignment dated: July 19, 2022 Assignment recorded: August 1, 2022 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 989008, in Book 977, at Page 6 All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Goshen County, Wyoming.

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage as of March 22, 2024 being the total sum of \$334,719.13, plus interest, costs expended, late charges, and attorneys' fees accruing thereafter through the date of sale;

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE NexBank, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Goshen County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on April 26, 2024 in the lobby of the Goshen County Courthouse located at 2125 East A Street, Torrington, WY 82240, for application on the above described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

The Land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Goshen, State of Wyoming, and is described as follows:

Lots 1 and 2, First Coffee Grounds, Goshen County, Wyoming.

With an address of 4703 Road 74, Torrington, WY 82240 (the undersigned disclaims liability for any error in the address).

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

Mortgagee shall have the exclusive right to rescind the foreclosure sale during the redemption period. In the event that the sale is rescinded or vacated for any reason, the successful purchaser shall only be entitled to a refund of their purchase price and/or statutory interest rate.

Dated: March 14, 2024 NexBank By: Katelyn Krabbenhoft Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 376 East 400 South, Suite 300 Salt Lake City, UT 84111 801-355-2886 HWM File # WY10487

Public Notice No. 8925 published in the Torrington Telegram on March 27, April 3, 10 and 17, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHEYENNE, WYOMING NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR HIGHWAY WORK

Notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Transportation has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming and Reiman, The Contractor, on Highway Project Number B222001 & DR26002 in Converse, Platte and Natrona Counties, consisting of bridge rehabilitation, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on May 21, 2024.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is April 10, 2024.

Pam Fredrick Senior Budget Analyst Budget Program Wyoming Department of Transportation

Public Notice No. 8939 published in the Torrington Telegram on April 10, 17 and 24, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHEYENNE, WYOMING NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF

AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR HIGHWAY WORK

Notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Transportation has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming and Bituminous Paving, Inc., The Contractor, on Highway Project Number B222013 & B222033 in Converse, Goshen, Sweetwater and Natrona Counties, consisting of chip sealing, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on May 21, 2024.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is April 10, 2024.

Pam Fredrick Senior Budget Analyst Budget Program Wyoming Department of Transportation

Public Notice No. 8940 published in the Torrington Telegram on April 10, 17 and 24, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF WYOMING) COUNTY OF GOSHEN) ss.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Civil Action Case No. 2024-CV-34

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF)

Jayda Bryn Floyd) Minor Child, By Next Friend,) Breanne Trumbull)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice to Jason Lee Floyd Respondent. Respondent's Current Address: 127 S 18th Street Apt #1 Lincoln, NE 68508.

You are notified that a Petition For Change of Name of Minor Child,, Civil Action No. 2024-CV-34, has been filed in the Wyoming District Court for the Eighth Judicial District, Whose address is 2125 East A Street, Torrington, WY, 82240 seeking to change the name of the minor child Jayda Bryn Floyd to Jayda Bryn Trumbull.

Unless you file a Response or otherwise respond to the Petition referenced above within 30 days following the last date of publication of this notice, a default judgement will be taken and the requested name change may be granted.

DATED this 5th day of April, 2024. BY CLERK OF COURT: Brandi Correa

Public Notice No. 8946 published in the Torrington Telegram on April 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED: You are hereby notified that on April 2, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Gary Flock, deceased, was admitted to probate by the District Court, Eighth Judicial District, Goshen County, Wyoming, Docket No. 2024-CV-33-DC, and Sharon Utter was appointed personal representative. 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 the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the office of the attorney for the estate, John J. Maier, 310 West Valley Rd Suite B, PO Box 1094, Torrington, WY 82240-1094.

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

DATED April 2, 2024. s/Sharon Utter, Personal Representative

Public Notice No. 8947 published in the Torrington Telegram on April 10, 17 and 24, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given of the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHWG or the Company), for authority to revise its established distribution areas and Wobbe Indices, as more fully described below.

1. BHWG is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D) and 37-2-112.

2. On March 26, 2024, BHWG submitted its Application requesting authority to revise its established distribution areas and Wobbe Indices. Specifically, the Company proposes updating the Wobbe Indices for the Riverton-Kinnear Area, Lander-Hudson Area, Arapahoe Area, Ethete-Fort Washakie Area, Pavillion Area, and Shoshoni Area. The Company states that many of the Wobbe Indices in effect were established in the 1980s, and are outdated due to changes in the natural gas supply, and that several of the locations used to test the supply are redundant. BHWG states that its proposed measurement points and methods will better represent a more constant and accurate measurement of gas quality delivered to customers than previously available.

3. This is not a complete description of the Application. The complete Application is available at the Commission's offices or online at: https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx (Enter Record No. 17533).

4. Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest, or request for a hearing must do so in writing, on or before May 6, 2024. Petitions shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner

in this proceeding. Please mention Docket No. 30026-89-GA-24 in your communications.

5. 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. Communications-impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated: April 5, 2024.

Public Notice No. 8948 published in the Torrington Telegram on April 10 and 17, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Goshen County School District No.1 Board of Trustees will conduct a special board meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Office located at 626 West 25th Avenue, Torrington, WY. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct an executive session to discuss performance issues pertaining to an employee, public officer, or professional person, offer per-

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GOSHEN COUNTY, WYOMING Tuesday April 2, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners of Goshen County, Wyoming met in regular session on the above date at 9:00 am at the Goshen County Courthouse in the Commissioners Chambers with the following members present, Chairman Michael McNamee, Commissioner Aaron Walsh, and Mary Feagler, County Clerk and Clerk of the Board. Commissioner Burkart was unable to attend.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Walsh moved to approve the revised agenda and the March 19th meeting minutes, seconded and passed. Chairman McNamee opened the meeting welcoming all in attendance. He mentioned a meeting that will be held at the Yoder Community Building with representation from Senator Barrasso's office. He also briefly mentioned the public hearing on the Solar Regulations.

Clerk of Court Brandi Correa presented her monthly earnings report for March in the amount of \$3,153.00. Commissioner Walsh moved to accept the Clerk of District Court earnings report, seconded and passed.

County Planner Mike Tietjen began his report by announcing one change in the proposed Solar Regulations. The date of proposed adoption was changed. County Surveyor Bob Taylor had four Plat maps for approval. They were Riggs 3rd Filing, Scott De-Annexation, Eberling-Najera Subdivision, and River Front Subdivision, Final Plat. Commissioner Walsh moved to approve the subdivisions, seconded and passed. Boyd Wagner, Road and Bridge Superintendent reported for the Department. Commissioner Walsh moved to accept the Road and Bridge report, seconded and passed.

County Clerk Mary Feagler presented her monthly reports. The monthly earnings report for the County Clerk's Office is \$12,954.00. She also presented the warrant report and the earnings report for approval. Commissioner Walsh moved to approve the warrant report and earnings report, seconded and passed. The following warrants were approved for payment: Employee Payroll 246445.68; Circuit Court Go Co Payroll Liability 675.23; Dist Court Go Co Garnish 875.92; OK Centralized Support Registry Garnish 472.23; Wy NCPERS Life Insurance 32.00; B Benzel Payroll Liability 192.10; B Benzel Payroll Liability 25.28; County Clerk Health Ins Acct 97435.33; County Clerk FTD Insurance 70908.52; Great West Trust Retirement 1850.00; 911 Supply Uniform 198.97; AccuScreen Training 80.00; Airgas Grant 56.95; A Sauer Elec Training 56.95; BAM Doc Destruction Supplies 1364.00; Barnes Law Ct Appt Atty 2080.80; Benchmark Retainer 150.00; Benchmark CRF Survey 6706.25; Benzel Shop Tool 325.25; Black Hills Energy Utility 1530.98; Bloedorn Lumber Rd Maint 765.06; Bluffs Facility Solutions Janitorial 943.77; Bomgaars Shop Tool 3531.62; Butlers Auto Misc 222.00; Cmon Inn Elec Training 392.00; C Wardell Elec Training 280.56; Capital Business Systems Equip 575.92; Cash-Wa Dietary 12005.91; Casper Medical HCS 172.93; CCAW Elec Training 2962.50; CDW Government Software 1219.96; Century Lumber Repair 148.95; Century-Link Internet 276.97; Charles Sylvester Gravel 3393.00; City of Torrington Utility 6710.41; CMI-Teco Repair 1825.43; Community Hospital HCS 686.00; Complete Wireless Tech Grant 24040.00; Copier Connection Equip 259.03; Coulson Law Ct Appt Atty 240.00; Culligan Water Supplies 264.90; Dell Equip 5755.96; Dooley Oil Fuel 19935.34; Eakes Supplies 988.00; EGI - Wy State Auditor Ins 1366.62; ESRI Maint/Warr 550.00; Essential Fuel 38.49; First State Bank Maintainer 196881.49; Frank Parts Repair 1061.31; Geographic Innovations Mapping 4000.00; Go Co Clerk Grant 1023.51; Go Co Road & Bridge Supplies 81.69; Goshen County Treasurer Rent 756.95; Goshen Financial Strategies Ins Consult 2000.00; Great American Financial Equip 340.00; H Dittmer Travel 14.74; Herbert Doby PubDefGAL 3333.34; Hometown Auto Vehicle Repair 249.00; Ideal Linen Janitorial 641.71; Inland Truck Repair 716.49; James Church Retain 444.38; J Bowen Supplies 178.38; Jims Plumbing Repair 164.19; K Palfy Travel 107.20; Kaufman Glass Repair 1610.00; Kenneth Brown Ct Appt Atty 684.00; KERM-FM Publishing 270.00; K Flock Repair 790.57; Legacy Coop Fuel 164.49; L Saucedo Grant 1726.30; Maid It Clean Maint 3008.00; M Strong Grant 64.99; McKesson Medical Supplies 70.09; Medico-Mart Medical Supplies 5180.74; M Johnson Grant 38.86; Ms Lorrie Car Wash Vehicle Repair 150.00; Natl Sheriff's Assn Dues 250.00; NMC Fuel 359.85; Norma Cantu HCS 580.00; Oreilly Vehicle Repair 10.48; Office Ally Medical Supplies 39.95; Office of the State Public Defender 34255.39; Olson Tire Repair 1042.85; Pitney Bowes Supplies 91.29; Print Express Shop Tools 95.68; Public Defenders Office PubDef 300.00; Quadient Finance Postage 925.00; Quadient Leasing Equip 330.00; Russell Business Services GASB 366.05; Stericycle HCS 61.74; Sublette County Treasurer Dues 455.00; Summit Fire Maint 275.00; TDS Utility 194.00; The Practice After School Program Grant 771.90; The Radar Shop Equip 455.00; Torr Office Supply Supplies 2562.38; Torr Telegram Publishing 2738.02; Trane Repair 1307.50; UW Extension Salary Agree 8170.50; Valley Motor Repair 1089.63; Vandel Drug HCS 516.42; Verizon Travel 1657.87; Victim Assistance Em Asst 222.12; Visa 2 Election Training 157.53; Visa 11 Travel 263.13; Visa 14 Shop Tools 763.27; Visa 22 PH Wkfc Dev 271.80 ; Visa EM Grant Vehicle 4441.49; Visa IT Maint 8935.70; Visa Sheriff Dietary 921.53; Vistabeam Internet 95.90; Vyve Tele 846.35; Vyve Internet 2331.00; Walk-N-Roll Repair 1186.12; WC&PAA Atty Fees 200.00; West Hwy Water Sewer Dist Utility 88.00; Western Pathology Autopsy 1000.00; Wy Behavioral Institute Placement Svcs 3016.00; Wy Clerk of Dist Court Assn Misc 150.00; Wy First Aid & Safety Supply Shop Tools 23.13; Wy Machinery Repair 432.04; Wy Public Health Lab Medical Supplies 96.00; X Lazy H LLC Rent 425.00; Yoder Fire Dist FD ST/FED 45928.94; Zell Heating and Cooling Shop Tools 99.00; Wy Dept of Employment-Workforce Svcs Workers Comp 7374.46; Wy Retirement System Retirement 55812.43; Total Warrants \$698,129.19

Fire Warden/Emergency Manager Thom Bozeman presented his monthly report. Commissioner Walsh moved to accept the Emergency Manager and Fire Warden report, seconded and passed.

County Assessor Debbi Surrat reported for her Department. Assessments will be mailed out on April 17th. She reported on the new legislation that effected property taxes. Commissioner Walsh moved to accept the Assessor report, seconded and passed.

County Maintenance Supervisor Kevin Flock presented his monthly report. Commissioner Walsh moved to accept the Maintenance report, seconded and passed.

In old business GID asked if the County Commissioners would be willing to sign a letter of support to US Representative Harriet Hageman, for appropriation of funding for the permanent repair of the irrigation tunnels that collapsed in 2019. The letter was needed ahead of the April 2nd Commissioner meeting and so Chairman McNamee signed the letter on March 25th. Commissioner Walsh moved to ratify the signing of the letter of support, seconded and passed.

Cindy Kenyon presented the TANF CPI Grant for approval for the grant application and to reduce the administration fees to 5% from 10%. Commissioner Walsh moved to approve the application and reduce the administration fees, seconded and passed.

Wyoming Child and Family Development of the State of Wyoming has asked for funding from the Goshen County Commissioners, Commissioner Walsh moved to support Wyoming Child Family and Development in the amount of \$1,500, seconded and passed.

The County Clerk Mary Feagler presented necessary budget amendments to account for unanticipated income and expenses. Commissioner Walsh moved to approve the amendments as submitted, seconded and passed. The amendments are as follows:

Department:	Expense	Income	Purpose
Commissioners'	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	Unanticipated WCCA expense operations
Commissioners'	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	Arpa Funds EM Software & payroll expense
Emergency Manager	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Unanticipated Expenses siren general fund
Emergency Manager	\$47,396.00	\$47,396.00	Unanticipated grant income
Emergency Manager	\$38,610.00	\$38,610.00	Unanticipated grant income
Emergency Manager	\$43,500.00	\$43,500.00	Unanticipated grant income for EM vehicle
Emergency Manager	\$43,500.00	\$43,500.00	EM Vehicle grant match general fund
Road and Bridge	\$318,625.00	\$318,625.00	Maintainer purchase general fund
Fire Warden	\$594,022.00	\$594,022.00	Federal funds Equipment and wages pass thru
Fire Warden	\$2,880.00	\$2,880.00	Tower funds pass through
Public Health Officer	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	State payment 22/23 catch up payment
County General	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	Unanticipated expense general fund
Victims Assistance	\$700.00	\$700.00	Unanticipated grant income for supplies

Brian and Connie Wells along with Dave and Aimee Unverzagt came to the Commissioner meeting in regard to Road 84. The road provides access to the Wells home and the nearest access to the irrigation headgate for several area farmers. The road is not a County road and Tim Bartel has restricted public access by posting no trespassing signs.

The Commission adjourned at 11:20 am. The next regular meeting will be April 16th at 9:00 am at the usual place and time. Per Wyo. Stat. §18-3-516(f), access to the county information can be obtained at www.goshencounty.org or by calling the Clerk's office (307)532-4051(approved for publication)

Attest: Mary B. Feagler Goshen County Clerk Michael McNamee Chairman Goshen County Commission

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sonnel contracts and conduct a work session for the preliminary 2024-2025 budget. This meeting is open to the public.

s/Chris Alexander, Clerk Goshen County School District No. 1

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Public Teleconference Toll Free Call-In Number: 1-866-414-2828 Participation Code for Public Teleconference: 168919# Comments on the DBE goal for FY 2024 -

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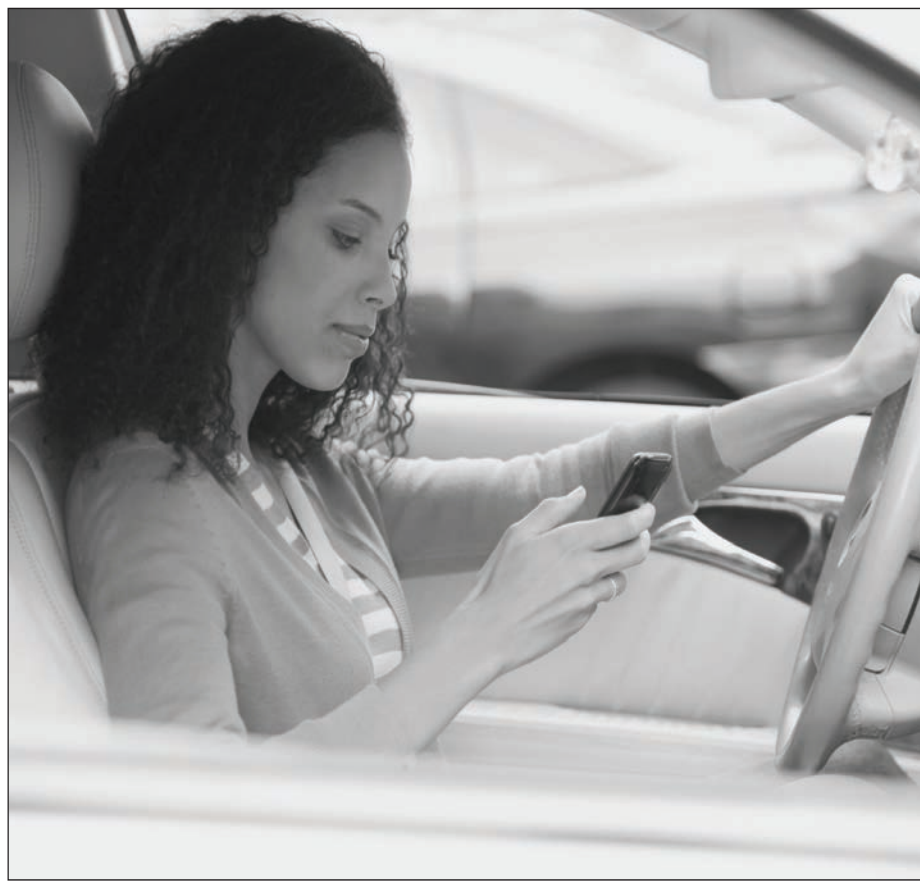
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Wyoming crash data from 2017 – 2021 report that distracted driving is suspected in around 6.5% of all traffic crashes. Male drivers are more likely to be distracted (59%) than female drivers (41%) and 58% of distracted drivers were aged 34

years or less. During that time, 4,561 crashes were reported as suspected distracted driving. These crashes included 185 critical crashes, 1,083 serious crashes, and 3,293 damage crashes and resulted in 50 fatal injuries. (WYDOT Highway Safety report March-April 2022).

So what is considered distracted driving? Distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving. This can include talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with the stereo,

entertainment or navigation system, anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving.

In Wyoming, for the same time period mentioned above, the suspected types of driver distraction report in distracted driving crashes were,

- Other distraction inside the motor vehicle (43%)
- Other distraction outside the motor vehicle (31%)
- Electronic communication device (21%)
- Other electronic device (5%)

Texting is the most common electronic device distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed. Using a cell phone while driving creates an enormous potential for deaths and injuries. In 2022, on average nine (9) people are killed a day in the United States by distracted drivers.

1. Recognize the risks. Using an electronic device, drowsiness, eating and drinking, focusing on other passengers in the vehicle are among the riskiest driving distractions. Driving while

texting became illegal in Wyoming in July 2010. In addition, some cities in Wyoming have laws regarding handheld devices.

2. Turn off the phone. Power off cell phones and other mobile electronic devices until you reach your destination or pull over in a safe and legal place if you cannot wait to talk or text.

3. Keep Calm. Stay calm in stressful driving situations and don't respond in kind to another driver's erratic or aggressive driving.

4. Prepare for your trip. Preprogram music and navigational systems.

5. Identify distracted drivers. Look out for motorists who are drifting from their lanes, driving at inconsistent speeds, or are preoccupied by other distracted behaviors.

The serious consequences to you and others on the road are not worth texting or talking on the phone. Wait until you safely arrive at your location.

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LFL track teams place well at Burns

BY ROBERT GALBREATH
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BURNS – A variety of school activities over the weekend meant the Lingle-Fort Laramie (LFL) High School track team fielded a small roster at the 2024 Burns Invite on April 12.

Regardless of numbers, both the Doggers and Lady Doggers posted strong performances and placed well on the team leaderboard.

The Doggers tied for fifth as a team out of 10 schools with 70 cumulative points. The Lady Doggers placed seventh with 53 points.

Junior Brody Roberts won the boys' 800-meters by a 17-second margin. Roberts clocked the event in at just 0.09 seconds over 2 minutes to secure the victory.

Timing the boys' 3200-meters in at 11 minutes, 9.87 seconds, sophomore Sullivan Wilson snagged gold in the event. Wilson beat the runner-up, Cooper Sanchez of Burns, by nearly 40 seconds.

Sophomore Jordynn Speckner punched her state ticket in the 800-meters, posting a prequalifying time of 2:32.59.

Fellow sophomore Brady Cook qualified for state in the 110-hurdles, clinching second place at 16.34 seconds.

Three relay teams captured state berths. The boys' 4x100-meter team – junior Cooper Smith, freshman Lucas Ingram, junior Ned Nelson and Cook – secured third place with a prequalifying time of 47.77 seconds.

In the girls' 4x100-meter relay, sophomore Kiera Fleenor, freshman Addi Wilkins, freshman Madison Hatch and junior Grace Gibson punched their state ticket with a fourth-place finish at 54.74 seconds.

Junior Jada Kaufman, Hatch, Gibson and Speckner also placed fourth in the 4x400-meter relay, timing in with a prequalifying mark of 4:34.75.

"We saw some big improvements this week," coach Mike Lashley said. "It was nice to reach a few more pre-qualifying marks, especially in the relays. This will give us some options when we head to regionals. We had a couple athletes just miss their prequalifying mark, but I am fairly confident they will hit those in the next few weeks."

Girls top eight

Kaufman snapped up second place in the 100-meter hurdles, clocking in at 17.07 seconds. Wilkins secured eighth place in the event at 19.41 seconds.

In the 300-hurdles, Kaufman placed fifth, at 50.39 seconds, with Wilkins in sixth, at 53.64

seconds. Sophomore Kaiten Schilreff took sixth place in the long jump, hitting a mark of 15-02 ¼. Schilreff went on to place eighth in the triple jump at 30-02 ¼.

Wilkins came in seventh place in the triple jump with a mark of 30-02 ½.

In throwing events, sophomore Avary Rising garnered fourth place in the shot put at 33-01.

Senior Izzy Spears led the LFL pack in the discus, finishing fourth at 106-05 ½. Rising placed sixth in the event at 95-03 ½.

Boys top eight

In distance events, Wilson pulled into second place in the 1600-meters with a time of 4:57.60. Freshman Tyler Smith took fifth place in the event at 5:43.69. Tyler Smith secured fourth place in the 3200-meters, clocking in at 12:12.96.

Ingram picked up seventh place in the 300-hurdles with a time of 48.50 seconds.

Representing LFL in the pole vault, junior Nathan Fish finished sixth at 10-00.

In throwing events, Cook garnered bronze in the discus with a toss of 119-10.

Cooper Smith scooped up fifth place in the discus, at 115-11, and placed sixth in the shot put, measuring 40-04.



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Freshman Addi Wilkins comes in for a landing in the triple jump at Burns. Wilkins placed seventh in the event.

Lancer golfers win home tourney, posting a new team record

BY ROBERT GALBREATH
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CHEYENNE – An exceptional weekend for the Eastern Wyoming College (EWC) Lancers culminated with the golf team winning the two-day home tournament at Torrington's Cottonwood Country Club on April 12-13.

The Lancers advanced to the top spot on the leaderboard with a two-day total of 555 strokes, shooting consistently at 280 on Friday and 275 on Saturday.

EWC's cumulative score came in at 21-under-par, a new record for the Lancers.

Freshman Tytan Birchell captured first place on the leaderboard after two days of competition at 137 strokes. Birchell improved from 71 on Friday to 66 on Saturday to shoot seven-under-par.

"I'm so proud of the way the guys played both days," coach Zach Smith said. "They keep getting better and better and you never know who is going

to step up each day. Last fall, we set a team record at 16 under par, tied it last week, and this week they shattered it by shooting 21 under par. We have so many guys playing great golf."

Freshmen Taiki Sugawara and Joshua Chapman tied for second place at 139 (five under par). Sugawara shot 68 in the first round and 71 in the second. Chapman completed the first day at 72 and moved up to 67 on Saturday.

Sophomore Leander Suttka garnered fourth place at 142 (-2), shooting 69 on Friday and 73 on Saturday.

Freshman Braylon Bingham tied for fifth place at 143 (72-71, -1). Fellow freshman Jax Oviatt tied for eighth at 144 (68-76, on par) with freshman Jordan Hunt tying for 10th place at 145 (73-72, +1).

Additional results

- T12 Coltin Powell – 146 (74-72, +2)
- T16 Ryker Dunkley – 148 (75-73, +4)
- T16 Brody Deacon – 148 (76-72, +4)
- 23 Mathis Fortin – 150 (75-75, +6)
- T35 Tyler Wallace – 161 (80-81, +17)
- 37 Tyler Fraser – 163 (81-82, +19)



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EWC freshman Joshua Chapman hits the ball onto the putting green during the first round of the home tournament at Cottonwood Country Club on April 12. Chapman tied for second place at the tournament.

Blazers: Battle against Worland comes down to OT shootout

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we didn't let them beat us. I'd like to point out that my defense did such a great job not letting off that many shots and that my offense doing a great job attacking."

Torrington returned to the pitch on Saturday afternoon to trounce Buffalo, 6-1, and post an undefeated record for the weekend.

"This was a great weekend for the Blazers," coach Gabe Bartlett said. "The game against Worland pitted two good teams against each other. I had a feeling it was going to come down to an overtime shootout and we worked on PKs all week. Against Buffalo, our team responded well to an initial 0-1 deficit in the first half."

Arnusch scored the two goals for the Blazers during regulation against Worland on Friday. Shimic posted

at least six saves against the Worland Warriors.

On Saturday, Thomas set the pace for the Blazer offense with three goals in the first half, assisted by Hatch and Arnusch.

Hatch netted two goals in the second half with sophomore Beaux Shimic shooting in his first goal for the season. Assists included plays by Arnusch and freshman Braxton Carlson. As goalie, Ayden Shimic made 12 saves against Buffalo.

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