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Golden Hour

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Porter Webb (left) and Brooklyn Benson show some sparkle as they celebrate Wheatland High School's "Golden Hour" prom theme during the Grand March on Saturday.



Among the 25 students attending the 2024 Wyoming Art Symposium in Casper, Jazmine Cain, Rachee Clark, Kida Cooklin, Mikaya Cornett, Julia Downes, Trevin Graves, Savannah Haecker, Elaine Henion, Kailyn Henthorne, Sasha Jackson, Madi Lange, Jennifer Pena, Maria Skager, and Aunnaleia Speiker take a moment for a photo.

Art students excel at symposium

By Lisa Phelps

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CASPER – Eighty-one pieces were submitted by Wheatland High School art students in the 56th annual Wyoming Art Symposium in Casper. Some projects included a wire sculpture scorpion, acrylic paintings, graphite drawings, a group project of a basketball court made with popsicle sticks, and a six-foot cardboard-and-paper-maché sword made by Trevin Graves.

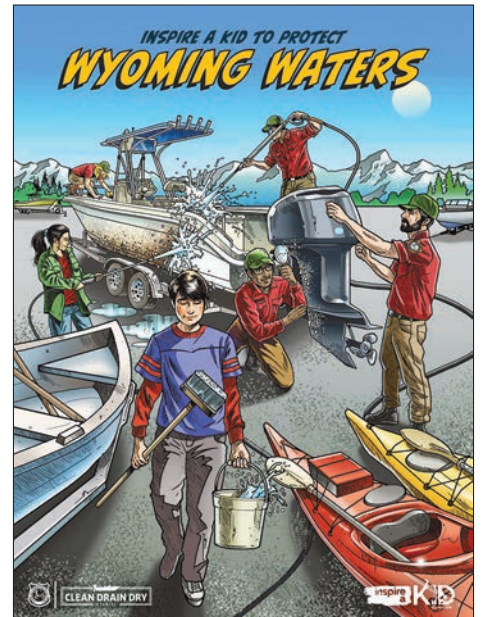
Aunnaleia Speiker won a blue ribbon for her ceramic dragon sculpture light. She used clay to sculpt the dragon head and clear glass domes for the eyes, explained art teacher Micah Brant. "She placed a small LED light inside to create the glow of the dragon's eyes and created small butterflies to place around the head and nose of the dragon."

The symposium is the largest statewide art show of any state in the nation, with around 3,000 submissions by 73 schools across Wyoming. Entries are all judged in their respective categories without regard to school size.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Winning a blue ribbon at the 2024 Wyoming Art Symposium is no small feat. Aunnaleia Speiker poses with her ribbon and winning sculpture from the mixed media entry.



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The Wyoming Game and Fish Department publication, *Wyoming Wildlife* magazine, has developed an activity book all about aquatic invasive species inside their May special issue, which focuses on kids and families to teach them about aquatic invasive species and teaches them how to stop the spread of AIS.

Sun, fun and water sports

Everyone is urged to keep their watercraft clean, drained and dry to prevent invasive species from entering Wyoming waterways.

By Lisa Phelps

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GLENDO – Residents and visitors to all Wyoming bodies of water are required to follow guidelines to safeguard against introducing invasive species that hitchhike on boats and other watercrafts. A Clean, Drain, Dry protocol has been in effect in Wyoming for several years and includes several watercraft Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) check stations at key points in the region.

According to Wyoming Game and Fish Department regulations, "All watercraft must stop at any open watercraft check station on their route of travel, regardless of previous destination and intention to launch in Wyoming." Janet Milek, Casper region public information specialist for WGFD. "So, if you are going to Glendo and you drive past the check station, you must stop for a three- to five-minute inspection. Inspectors are looking for any invasive aquatic species, but if boaters follow the clean, drain, dry protocol, the inspection will go fast."

Invasive species of zebra and quagga mussels have proven detrimental to native species and a rapid change in habitat of waterways in which they are introduced. As a result, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department is increasingly vigilant to prevent their introductions in Wyoming's waterways. People planning to be on the water with any type of watercraft are required to CLEAN all equipment and gear of plants, mud and debris and never to move an animal or plant from one location to another. DRAIN all water from gear and equipment (including all watercraft, waders, boots, clothing, buckets, or anything coming into contact with the water.) Additionally, Bilge, ballast, and livewell plugs must be pulled when leaving the water and remain out during transport, and all vegetation must be removed from the watercraft upon leaving the water.

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Farm Bureau Federation scholarships

For the Record-Times

WHEATLAND – Three Wheatland students seeking agriculture degrees were awarded scholarships by the Platte County Farm Bureau Federation Board. Laynie Goertz, Cole Goertz, and Savanna Metz meet the requirements of having parents that are Farm Bureau members, and the students are each seeking agriculture degrees. Metz is currently attending Oklahoma State University, Laynie



Laynie Goertz



Cole Goertz



Savanna Metz

Goertz plans to attend Chadron State College, and Cole Goertz plans to attend Northern Wyoming Community College in Sheridan.

Schools to offer free meals to students throughout summer

For the Record-Times

WHEATLAND – Platte County School District No. 1 announces it will be offering a free summer meal program for any child 18 and younger. Meals or snacks will be provided through the Summer Food Service Program at the Wheatland Middle School as part of a federally funded, state-administered program to help provide nutritious meals for children in local communities.

From June 3 through July 30, breakfast will be served between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be served 11 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. Food service director for PCSD No. 1, Marie Allison, can be reached at 307-322-3175 for more information.



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Community participates in day of prayer

By Lisa Phelps

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WHEATLAND – Prayer for our nation, community, schools and state were spoken in group gatherings Thursday at the flagpoles of Wheatland Middle School, Wheatland High School and the Platte County Courthouse. All members of the community were welcome to participate. The noon gathering was in coordinated timing with other groups across the nation.

Traditionally, citizens have gathered to pray since the First Continental Congress of 1775, but in 1952 the National Day of Prayer was established as the first Thursday in May by the United States Congress. 2024 marks the 73rd National Day of Prayer and features the theme “Lift up the word (of God), light the world,” based on 2 Samuel 22:29 – 31.



LISA PHELPS/PC RECORD-TIMES

On Thursday, community members gathered at the flag poles of Wheatland Middle School before school and at the Platte County Courthouse at noon to pray for our nation during National Day of Prayer. It was a casual gathering with people taking a few minutes at a time to join the groups as they were able.

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FBLA students score at state, head to nationals

For the Record-Times

WHEATLAND – Several Wheatland High School students will be headed to national FBLA competition this summer.

The Future Business Leaders of America national leadership conference will be held in Orlando, Florida June 29 – July 2, and is “considered the pinnacle of the FBLA experience,” according to the national FBLA website. The students will “compete in leadership events, share successes and learn new ideas about shaping their career future through workshops and exhibits.”

The Wheatland FBLA team competed against 38 chapters and 700 members in March at the Wyoming FBLA state competition. The WHS competitors came away with some medals for their efforts. The visual design team took second place, the sports and entertainment management team took second, and the international business team took third.

The following are the 2024 results as posted on the Wheatland High School Facebook page. Lola Philo, insurance 3, sports manage 2; Timothy Philo, sports manage 2; Brecken Sandlian, insurance 2, international business 3, sport manage 2; Rylie Davis, accounting 1, accounting II 2; Karly Jones, international business 3; Graci Rittel, visual design 2; Jasmine Lopez; visual design 2; Megan Sagner, agribusiness 2nd; Dylan Nelson, public policy 3rd, accounting 4, HR 4; Simon May, accounting 2, organized leadership 2; Gary Ennis, economics 1, business law 2; Delaney Aurich, insurance 4; Teams: visual design 2nd, sports/entertainment management 2, and international business 3rd.



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Wheatland High Schools FBLA team at the state competition.

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Radon data now available on interactive map

WYOMING – The Wyoming State Geological Survey (WSGS) recently added new layers to its interactive Wyoming Geologic Hazards Map that make it easier to visualize radon potential throughout the state. Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless radioactive gas that can build up to hazardous concentrations in enclosed spaces. Exposure to radon over time can cause lung cancer, and it is the second leading cause of the disease in the United States.

Radon gas comes from the natural decay of uranium, and it can emit from rock, soil, and groundwater. The radon layers displayed on the WSGS online map show locations where radon occurrence may be elevated due to geologic conditions. These layers were created using data from a previous WSGS publication and observation statistics provided by the Wyoming Department of Health.

“The radon statistics provided by the Wyoming Department of Health are central to the utility of these new map layers,” says Dr. Erin Campbell, WSGS Director and Wyoming State Geologist. “We are pleased to collaborate with the Department Health to create an impactful product that makes it easier to assess radon potential across Wyoming.”

Test results have shown elevated radon levels in all 23 of Wyoming’s counties, though radon concentration can vary

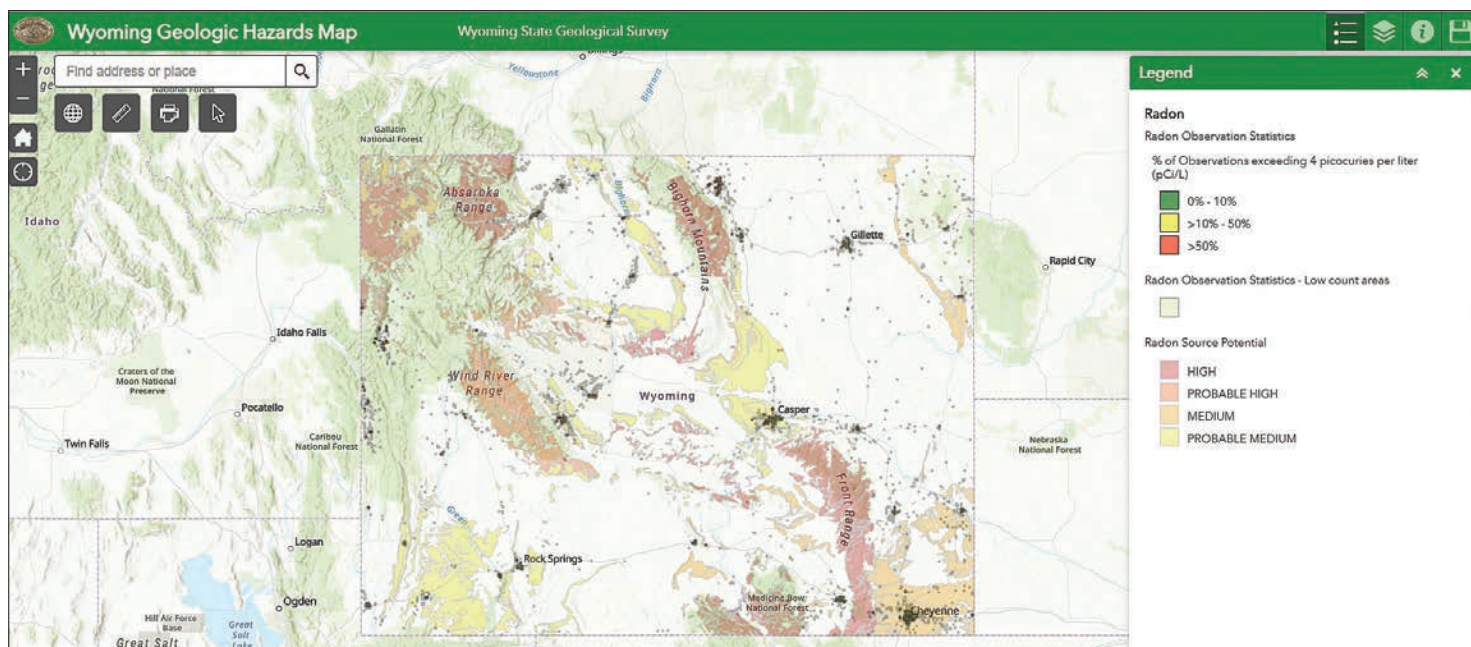


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New radon layers on the interactive Wyoming Geologic Hazards Map. The map allows users to zoom, pan, toggle layers on and off, and view more information by clicking on features.

widely from building to building due to local and non-geologic factors. Areas not depicted on these map layers may have high potential for radon, and not all portions of depicted areas will have high radon levels. The only definitive way to evaluate radon exposure is to have site-specific testing done in the building.

“Radon is one of Wyoming’s most widespread, yet often underappreciated, geologic hazards,” says WSGS hazards geologist James

Mauch. “These new layers are meaningful additions to the online map, and we hope they raise awareness about the need for Wyoming residents to have their homes tested for radon.”

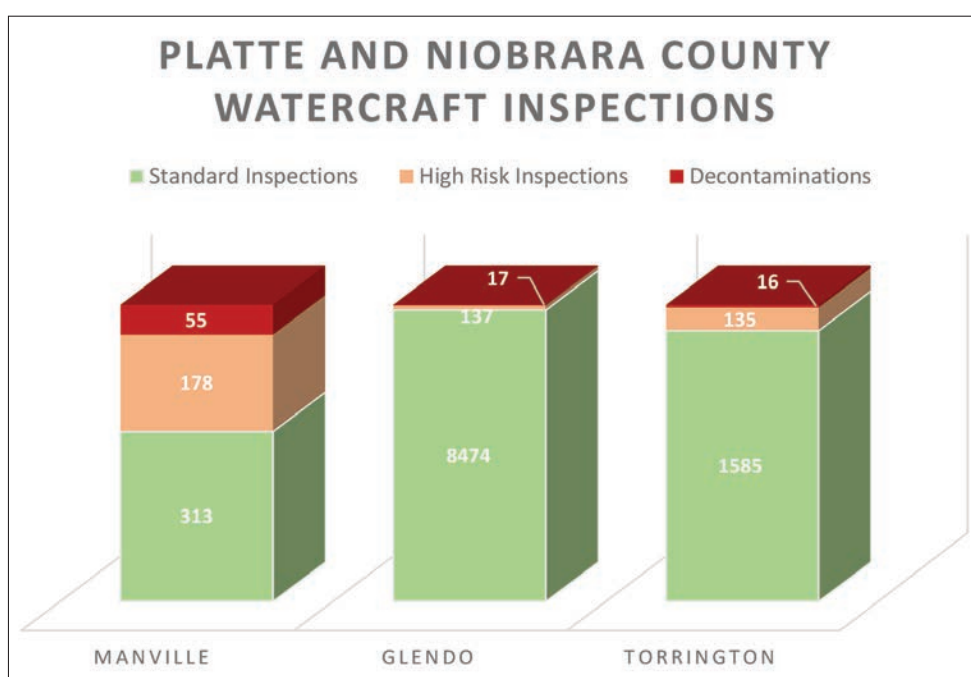
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends mitigation of buildings if an indoor radon concentration tests at or above 4.0 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) and to consider mitigation for concentrations between 2.0 and 4.0 pCi/L. The

Wyoming Department of Health offers free and discounted at-home radon test kits for Wyoming residents. Visit the Wyoming Radon webpage at health.wyo.gov/radon for more information.

The Wyoming Geologic Hazards Map also features layers about earthquakes, landslides, faults, expansive soils, and windblown deposits. Staff update the online map routinely as new information and data become available.

Boat preparation

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AIS inspection results for 2023.

Then, DRY everything thoroughly – five days in the summer or 18 days in the spring or fall, or three days at freezing temperatures.

Checkpoints are set up throughout the state for AIS, and there will be several game wardens on reservoirs throughout the state to help with safety throughout the season. One item they may check for is paperwork showing the watercraft was cleared to be on the water by a certified AIS inspector. They will also make sure watercraft have proper safety equipment on board, including flotation devices, fire extinguishers, lights, and a sound-producing device. See the Wyoming Game and Fish Website at <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/fishing-boating> for

more information on required safety equipment and regulations, as well as AIS rules.

There is a WGFD AIS inspection station in Glendo, off I-25. When it is busy or closed, people can contact Doc Hill, a certified inspector, at the Glendo Trading Post, 24/7, to have their boat checked (the number to call is posted by the check station, across the street from the Glendo Trading Post). Hill says he inspects the boats to make sure they have their registrations, plate numbers and no water is in the ballast, that they pumped the ballast tank, and for watercraft that have been on high-risk bodies of water or meet certain criteria or risk categories of harboring zebra or quagga mussels, he conducts further inspections.



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The American flag flutters on a fishing boat where anglers set out to get their catch of the day on Grayrocks Reservoir. Any watercraft entering or exiting Wyoming waters need to be sure to follow the Clean, Drain, Dry protocol set by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Most times people have followed the guidelines, but “if I find something, I contact the WGFD and they send someone to come inspect it further,” Hill said.

If the boat has been in waters known to be high-risk for hosting invasive species, or if the boat shows signs of not having been cleaned, drained and dried, it is required to be decontaminated. “The WGFD has a hot water pressure washer they use to de-contaminate the live well, motor and hull, then they re-inspect to make sure there isn’t anything that could spread to our bodies of water,” Hill said. “It has to be a really high temperature to work, and they have the equipment for that.”

In 2023, the Glendo AIS check station inspected 8,611 watercrafts. Of those there were 137 high-risk inspections and 17 decontaminations; Manville had 491 watercraft inspections with 178 high-risk and 55 decontaminations; and there were 1,720 watercrafts inspected at Torrington, with 135 high-risk and 16 decontaminations.

The risk of endangering Wyoming’s aquatic habitats is real, and to get the word out to people on its importance, WGFD’s Wyoming Wildlife magazine has produced an activity booklet for kids informing them on the subject of AIS. For more information or to download the activity book, go to wgfd.wyo.gov/education-camps/conservation-education/inspire-kid.

Chadron State to honor Smith at commencement

CHADRON, NEBRASKA – Halle Smith of Wheatland will be graduating Summa with a Bachelor of Arts degree during Chadron State Colleges’ Spring Commencement ceremony in the Chicoine Center on Saturday at 10 a.m.

The event honoring 274 undergraduates and 80 graduates will be live-streamed. The opening moment of reflection will be given by Austin Alexander of Newell, South Dakota, who will also receive her commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. The closing moment of reflection will be given by Kinsey Smith of Windsor, Colorado.

Chadron State College, which was founded in 1911, is the only four-year, regionally accredited college in the western half of Nebraska. As a public institution with its roots in teacher education, Chadron State takes pride in its accessibility and affordability. More than 2,000 undergraduate, graduate and online students currently attend Chadron State.

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Gerri Zeimens, wife of archaeologist George Zeimens welcomes the crowd to a dedication of five historical paintings for highway marker signs, near Lingle on Thursday afternoon.

Historical signs dedicated

By Jess Oaks
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LINGLE – Nearly 100 community members, dignitaries, families, and friends gathered at the old Lingle rest area, about 1.5 miles east of Lingle on a blustery Thursday afternoon for the dedication of five hand-illustrated historical signs which tell a handful of the event in Goshen County.

Archaeologist George Zeimens and his wife Geri, worked with Wheatland artist, Barbara Schaffner, Dan Bach, Wyoming State Parks Service Monuments and Markers Coordinator, and other local historians to develop, illustrate, and place historical land markers of the Emigrant Trail, Ranch Rock and Ash Point, Fort Bernard, the Grattan Massacre, and the Texas Trail.

A short ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the rest area where the Zeimens

and crew invited the public to a reception at the Lingle Community Center where Schaffner explained to the crowd how she developed the illustration for each of the markers, citing the importance of the knowledge she obtained from George. She also expressed her sincere gratitude to the Zeimens for including her in the project.

During the reception, George commented he enjoyed working with Schaffner, recalling she had asked multiple questions while the two toured the locations Schaffner depicted in her paintings.

“The Art of the Trade: Fort Bernard,” “One Step at a Time: The Emigrant Trail,” “A High Price to Pay for a Cow: The Grattan Massacre,” “In His Glory: Rock Ranch/Ash Point,” and “To Build an Empire: The Texas Trail,” can all be seen at the Lingle Turn-Out, approximately 1.5 miles east of Lingle.

Kim Withers Announces Candidacy for Wyoming State Senate District 6

WHEATLAND — After over 40 years as a financial industry leader and local community advocate, Kim Withers has officially declared her candidacy for the Wyoming State Senate in District 6. Withers promises to champion conservative values: low taxes, small government, and staunch support for the Second Amendment and pro-life principles.



Kim Withers

“Our community deserves a leader who not only understands the complexities of our economy but also stands firm in her conservative convictions.”

— Kim Withers

Withers, who served as the CEO of Meridian Trust for 32 years, has been a key figure in economic development and community service. Her leadership extended beyond her professional role into significant local impacts, including her 16 years as a Rotarian and initiatives such as the Friday Food Bag and the Meridian Trust North Star Foundation, which notably launched child care and utility bill assistance programs.

“As your State Senator, I will fight against the radical left’s agenda, protect our constitutional rights, support small business, and stand up for Wyoming families,” said Withers.

A staunch pro-business advocate, Withers is committed to reducing regulatory burdens on businesses to foster economic growth and job creation. Her campaign emphasizes the importance of keeping the government small to empower individuals and entrepreneurs rather than constrain them. “District 6 is the heart of Wyoming’s growth and innovation. I will advocate for policies that support small businesses and stimulate our local economy while preserving our core conservative values,” said Withers.

“I am dedicated to lowering property taxes and utility rates, making it

easier for Wyoming families and businesses to thrive,” Withers stated. “Our community deserves a leader who not only understands the complexities of our economy but also stands firm in her conservative convictions.”

Withers also highlighted her role as a mother and a grandmother, advocating for educational choices and parental rights in Wyoming schools. “I will always stand up for the rights of parents first and foremost in their child’s education, as well as support more school choice in Wyoming,” she emphasized. “Ensuring that parents have a voice in their children’s education is crucial for developing future leaders who are well-prepared and principled.”

“As we face unprecedented challenges, it’s time for true conservative leadership that can guide District 6 toward a brighter and more prosperous future,” Withers concluded. “I am ready to be that leader.”

For more information about Kim Withers and her campaign for Wyoming State Senate, visit KimWithers.com.



LISA PHELPS/PC RECORD-TIMES

Country singer Danny Rogers spent time onstage in his hometown of Chugwater on April 26-27, filling the air with country music favorites of the crowd gathered at the Stampede Saloon and Eatery. He sang songs by request, singing old classics, new favorites and some of his own pieces.

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Matthew Wakkuri poses with fellow golfers.

Goertz signs intent for Chadron State's track team, Wakkuri signs for Central Wyoming Community College

Meet Laynie Goertz and Matthew Wakkuri, two rising athletes bound for their next chapter in college athletics

By Lisa Phelps
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WHEATLAND –Wheatland High School athlete Laynie Goertz signed an agreement on April 17, confirming her intent to run for the Chadron State College's Women's Track Team. Goertz is a star volleyball, basketball and track athlete for Wheatland, but track is her favorite.

"I love track – I want to do sprints in college," Goertz said. She has excelled at the sport this spring, contributing to breaking two school records on the 4x100 relay and sprint medley teams.

Goertz said she chose Chadron after a recommendation by track coach Matt Hazen, with the added bonus that her aunt is alumni from there and liked the campus. The track and field team at CSC has a robust track and field program and has been in the top-25 nationally in recent years.

Goertz plans to study agriculture business and is looking forward to her first season as a Chadron State Eagle.

Last week, Matthew Wakkuri signed a letter of intent to play collegiate golf for Central Wyoming Community College in Riverton. The Men's golf team at CWC set scoring records in its season that just wrapped up after a third-place finish at district championships.



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After signing with CSC, Laynie Goertz poses with her sprint and relay coach Matt Hazen (l-r), basketball and distance track coach Mick Cochran, and long jump coach Kent Smith.

"Matthew has been given a great opportunity to continue his competitive golf career at the next level," Wheatland High School golf coach Anthony Nichols said. "The coach at CWC has been looking to bring in Wyoming golfers into the program and it has worked well so far. Coach Neuman is getting a young man that is ready to put the work in and really wants to get better every day. I think Matthew has and will continue

to make great strides in his game under the tutelage of Coach Newman while competing for a spot in the lineup every day against a loaded CWC roster. CWC's home course is the Riverton Country Club which has very nice layout with great practice facilities. The Wheatland High School golf program is very excited for Matthew, and we can't wait to follow the next stage of his golf journey."

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Living with Purpose and Passion



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Have you noticed that some Christians are never happy or satisfied? They always have a long face and they're constantly talking about their problems and circumstances. They have a lifeless, lukewarm, apathetic and pathetic attitude.

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So, I ask you today: How are you living your life? Do you have passion and purpose?

When people notice our good attitude in life, it gives us a wide door of opportunity to tell them, “Really, I deal with the same things you deal with in life. It's not that I never have a struggle, but Jesus Christ is in my life and He makes all the difference in the world!”

It's helpful to think of it this way: You and I may be the only Jesus that our neighbors will ever see. And if God didn't have something for us to do here on earth, He wouldn't have left us here. We are here for a purpose.

1 Peter 2:9 (AMPC) highlights our purpose beautifully, saying, But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,

a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Now, the Lord has a special, unique plan for each one of our lives. We've each been given gifts and talents, and there are specific things we are meant to accomplish while we are here. However, first and foremost, we as Christians share one main purpose. We are here to live for God's glory, tell others about Him, and reflect His goodness in our lives.

In my own ministry, I've been asked how I stay passionate and keep doing what I'm doing. Now, I can give some really cool, spiritual answer. But truthfully, I've come to believe that it's really a decision about what kind of an attitude we're going to have.

Our attitude is ours to own. We don't have to let some outside force rule our attitude. God doesn't want us to be passive. He wants us to be active and make decisions based on the Word of God. He doesn't want us to stand around saying, “Well, I'm just so confused about the will of God for my life. I just don't understand. I just don't know what my

purpose is, and I just feel so useless.”

Many Christians have literally done nothing because they can't figure out what it is they're supposed to do. God does not call us to do something and then refuse to tell us what it is that we're supposed to do. So, if we're thinking, “Well, then why am I so confused?”, it may be because we're living life with our “head” instead of our “heart.”

For example, I know a story about a man who had been preaching all his life, and started feeling like he wanted to teach the Bible in college. “But I'm a pastor”, he thought, and he couldn't reconcile what he had been doing for so long with the new desire that God was putting into his heart.

He wrestled with it until he came to a point where he had to decide between the two. He had an epiphany moment where God said to him, “Know that whatever you choose, I'll be with you.”

Freedom scares us because many of us have the idea that God is in heaven with His hammer saying, “You better do this exactly because if you don't, you're going to be in big trouble.”

We start to worry, thinking, “What if I miss God?” because we're afraid to make a mistake. Now I'm not suggesting that we start doing stupid stuff, but 95

percent of what we're supposed to do is in the Word. The other five percent is ours to freely pursue what God has planned for us.

So, let's make a commitment to make progress by faith. Maybe we've been doing something for a long time, but then we start to sense that God is changing things in our life, even though what we've been doing is good.

The possibility of change can scare us and also be the reason why we sometimes feel like we're being pulled apart, not knowing what we're supposed to be doing. But faith propels us to take a chance—to step out and find out. We need to be willing to try and risk being wrong if that's what it takes to find out what God has for us.

Scripture tells us that even if the righteous fall seven times, they rise again (Proverbs 24:16)! You and I need to dare to be passionate and purposeful...and move forward in the life God has planned for us.

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part teaching resource *Living on Purpose for a Purpose*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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Diane Meredith (l-r), Virginia Lower, Sharon Yenger share their handiwork after crafting individualized sunflowers during craft day at the Services for Seniors Activities Center.

Sunflowers and sunshine

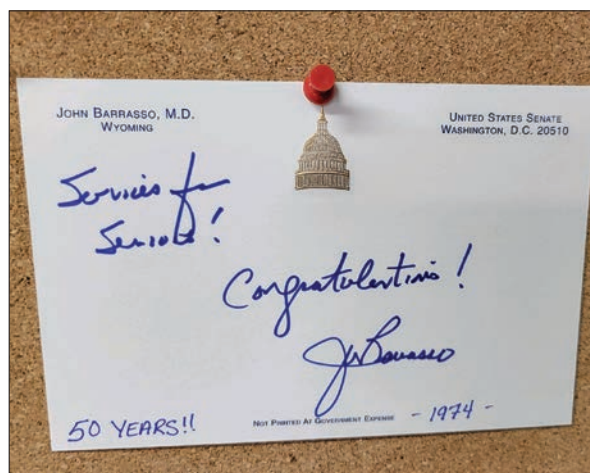
For the Record-Times

WHEATLAND – Craft day at the Services for Seniors Activities Center resulted in turning canning lids, twigs, fabric materials and buttons into colorful sunflowers. Each of the five participants created a piece of art in their own color and style.

“Once again, it’s the little things that mean the most,” Carrie Kafka, Activity Center activities coordinator, said. “It’s fun to see what you can make out of fabric, canning lids and twigs. I enjoyed seeing the Walsall working together and having fellowship on a Thursday morning, crafting and laughing together.”

On May 9th, the activities center will host a Mother’s Day Tea at 1 p.m., hosting a few ballet dancers from Dance Wyoming who will perform a dance for the senior ladies. Plans are to have cheesecake cupcakes and tea. Seniors are welcome to attend and are urged to wear a favorite hat.

Kafka wanted people to know U.S. Senator John Barasso, R-Wyo.,



Senator John Barasso sent a congratulations card to the senior center.

“I enjoyed seeing the Walsall working together and having fellowship on a Thursday morning, crafting and laughing together.”

— Carrie Kafka

sent a congratulations card to Services for Seniors, and a clipping of the newspaper article about the 50th anniversary celebration in Wheatland.

“I thought it super thoughtful and awesome he acknowledged us just because he saw it in a newspaper article,” Kafka said.

Mental health awareness month: Gov seeks to improve mental health care in Wyo

For the Record-Times

CHEYENNE – As part of his ongoing efforts to address Wyoming’s mental health crisis, Governor Mark Gordon is recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month in May. In conjunction, the Governor’s office is offering a series of mental health webinars as part of its ongoing educational initiative.

In January the Governor launched an initiative to address Wyoming’s ongoing mental health crisis, following a series of mental health Town Hall meetings hosted in communities across the state. The weekly webinars address in detail the five pillars identified in the Governor’s “Mental Health Roadmap” that are critical to improving outcomes for those who are battling mental health issues. They include access to care, ensuring residents have access to the continuum of behavioral health services; affordability of care, ensuring cost is

not a barrier to accessing services in Wyoming; quality of care, delivering the highest quality of service based on best practices and evidence-based research; innovation, constantly thinking of ways to improve our system based on new research and information; and suicide prevention and de-stigmatization.

Among the priority strategies identified in the roadmap that were included in the Governor’s budget proposal that was passed by the legislature in March, was full funding for the Wyoming 988 suicide prevention hotline, along with the addition of text and chat services.

Additional details of the weekly webinars and other events connected to Mental Health Awareness Month can be found on the Governor’s Mental Health website at <https://sites.google.com/wyo.gov/governors-mental-health-summit/educational-series?authuser=0>.

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1910 tragedy highlights community helping neighbors in need

By Lisa Phelps
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HARTVILLE – “My family’s time in Sunrise was eventful, tragic, and short,” Dave Walsh said at a meeting of the Sunrise Historic and Prehistoric Preservation Society’s meeting in April. Walsh, a Seattle, Washington resident, had spent the one day he had to spare in a work trip to the region, visiting the remnants of the mining town his great-grandfather lived and worked in. He agreed to share with the SHAPPS group the story of his family’s experience and the changes that happened in their lives after his great-grandfather, Riccardo Severini, was killed by a stray bullet from a drunk man’s celebratory shoot-out with wild shots from a pistol.

Riccardo and Teresa Severini chose to leave their home in Sassoferrato, Italy (110 miles north of Rome) after a scandal involving his part in recommending a friend for a job as an oil-lamp lighter whose subsequent conniving and thievery of city funds cast a shadow over Riccardo’s family. The family boarded the S.S. Vaderland along with others from Sassoferrato, stating their destination as joining relatives in Sunrise, Wyoming, according to the ship’s manifest. They arrived at a New York port, then travelled to Wyoming by rail.

“I think it’s fitting my ancestors from “Rock-Iron” (Sassoferrato in Italian) would have been here in Sunrise mining iron ore,” Walsh said.

The Severini family, consisting of Riccardo, his wife Teresa, and three children: Gano, Toselli, and Walsh’s grandmother Elsa arrived at the company town owned by Colorado Fuel and Iron Company (CF&I) in December 1905. Their eldest daughter, Wanda, had pneumonia at the time so she stayed in Italy and joined the family the following year.

“Once in Sunrise, some Italian immigrants founded a branch of the Dante Alighieri Society, a cultural



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Dave Walsh shares the story of his family and how the community of Sunrise has been a critical part in their heritage.

society named after writer Dante, who is considered the ‘Shakespeare’ of the Italian language,” Walsh explained. “According to the society’s meeting ledger held currently in the History of Colorado Archives, my great-grandfather served as the recording secretary of the Dante Alighieri Society. Other record book entries mention visits of Italian consular officials to Sunrise over the years.”

Another system organized by the immigrants, unfortunately came into use too often: a form of self-insurance to assist others in the community who were either sick, injured, or in the case of the Severini family, falling on hard times because of a death in the family. The self-insurance was a survival tactic formed because CF&I did not pay workers who were sick or injured. With the absolute control the company had over prices at the store and the requirement residents were to purchase everything there - and with hunting strictly prohibited - it was a lifeline.



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Sunrise mine’s current owner, John Voight (left), listens as Marian (Testolin) Offe identified members of the Dante Society in an old photograph from Sunrise, and shared what she knew about the group from her father’s stories.

The workers would collect \$1 per month from workers in the Dante Alighieri Society, pool the funds and disburse them to those in need.

“To help stretch the budget, my Uncle Gano would hike well out of town to fish or hunt wild rabbits to ease the family’s grocery bills. Although hunting was strictly forbidden, and questions were asked at the store about why the Severinis bought so little meat, the resourceful Gano and his mother Teresa were able to successfully evade the company’s rules and accumulate savings,” Walsh shared of stories from his Uncle Gano.

Over the years, life became predictable in Sunrise. Walsh’s Grand Aunt Wanda wed a fellow Sassaferrato immigrant and blacksmith, Nazzareno, and life went on normally until May 1, 1910.

That day was Orthodox Easter. Some of Sunrise’s residents were celebrating in the manner that must have been commonplace in the rough-and-tumble town, as witness

testimony later reported unconcerned reactions to the sound of gunshots.

“At around 11 a.m., my great-grandfather had met up with two or three other residents to play cards inside a boarding house in Sunrise. Outside the house, the witnesses heard five or six gunshots fired into the ground by Gus Panos, who was intoxicated, according to newspaper reports,” Walsh said. “As they resumed their game, the windowpane shattered, and Riccardo slumped to the table...an hour later he was dead from a single gunshot wound to his head.”

Immediately, word was spread of the incident. Gano Severini was playing outside when he was told of his father’s shooting. “The shock to the family was immediate and profound,” Walsh said.

The coroner’s inquisition was completed with the official cause of death from a single gunshot wound due to criminal carelessness. The death certificate called it “murder.”

See **1910 tragedy** on A9

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1910 tragedy

“Sunrise and Hartville will be forever part of our family’s history and our family is literally a part of Sunrise and Hartville”

— Dave Walsh

According to newspapers reports, there were over 300 people in attendance at Riccardo’s funeral – including Italy’s Consular Diplomat from Cheyenne. The sunrise band led the funeral procession on its way to the Hartville Cemetery, where Riccardo was buried. His cemetery plot boasts an ornate fence created by Nazzareno, which is still being commented on as a very beautifully crafted fence by current Hartville residents.

Following Riccardo’s death there was a growing outrage over the senseless killing. Both the Italian and Greek communities gave donations and sympathy to the Severinis as they faced an insecure future both financially and emotionally.

Following the trail of newspaper reports and prison records, Walsh discovered Panos, who couldn’t speak or write English, was swiftly taken to Cheyenne before being placed in the Wyoming State Penitentiary in Rawlins on May 10, 1910. He was charged with manslaughter and sentenced to 10 – 15 years in prison. Good behavior shortened the time by more than three months, but his inability to speak English or have an attorney when he was sentenced did not give him due process. To rectify that, the State of Wyoming modified Panos’ sentence to a minimum of three years. In 1913, Gus was paroled in Rock Springs and worked as a miner for the Union Pacific Coal Company. By 1918, the State discharged him and deemed his sentence fully served.

Years later, according to stories handed down in Walsh’s family, an “incredible coincidence” occurred. His Aunt Wanda was picking up a milk delivery at her house and saw the milkman, who she recognized as Panos. “Incensed, she chased after him, yelling, ‘You killed my father!’” Walsh recalled.

He said he doesn’t know if it was really Panos or the man just looked like him, but the timing of the incident fit to where it could have been him.

After his death, Riccardo’s widow was convinced by members of the Italian community in Denver, Colorado, to relocate there and use the knowledge she had gained studying medicine in Bologna, Italy before she married Riccardo. Within 12 years, Teresa had built up a successful practice as one of the leading midwives in Denver. Walsh said his grandmother Elsa and her siblings adjusted well to life in Denver. “Toselli (now Joseph) became a successful athlete and attended Colorado School of the Mines, Gano became a proud naturalized American and served in the U.S. Army, Elsa graduated from South Denver High School and attended secretarial school – working for a few years at the war department in Washington, D.C. before her first marriage. Wanda and Nazzareno first lived in Denver then moved to California, the first of many of Riccardo’s descendants to move to California,” Walsh said.

“Sunrise and Hartville will be forever part of our family’s history and our family is literally a part of Sunrise and Hartville,” Walsh said. He visited Sunrise for the first time on the day of the SHAPPS historic presentation, spending a short time connecting the dots visually with the stories he has heard since he was a child. “Riccardo’s plot, surrounded by the low iron fence made by his son-in-law Nazzareno, is the end point of Riccardo’ journey from the old world to the new – from Safferrato to Sunrise. Years later, my grandmother, Elsa Severini Walsh would return to the place of her childhood: her ashes are scattered amid the chaparral on the hill outside Sunrise.”

“This place has shaped the people, and the people have shaped this place,” Walsh concluded.

Members of the local community asked Walsh questions and discussed memories of the Dante Alighieri Society and the ways it helped the communities of Sunrise and Hartville. Marian (Testolin) Offe was able to identify members of the society in a photo brought in by a guest at the meeting, as her father was one of the people in the photo. This led to a discussion about the Alighieri society’s activities. They hosted spaghetti dinners, dances with no curfew, and there was a youth group as well.

Discussion ensued and it was stated Hartville was the R-and-R place for the working miners. At first, they were paid monthly, then later in time it was twice a month, then weekly, and soon it became echoed by many: “Every night is a Saturday night, and Saturday night is New Year’s Eve,” Offe said.

The town has tamed a bit, and still boasts the oldest continuously running bar in the state of Wyoming, and is a very close-knit, family-oriented community. “In 1913 my father arrived with my grandma. I now live in the building my grandfather built in 1929,” Offe said. “We have a lively little town...we see younger families coming into town, fixing houses, and living here with their families.”



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DAVE WALSH

Gano Severini visited the grave of his father, Riccardo, in Hartville. The grave is surrounded with an ornate fence made by Riccardo’s son-in-law, a talented blacksmith.



COURTESY OF DAVE WALSH

Officers of Sunrise’s Dante Alighieri Society, R. Severini upper left.

There are those who scratch their heads trying to figure out the lot system within the town of Hartville. It was explained at the meeting, no one could own land in Sunrise because everything was owned by CF&I, but if they could save a bit of money, people could get a piece of land in Hartville. Though there were some claims on the land around Hartville before the immigrants came, people sometimes built their homes wherever they wanted, causing a nightmare for many land surveyors over the years. It also explains the odd lots and road system and within the town.

Offe said people were drawn here from faraway places because of the advantage of a free and equal education for their children. She added, people may take it for granted today, but to the immigrants, it was worth all the hardships just for the hope of a future for their children.

The Severini family is an example of how, even though things were very hard at times, the immigrants came, worked hard, contributed to the communities around them and made a way for their children to prosper in their adopted country. They became an inseparable thread to the fabric of our local communities and our nation.

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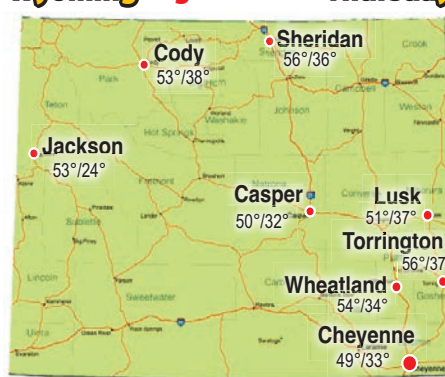
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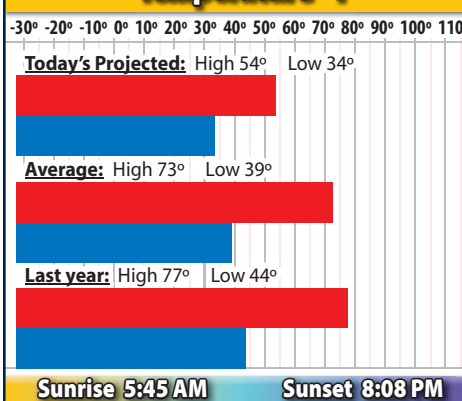
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Recommended vaccines for adults:

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- Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis**
Who: Adults age 19 and older

- Measles, mumps and rubella**
Who: Adults age 19 to 64
- Varicella (VAR) - chicken pox**
Who: Adults age 19 and older who aren't immunized or had chicken pox
- Zoster (RZV) - shingles**
Who: Adults age 50 and older
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)**
Who: Adults age 26 or younger who weren't immunized as children/teens
- Pneumococcal**
Who: Adults age 65 and older or between 19 and 64 if you are at high risk for pneumococcal disease.
- Hepatitis A (HepA)**
Who: Adults age 19 or older
- Hepatitis B (HepB)**
Who: Adults age 19 to 59
- Meningococcal A, C, W, Y (MenACWY)**
Who: Adults age 19 or older
- Meningococcal B (MenB)**
Who: Adults age 19 or older
- Hemophilus influenza type b (Hib)**
Who: Adults age 19 or older

- COVID-19**
Who: Adults age 19 and older

“While these vaccines are beneficial for most adults, for some people with allergies, weakened immune systems or other conditions, they may not be recommended,” Dr. Kesara said.

The Bottom Line
You can maintain your good health by keeping your immunizations current. Make sure you schedule an appointment with your health care provider to review your health status, ask questions, and catch up on any immunizations you might have missed.

Learn more about immunizations at:
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Iacovetto breaks 40-year record in 100m dash



ROBERT GALBREATH/TORRINGTON TELEGRAM

Desirae Iacovetto edges past Torrington's Brooklyn Asmus briefly during the 100-meter sprint in which Iacovetto broke a 40-year strong school record with a time of 12.19. Asmus nosed ahead and won the race with a time of 12.03.

Munger headed for LA

Spot on national team at stake

Both the javelin and 100 meter hurdles are new to Munger, but her performance in her first heptathlon last week in Casper was good enough to win her first place in both. After winning all five of the events on Friday, Munger came back on Saturday to throw the javelin 99 feet and jump 17'3" in the long jump for first place. The only first place medal to escape Munger was the 800 meter run, which she calls "the killer." She finished fourth in the final event with a time of 2:35. Munger, primarily a sprinter in high school competition, was also new to the 800 meter distance run. Her first event will be at 10:20 a.m. Pacific time, Saturday morning. Because of the lower



Wheatland's flying ace, Ronda Munger strides toward the finish line in the 100-meter dash at the state track meet in May. Munger won six events and will try this weekend to qualify for the national junior olympic team. Munger and her parents Kay and Jerry, will leave for Los Angeles Friday afternoon. Munger's first competition will be at 10:20 Saturday morning. (R-T photo by Pat Ferrier)

from friends

Munger 250 Sorenson, also representing LeAnn's Liquors donated \$50 to help the Wheatland athlete defray the cost of her LA trip. The money was given to Munger at a special luncheon arranged by George Bartholomew, Basin Electric. "Ronda Munger has put Wheatland on the map even more than Basin has," Ferguson said.

LISA PHELPS/PC RECORD-TIMES

An article in the June 13, 1984 Platte County Record-Times shows Ronda Munger running the 100-meter dash in 1984. On Friday, Desirae Iacovetto beat her on the books by .03 seconds.

Team prospects promising headed into regionals

By Lisa Phelps
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WHEATLAND – They're quick, they're strong, and they can jump: meet the 2024 Wheatland High School track team under the direction of coaches Matt Hazen, Mick Cochran and Kent Smith. Breaking six school records and nearly breaking a few more, there are some clear front-runners in the bunch, but as a whole, the team

the athletes have been reaching many personal goals throughout the season.

To date, the team has broken eight school records in six events: girl's high jump, girl's 4x100 – meter relay, girls' 1600-meter sprint medley relay, girl's 100-meter (twice) and 200-meter dashes (twice), boy's 200-meter dash. All of these performances are in addition to taking top spots each week

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Lobos one in three for the weekend

By Bailey Ervin
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WHEATLAND – The Wheatland Lobos 19u came out of the weekend winning one of three games in Cheyenne.

Saturday, they took on the Cheyenne Eagles at Powers Field, coming out with a 20-17 win. Kenny Raser led the team with five RBI; Lee Raser with four; Mason Collar with three; Nolan Schaffner, Ayden Lind and Grady Bohlander each contributed two; Cooper Meyer and Simon May each added one.

Starting pitcher, Beckett Graves, allowed four hits and seven runs (six earned). Graves struck out two and walked three. Bohlander, Lorenzo Rojo, Lind and Collar each appeared on the mound for the Lobos.

On Sunday, the Lobos came out with losses against the Cheyenne Hawks (17-3) and the Torrington Tigers (6-4).

Collar led the Lobos against the Hawks with two hits and one RBI. Bohlander contributed a hit and RBI, and Jacob McDaniel added an RBI. Grant Goodrich started out on the mound, allowing five hits and nine runs (six earned). McDaniel and May also appeared on the mound.

Facing the Tigers, Collar and Meyer each had two hits, with Collar, Schaffner and Rojo each driving in one RBI. Meyer started on the mound striking out five and allowed two hits. Meyer tossed a few innings with two strikeouts and three hits. Bohlander also appeared on the mound for the Lobos.

Catch the next Lobo action at Lewis Park in a double header against Gering, Sunday, May 12 starting at 12 p.m.

Softball team struggles in 4-A contests

By Vicki Hood
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WHEATLAND – The Lady Bulldog softball team has had a rough week on the diamonds of three Class 4-A opponents.

The Dawgs found themselves up against a tough

Campbell County team on April 29, dropping both ends of a doubleheader as the Camels prevailed 5-2 and 12-3.

Gillette was up 1-0 at the end of the first inning but Wheatland grabbed the lead after the Camels com-

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WHS track talent shows up big in Torrington

By Vicki Hood
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TORRINGTON – Members of Wheatland's track teams gave notice Friday that they are full-fledged competitors in the upcoming regionals and state meets.

The Wheatland boys finished fourth in the team standings but left no doubt that they can compete with the best in many of the events. The girls finished fifth in the team points and posted several standout performances.

Tyler Bohnen turned in the fastest time in the 100-meter dash with a time

of 11.22. Joining him in the top eight places were Brock Peasley who was in a three-way tie for fourth place with a time of 11.53, followed by Cole Goertz who finished seventh clocking an 11.56.

In the 200-meter dash, Peasley took fourth running 23.33, followed by Simon May (24.37), Abad Luna (25.19) and Derrick Sarad (26.54). Jackson Reed of Laramie took first in a time of 22.50.

In the 400-meter dash, Tyler Murray was the Bulldog's only entry. He ran a 2:44.34. Flynn Arnold of Laramie finished first in 2:03.54.

Gavin May ran a 6:00.20

and Sarad ran 6:39.53 in the 1600 Meter Run. Jonah Rigg of Cheyenne Central won the event in 4:46.59.

Wheatland's 4x100 meter relay team of Goertz, Tagg Mickelsen, Simon May and Bohnen placed third with a time of 3:38.26. Laramie won the event in 3:35.57.

Wheatland's Sprint Medley Relay team of Asibek Gofurjonov, Braden Stenson, Trevor Bashor and Gavin May took third running a 4:25.24. Cheyenne Central won first with a time of 3:58.58.

In the Long Jump, Bryce Stenson placed fourth with a distance of 19-11.50,

followed by Bohnen who cleared 19-09 for fifth place and Peasley who marked 19-08 for sixth place. Goertz cleared 17-11.25. William Arens of Laramie took first with a mark of 20-08.

Bryce Stenson also took fourth in the triple jump when he cleared 39-09. Other Bulldogs competing were Ethan Jackson who marked 36-03.75, and Mickelsen who marked 34-07. First went to Jackson Boyd of Cheyenne Central who cleared 39-02.75.

Ethan Jackson took second in the pole vault, clearing the bar at 13-0 and

See TRACK on B3

Bulldog golfers battle wind, place third

For the Record-Times

GERING, NEBRASKA

– For the second consecutive week the Wheatland Golf Team had the chance to cross the eastern border and play some very competitive golf at the Gering Invite. The tournament took place at the Monument Shadows Golf Course, which played host to nine teams.

The conditions were typical of what could be expected in the Nebraska panhandle in early May. The temperature hovered in the low 50's with the wind wreaking havoc on the front nine. The wind eventually let up only to make room for a steady stream of rain on the back nine,

but that didn't slow down the Wheatland boys who placed third behind winner Scottsbluff and runner up Cheyenne East. Wheatland was led by freshman Tate Nichols who placed third by firing a 74. He was followed by Dylan Nelson who finished at 84, Brecken Sandlian and Matthew Wakkuri at 85, and Ace Keil at 100.

"The tournament in Gering was another great chance for our boys to put their game to the test against great competition and mother nature as well. The front side on Gering featured a lot of demanding tee shots that were blind and brought a thick rough into play if you

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Dylan Nelson calculates distance as he prepares to tee off at an invitation earlier in the season.

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MAY 15, 2024

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Golf

FROM B1

did not find the fairway,” Coach Anthony Nichols said. “Unfortunately, that is the side our boys had to start on while being accompanied by 30 mph-plus winds. We

missed a lot of great scoring chances as a team because the par 5’s on that side had our boys playing dead into the wind on those holes. Going from playing for birdies on par 5’s to praying to hit the green in regulation definitely impacted our scoring as a team and individually. Even if we missed the fairway on a shorter hole, the gnarly rough left our boys guessing how the ball would come out after contact. It’s crazy how much when and where you start a round impacts the outcome of a tournament. Needless to say, the winning team and winning individual did not have to face the wind on that nine which clearly gave them the advantage.”

Coach Nichols concluded, “Honestly, I was proud of our boys for competing on another unfamiliar Nebraska golf course for the second week in a row. Hopefully, this time next year we’ll get an opportunity to return to Scottsbluff and Gering to compete again. Not only will our boys be familiar with the course layouts, but we’ll get a chance to compete at top-notch events with great hosting schools and course personnel.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANTHONY NICHOLS

Brecken Sandlian lets it fly on his last hole on the course in Gering, Nebraska this weekend.

Track

FROM B1

Clayton Dahlstedt went over at 11-0 to claim sixth place. Justin Cecil reached 9-0 and Wyatt Weber cleared 8-06.

First place went to Cheyenne Central’s Nicholas Lewis who cleared 14-06.

Bode Stone finished Discus event with a mark of 111-05 and Gabriel Haroldson hit 99-06. Cesar Dominguez hit 83-02 and Bryson Cook marked 74-05. First place went to Encampment’s Kaben Pickett who marked 151-08.

Stone placed fifth in the shot put with a distance of 45-09.

Haroldson marked 37-07, Caleb Fredericks marked 34-07.25 and Dominguez tossed 28-08. Encampment’s Quade Jordan had the top mark of 56-00.5.

The team title for the day

went to Cheyenne Central with 177 points, followed by Laramie with 170, Cheyenne East (111), Wheatland (65), Torrington (55), Encampment (41), Cheyenne South (25), Guernsey-Sunrise (15), Niobrara County (1) and Prairie View (1).

Desirae Iacovetto broke a school record she had previously set this season in the 100 Meter Dash, running a 12.19. Emma Kaushagen ran a 13.7. Brooklyn Asmus of Torrington edged Iacovetto out at the tape to take first with a time of 12.03.

Iacovetto also knocked out her own previous school record Friday, clocking 25.32 in the 200 Meter Dash. Kaushagen finished in 29.07. Asmus of Torrington took that event as well with a time of 24.72.

Hannah Lee ran 1:21.04

in the 400 Meter Dash. Lainey Berryhill of Laramie finished in 59.28 to win first.

Lily Nichols outran the competition to take first in the 800 Meter Run with a time of 2:24.43.

Kaelyn Wessel ran 7:08 in the 1600 Meter Run. Keiran Giraldo of Laramie placed first with a time of 5:36.55.

Wheatland’s 4x800 Meter Relay team of Bianca Dawson, Gavrielle Dawson, Lee and Wessel took second place with a time of 13:48.17. First went to Cheyenne Central in 10:47.

Iacovetto cleared the bar at 5-01 to take second in the High Jump. Kacey Otero cleared 4-05. First place went to Martina PlaGuix of Cheyenne Central at 5-01.

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Softball

FROM B1

mitted an error, allowing the Dawgs to get two runs across the plate. The lead changed hands again in the third when they scored on a fly ball tag up and a double that brought in a pair of runs, pushing them to a 3-2 lead. They scored another run in the fourth which proved to be the end of anyone else crossing the plate and the Camels claimed the 5-2 win.

Wheatland scored two runs on four hits and committed four errors. Mackenzie Lockman had the only RBI for the Dawgs. Lockman, Camryn Mickelsen, Hunter Sisson and Macy Jones each had hits. Lockman pitched six innings. She faced 30 batters, threw 53 strikes and a total of 89 pitches.

In the second game, a disastrous third inning saw the Camels get seven runs across and increase their lead to 10-0 on their way to a 12-3 final over Wheatland.

Rylee Coates went 2 for 3 at the plate and had one RBI.

Mickelsen, Lockman and Ayden Coates also had single hits in the game.

Landri Vaughn took the pitching loss for the Bulldogs. She faced 23 batters, threw 74 pitches with 42 of them strikes. Ayden Coates faced eight batters, threw 37 pitches, 13 of them strikes.

There was at least a bright spot Friday, May 3 when they were able to get the bats going against Cheyenne Central and win the first game of a doubleheader 6-1.

Wheatland drew first blood in the fourth



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As Eleni McKee (center) prepares to back her up, McKenzie Lockman (left) warns a Gillette runner her only chance is to try to make it back to first base at a home game earlier in the season.

inning when Riley Coates drilled a double into left field, scoring Mickelsen.

Cheyenne tied it up in the seventh and the game went into extra innings. The extension was short-lived though as Wheatland exploded for five runs in the top of the eighth and held the Indians for a 6-1 win.

The Dawgs scored six runs on six hits with just one error in the field. Lockman earned the win, allowing six hits and just one over eight innings, striking out three and walking one. Riley Coates had two hits and two RBIs; Mickelsen had one of each.

Delaney Aurich also had a hit for Wheatland.

Lockman faced 29 batters, threw 63 strikes and a total of 108 pitches.

Central turned the tables in the second game and rolled 8-1 over Wheatland.

Cheyenne scored three in the second, one in the third and four in the fourth while the Dawgs mustered just one run in the third to fall by an 8-1 margin.

Jaycilou Ciz led Wheatland with two hits. Lockman was 1 for 2 at the plate and batted in their only run.

On Saturday, May 4, the Dawgs were back on familiar turf as they hosted Cheyenne East in a doubleheader. But even having the home field advantage wasn't enough to keep the guests from taking both games by scores of 10-5 and 9-3.

Cheyenne came out swinging and scored four runs in the top of the first inning, but Wheatland answered in the bottom half of the inning when the Dawgs loaded the bases with one out and got three across thanks to an error by Cheyenne and hits by Ayden Coates and McKee collected an RBI.

Cheyenne added another run in the third but the Dawgs tied it up with additional runs in the third and fifth innings.

Cheyenne caught fire in the top of the seventh inning, scoring five runs off an error, four consecutive base hits and a home run. Wheatland went three up, three down in the bottom of the inning and Cheyenne claimed the win.

In the second game, Cheyenne had big fourth and fifth innings as they added eight runs after falling behind by a 3-1 gap prior. Despite the 9-3 loss, Wheatland's Camryn Mickelsen had a big game as she hit two home runs in three at-bats and drove in all three of Wheatland's runs.

Lockman (2) and Ayden Coates (1) also had hits for Wheatland. The Dawgs scored three runs on five hits and committed four errors.

Wheatland played their final home games last night as they hosted Campbell County—scores were not available prior to press time.

They finish up their regular season Saturday, May 11 when they head to Gillette to take on Thunder Basin in a doubleheader. Games are set for noon and 2 p.m. in Gillette.

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- C. THE FACES OF PLATTE COUNTY (People)
- D. PLATTE COUNTY IS BEAUTIFUL TOO! (Platte County's Own Unique Scenery);
- E. All Creatures Great and Small (Animals, Domestic);
- F. All Creatures Great and Small (Animals, Wildlife).
- G. Series of 3 Pictures of a Story or scenes (5"x7") 3 of them

Contest Rules

- (1) Photos must be 8" x 10"
- (2) **DO NOT MAT OR FRAME**, mount on posterboard, cardstock or appropriate paper leaving a 1" border around picture.
- (3) PHOTOS maybe in Color or Black and White (photos will be judged on quality and contest).
- (4) PHOTOGRAPHER may enter all 7 categories with only 1 entry per category and with entry letter on back.
- (5) Name, address and phone number on back of entry. **Entries must be dropped off at First State Bank by noon, on or before the July 19. NO EXCEPTIONS**

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All pictures will be on display for the public at the First State Bank in Wheatland the week of July 22-26. They will not be displayed at the Platte County Fair. Contestants may pick up entries at 3 pm, August 6, when winners will be announced. **Awards:** one award in each category, people's choice and judges Over-All. If unable to pick up pictures call a member.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Jacob Joseph Grudle HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that she/he has filed a Petition in the District Court of Platte County requesting that his/her name be changed to Jacob Joseph Easthouse. All parties opposed to this Petition should file notice with the court before the Petition is granted.

April 10, 2024
/s/ Jacob Grudle

Public Notice No. 11643. To be published in the Platte County Record-Times - April 17, 24, May 1 and 8, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF A RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 10th day of April 2024, a liquor license application was received in the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Wheatland, Wyoming.

Los Dominguez Mexican Restaurant LLC filed an application for the transfer of a Restaurant Liquor License from Olivia Dominguez to Los Dominguez Mexican Restaurant LLC. The premises are described as: 1556 South Street, Town of Wheatland, Wyoming.

PROTESTS, if any there be, against the approval of such a license will be heard during a public hearing of the Town Council at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, the 13th day of May 2024 in the Council Chambers of Wheatland Town Hall, Wheatland, Wyoming.

Public Notice No. 11650. To be published in the Platte County Record-Times - May 1 and 8, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHWG or the Company) for authority to change its Energy Efficiency surcharge rates, 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. Black Hills Energy is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Black Hills Corporation.

2. On April 19, 2024, BHWG filed this Application requesting authority to update its Energy Efficiency (EE) rates to reflect the forecasted EE program costs for June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025, the EE balancing account balances as of February 29, 2024, and to recover the lost margin revenue associated with the program period of March 2020 through December 2023, effective June 1, 2024. Specifically, BHWG requests authority to increase the EE surcharge rate by \$0.0030 per therm for residential customers and decrease the rate by \$0.0007 per therm for non-residential customers. The EE program is designed to encourage residential and commercial customers to purchase and install energy-efficiency products and appliances. Qualifying appliances and/or measures are eligible for rates under EE rates following the submission of proper documentation.

3. This is not a complete description of BHWG's Application. It is available at the Commission offices or online at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 17553).

4. Anyone wishing to file a statement, in-

tervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so, in writing, on or before May 24, 2024. Any intervention request filed with the Commission must set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention, as well as the position and interest of the petitioner. Please mention Docket No. 30026-91-GT-24.

5. If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated: April 24, 2023.

Public Notice No. 11652. To be published in the Platte County Record-Times - May 1 and 8, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant To Section 26B Of The Wyoming Education Code Of 1969 The Following Warrants Over \$500.00 Were Allowed By The Board Of Trustees Of Platte County School District #1 On April 30th, 2024

Date	Payee	Amount
4/15/24	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$15,799.67
4/26/24	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$17,501.30
4/15/24	BLICK ART MATERIALS	\$544.42
4/17/24	BOBCAT OF THE ROCKIES	\$42,500.00
4/15/24	BOCES 5	\$23,571.00
4/15/24	BRUCO INC.	\$2,033.40
4/15/24	CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	\$2,011.35
4/2/24	CENTURYLINK	\$1,103.56
4/15/24	CENTURYLINK	\$961.70
4/15/24	COMFORT INN - EVANSVILLE	\$1,992.00
4/15/24	COMFORT INN LARAMIE	\$1,080.00
4/15/24	ELLSWORTH, ELISABETH	\$1,664.28
4/15/24	FLOYD'S SALES & SERVICE, INC.	\$1,309.26
4/15/24	FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP	\$9,840.55
4/15/24	GILL ATHLETICS, INC.	\$948.68
4/15/24	KAUFMAN GLASS	\$640.00
4/15/24	KILLION, TINA	\$707.52
4/15/24	MHC KENWORTH - CHEYENNE	\$2,981.85
4/15/24	NAVIGATING BY TOUCH, LLC	\$6,249.00
4/15/24	NORTHEAST WYOMING BOCES	\$11,025.00
4/15/24	PCSD#1 ACTIVITY ACCT	\$87,684.48
4/12/24	PCSD#1 FEDERAL PROJECTS	\$28,023.10
4/17/24	PCSD#1 PAYROLL ACCT.	\$1,087,482.19
4/15/24	PHOENIX LEARNING SYSTEMS	\$2,500.00
4/15/24	PLATTE CO. PARKS & REC.	\$5,098.01
4/15/24	PLATTE CO. RECORD TIMES	\$3,943.54
4/15/24	QUALITY INN & SUITES-CASPER	\$1,780.00
4/15/24	RISK PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS LLC	\$17,852.37
4/15/24	ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	\$2,562.37
4/15/24	SAMSARA INC	\$16,998.00
4/15/24	SAWYER, INC DBA ORKIN IDAHO	\$1,520.00
4/26/24	ST. JOSEPH'S CHILDREN'S HOME	\$2,480.28
4/15/24	T.C. EDWARDS PLUMBING & ELECTRICAL	\$3,682.73
4/15/24	THE TIRE SHOP	\$1,045.67
4/15/24	THERAPEDS, LLC	\$6,800.00
4/15/24	TOWN OF WHEATLAND	\$20,883.84
4/15/24	UNIVERSAL ATHLETIC SERVICE-A	\$8,252.33
4/15/24	USI, INC.	\$4,862.92
4/15/24	VISA BUSOFF A	\$1,810.00
4/15/24	VISA WEST	\$3,019.40
4/15/24	VISA WHSA	\$827.53
4/15/24	VISA WHSB	\$4,242.38
4/15/24	VISA WHSC	\$1,931.05
4/15/24	VISA WMS B	\$713.97
4/15/24	WEST, BRITTANY	\$1,247.81
4/15/24	WEX BANK	\$1,670.42
4/15/24	WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE	\$1,375.52
4/15/24	WHEATLAND REA	\$3,954.06
4/26/24	MEADOW GOLD DAIRIES- BILLINGS	\$853.41
4/26/24	EQUALITY STATE FARMS, LLC	\$2,452.36
4/17/24	PCSD#1 PAYROLL ACCT.	\$43,601.08
4/29/24	WYOMING SERVICE & CONTROLS INC	\$1,582.21
4/17/24	WYOMING SERVICE & CONTROLS INC	\$1,520.39
4/15/24	T.C. EDWARDS PLUMBING & ELECTRICAL	\$3,874.73
4/15/24	A & M ELECTRIC LLC	\$958.18
4/9/24	WYOMING SERVICE & CONTROLS INC	\$4,341.16
4/15/24	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$602.36
4/15/24	BOAZ, LESLIE	\$2,760.00
4/15/24	COMFORT INN - GILLETTE	\$840.00
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4/29/24	IMAGERY SOUND MOBILE DJ AND PARTY RENTAL	\$600.00
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4/15/24	TORRINGTON BEVERAGE	\$1,238.00
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4/15/24	VISA WMS B	\$1,224.56
4/15/24	WY FFA ASSOCIATION-A	\$3,574.00
4/15/24	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$833.24
4/15/24	BEDNASEK, SUSAN	\$3,500.00
4/15/24	BOOMER MUSIC CO	\$1,275.73
4/11/24	DRUBE HOME	\$2,200.00
4/15/24	GREENHOUSE MEGASTORE	\$4,083.61
4/15/24	JONES COUNSELING, LLC	\$2,600.00
4/15/24	LARAMIE CO. COMM. COLLEGE	\$922.50
4/15/24	LEARNING RESOURCES	\$8,397.60
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4/15/24	PLAN ONE/ARCHITECTS	\$49,125.00
4/15/24	PLATTE CO. RECORD TIMES	\$2,940.00
4/15/24	RENAISSANCE LEARNING, INC.	\$8,232.00
4/15/24	SOLUTION TREE	\$3,784.75
4/15/24	SPECIALTY COUNSELING & CONSULTING LLC	\$1,500.00
4/15/24	VISA LIBBEY	\$608.55
4/15/24	VISA WHSB	\$893.97
4/15/24	WY CHILD & FAMILY DEV.	\$7,700.00

Public Notice No. 11654. To be published in

the Platte County Record-Times - May 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF WYOMING)
) SS
COUNTY OF PLATTE)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Probate No. 2024-38

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
LESLIE NED SCHNEIDER A/K/A)
LESLIE N. SCHNEIDER A/K/A LESLIE)
SCHNEIDER A/K/A LES SCHNEIDER)

Deceased.)

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE;

You are hereby notified that on the 29th day of April, 2024, a Petition was filed in the above-named Court requesting Letters Testamentary for the estate of the above-named decedent, that an Order Appointing Administrator was filed on April 29, 2024, and that Shane Rudolph Schneider was appointed Personal Representative thereof.

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

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

Dated this 29th day of April 2024.

Shane R. Schneider
Personal Representative

Public Notice No. 11655. To be published in the Platte County Record-Times - May 8, 15 and, 22, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Y-O Improvement Service District
2025 Proposed Budget

Income
Street Maintenance Assessment - \$21,463
Total Income: \$21,463

Expenses
Coyote Grading \$1,500
Office Supplies \$250
Snow Removal \$1,500
Road Maintenance \$10,000
Weed Spraying \$400
Election Costs \$300
Safe Deposit Box \$30
Public Legal Notices \$500
Postage and Mailing \$250
Surety Bond \$200
Total Expenses: \$14,930.00

Y-O Improvement Service District annual meeting will be held May 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the First State Bank Conference Center located behind First State Bank at 1405 16th Street, Wheatland, WY.

Public Notice No. 11656. To be published in the Platte County Record-Times - May 8, 2024.

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On Friday, Desirae Iacovetto broke two records she had previously broken this season. One of those was for the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.19, successfully surpassing Ronda Munger's 40-year record of 12.22, set in 1984. At the time, Munger was referred to as "Wheatland's flying ace" for her speed and success in multiple athletic disciplines.

The second record broken Friday by Iacovetto was for the 200-meter dash. She shaved off .10 of her fastest time, clocking 25.32.

"I could not be happier for Desirae and the Wheatland track team. It warms my heart to think about my track days in Wheatland, and I wish Desirae and the Bulldogs all the success in the upcoming regional and state track meets," Ronda Munger said.

Head coach Matt Hazen attributes the recent successes to the small details. "Honestly, the little things are what changes a lot. I focus on their running form, keeping them looking forward to reaching their goals – and trying to make it fun along the way."

Hazen said the team has a shot to finish in the top three at regionals, but the kids have to stay focused and not underestimate the competition.

"I think we have really good kids that are hard workers. Some kids have really improved over the last four years and I think several can make a significant run at some events at state," WHS distance running coach Mick Cochran said.

Tyler Bohnen spoke for the 4x100 men's relay team to share where they are on their goals for the season. "Things are not going as good as we want them to be. We're first place contenders in the state but we have not met our PR (personal record) from last year and our goal is to reach that in the next weeks."

The group agreed their favorite part about their chosen sport is not the running itself. "We like the team aspect," they said, explaining they liked the challenge of pushing each other to do more.

"Teamwork is the key. I have more drive when we are racing as a team. It makes me work to push harder and do more," Lily Nichols said as part of the Sprint Medley team, along with Maggie Hicks, Laynie Goertz and

Iacovetto. "We have a good shot at winning regionals and state, and a good shot to be Best of the West. Hopefully we get some PR's. My goal is to beat the 400m record for state," she said.

Speaking for the 4x100-meter women's relay team consisting of Kacey Otero, Iacovetto, Emma Kaushagan, and Laynie Goertz, Otero said it was a big surprise when the team



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Tyler Bohnen (left) sprints down the track after a handoff by teammate Brock Peasley during the 4x100 relay last week.

broke their first school record on April 5. "We will be changing our relay lineup a bit before Regionals this weekend and we hope it pays off in points," she added.

"We have some fairly competitive kids. Brody Stone pre-qualified for state when he threw a 47' 8" shot put, but there are several kids doing well. It is likely several kids will be inside the top eight at regionals, and Kaylese Knez has the best likelihood of making it to state," throwing coach Colt Goff said, adding, "Carly Jones and Bianca Dawson are competitive in both shotput and discus. Gabriel

Haroldson and Gabriel Castellanos as well as other team members are all making personal goals and improving their personal records."

Having achieved his personal records so far this season, Stone said, "I met my goal to prequalify for state, and I beat that by one foot. I want to beat 50' now."

He added, "I like working as a team. Shot-put and Discus are individual sports, but we push each other to do better."

Pole vaulter Ethan Jackson said it's been a good year. He achieved a personal record of vaulting 13' consistently; now his goal is to reach the 14-foot mark. "I hope to win regionals again and take the state title," Jackson said.

Several members of the WHS track team have pre-qualified for the State competition at Kelly Walsh's Harry Geldien Stadium in Casper on May 16 – 18. They include Iacovetto and Laynie Goertz (100m dash and 200m dash); Nichols and Iacovetto (400m dash, long jump); Nichols (800m dash, 100m hurdles and 300m hurdles); Iacovetto (High Jump); Otero and Hicks (pole vault); girl's 4x100 relay (Laynie Goertz, Kaushagen, Otero, Iacovetto); girl's 1600m sprint medley relay (Laynie Goertz, Hicks, Iacovetto and Nichols); boy's 4x100 relay teams (combinations of Bryce Stenson, Brock Peasley, Tagg Mickelsen, Tyler Bohnen, and Cole Goertz); Bohnen, Peasley and Stenson (100m dash); Bohnen (200m dash); Peasley (long jump); Bode Stone (shot put).

"All the kids have been improving. We have the possibility to qualify 20 kids to make it to state," jumping coach Kent Smith said. "I'm excited to host regionals this year. It's the first time in eight years. Weather-permitting, I hope things go well...The kids are working hard and they are in good shape to win."

The public is invited to watch the Wyoming 3A Southeast Regional competition at Wheatland High School beginning at 11:30 a.m. Friday and ending with an awards ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

FROM B1

Recap of WHS school records broken to date in the 2024 track and field season

March 16, Glen Legler Invite in Casper: High Jump

Desirae Iacovetto, 5' 3" to beat out Kyleen Smith's 5'2" jump in 2012. The state mark to beat is 5' 8.25" set by Ann Wingleth of Lyman in 2015.

April 5, Okie Blanchard invite in Cheyenne: Women's 4x100-meter relay team

Laynie Goertz, Emma Kaushagen, Kacey Otero, and Desirae Iacovetto clocked a 50.44, behind the 2023 team (Otero, Grace Battershell, Goertz and Iacovetto) with 50.60, and the 2022 team (Otero, Kayla Beaman, Goertz and Iacovetto) that scored 51.41. The state mark to beat is 48.30, set by the 2006 team from Campbell County.

April 12, Burns Invitational:

Women's 100-meter dash

Desirae Iacovetto, 12.35, beating Rachel Battershell's 2017 time of 12.57. The state mark to beat is 11.91, set in 1998 by Cheyenne Central's Arnetta Simpson.

Women's 200-meter dash

Desirae Iacovetto, 25.42, to beat out Rachel Battershell's 2016 time of 25.70. The state mark to beat is 23.79, set in 2013 by Kelly Walsh's Jerayah Davis.

April 22, Douglas meet:

Women's Sprint Medley

Desirae Iacovetto, Laynie Goertz, Maggie Hicks, and Lily Nichols ran the 1600meter sprint medley 4:16.60, set previously at 4:43.45 by Wheatland's Kayla Beaman, Mylie Benson, Kaylese Knez, and Lily Nichols in 2021.

April 29, Kelly Walsh Invite in Casper:

Men's 200-Meter Dash

Tyler Bohnen, 22.15, beating Roman Smith's 2017 record of 22.17, and his own personal best of 22.41, set in 2023. The state mark to beat is 21.39, set in 2008 by Laramie's Stephen Michel.

May 3, at Wiseman Invite in Torrington:

Women's 100-meter dash

Desirae Iacovetto, 12.19, beating out her own 12.35 record set earlier in season in addition to Wheatland High School track star Ronda Munger's 1984 record of 12.22. The state mark to beat is 11.91, set in 1998 by Arnetta Simpson of Cheyenne Central.

Women's 200-meter dash

Desirae Iacovetto, 25.32, beating her own school record of 25.42, set on April 12 in Burns.

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Track

Lily Nichols finished fourth in the Long Jump with a distance of 16-07.25. Abby Lee marked 11-11. First place went to Taliah Morris of Cheyenne East who marked 20-0.

Hanna Lee marked 28-03.5 in the Triple Jump. First place went to Karson Tempel of Cheyenne Central who marked 39-09.5.

Maggie Hicks wound up in a tie for sixth place in the Pole Vault at

the 8-06 mark. Paige Fredericks was in a three-way tie for eighth place at 7-06 and Ashlyn Streets cleared 7-0. Cheyenne Central's Jaesa Whitesell cleared 9-06 to win the event.

Karly Jones threw 79-09 in the Discus and Dawson marked 68-03. Laramie's Kate Lewis hit 117-01 to win first place.

Kaylese Knez marked 28-03 in the Shot Put. Dawson tossed 26-04 and Jones hit 23-11. Clara Kerschner of Cheyenne East took first with a mark of 36-08.

The Laramie girls won the team title with



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Clayton Dahlstedt puts some bend in the pole as he vaults over the mark.

a total of 179.66 points. Cheyenne Central took second with 128.33, followed by Torrington (106), Cheyenne East (102.83), Wheatland (50.83), Encampment (23), Cheyenne South (21), Niobrara County (8), Southeast (3) and Guernsey-Sunrise (.33).

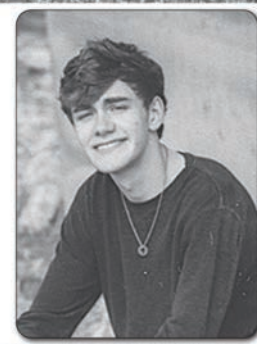
Wheatland will host the 3A East Regional meet this weekend. Events begin Friday, May 10 at 11:30 a.m. On Saturday, events will begin at 9 a.m.

The state meet will be held May 16-18 in Casper at Kelly Walsh High School's Harry Geldien Stadium.

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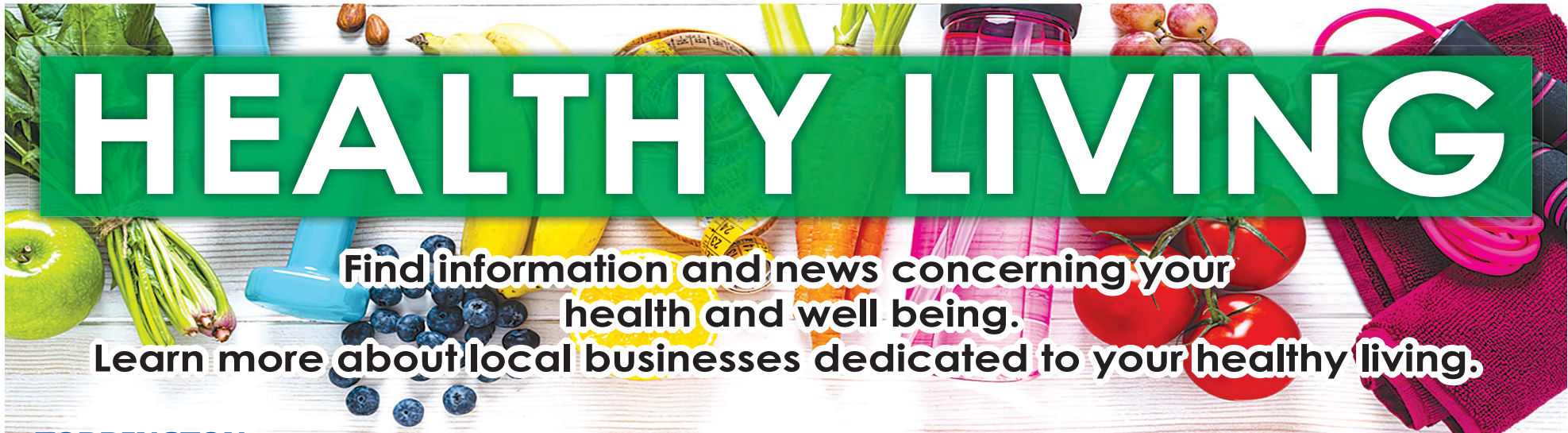
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How to keep campers happy this summer

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You know that checklist of items your camper will need this summer, with everything from bug spray to shower shoes? While you're packing towels and toothpaste, you might want to consider these tips compiled by experts on caring for kids and summer.

To help prepare kids for all that summer camps offer, the AOA and the Alliance for Camp Health (ACH) have teamed up to compile a list of essential summer safety tips for youngsters before they head off for their nature experience and community building. About 14 million children and adults attend camps—from day to residential camps—annually in the U.S.

"We're pleased to team up with the AOA," says Tracey Gaslin, Ph.D., APRN, executive director of the ACH, whose members include nurses and physicians, EMTs and first responders, camp directors and leaders, behavioral health specialists, educators, organizations and individuals interested in camp health services. "The goal of camp is to provide kids with a fun environment for them to grow socially, emotionally and mentally. Camp nurses want to do everything they can to make sure no child is put at risk for injury, so they can enjoy the camp experience.

"Toward that end, we try to put all kinds



of education—including information on eye safety—in front of camp nurses," says Gaslin, who called camp nurses "jacks of all trades" as they contend with cuts to conjunctivitis. "A lot goes into the camping experience."

Being prepared will help to ensure the fun, says Douglas Melzer, O.D., who practices in Portland, Oregon, where he is an outdoor enthusiast himself.

"Few things can ruin a summer camp faster than breaking or losing your only pair of glasses or contact lenses," Dr. Melzer says.

What can parents do to help keep their campers happy? ACH members and doctors of optometry advise:

Set up checkups before sending kids to camp

Parents should follow general health checkup procedures (such as visiting your child's health care practitioner for an annual appointment) to make sure your camper is in

good health before their adventure begins. That would include a regular, comprehensive eye exam. Find a doctor of optometry near you via the AOA doctor locator at aoa.org and schedule a visit.

Encourage your camper to eat healthy

Before they leave, make sure your camper is eating healthy and encourage them to make the same choices at camp. Nourishing foods—not junk food, fast foods or highly processed foods—will provide them more energy for camp activities. Nutritious fruits and vegetables also improve eye health and provide vitamins, minerals and essential fatty acids.

Do a quick mental health check

The school year can be mentally and emotionally taxing, so make sure your child feels like camp is a "break" from that routine. Before camp, be on the lookout for any changes in habits, decreased social and academic functioning and increased physical complaint, then seek professional counseling.

Make a safe splash

If your kid is a first-time swimmer, make sure you sign them up for a few lessons before they hop in the camp pool or find a camp that provides lessons.

Beware the bacteria in the pool

Plan for and encourage campers who wear contact lenses to take along a full supply of contact lenses replacements and solution. Also pack a pair of prescription eyeglasses as a back-up. "Most water sources may seem OK for

swimming but the water (in a pool, spa or lake) may carry infectious agents that can lead to illness if consumed or to eye infections if splashed in the eye, especially if the integrity of the tissue is compromised," Dr. Melzer says. "If worn in water activities, contact lenses should be of the daily disposable modality and should be disposed of after the activities to avoid prolonged exposure. Extended-wear contacts are not an option with water-based activities. Better yet, take along swim goggles or, for glasses wearers, corrective swim goggles. Although not available in all corrections, they are readily available in an array of near-sighted or far-sighted powers for a reasonable cost and can help avoid the phone call, 'Mom I lost my glasses in the lake.'"

Beware of smoky eyes at the campfire

Some of the best nights of camp are spent roasting marshmallows over a fire. However, the AOA encourages campers to exercise caution if they're spending an extended amount of time in the smoky haze, which can cause red eye and irritation. Inhaling smoke also can cause inflammation, headaches and more. Walk away from the fire for a while.

Wear the right shoes

The American Camping Association conducted a study that identified falls, slipping and tripping as the "primary mechanism of camper and staff injuries." The association encourages campers to bring closed-toed shoes for engaging in outdoor fun, especially if they're hiking or climbing.

Take along bug spray and sunscreen

Consider the flora and fauna in your area and use a bug spray with DEET or other natural repellent. To protect from the sun, seek shade and use a broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.

Find some shades

A hat will only get you so far. Sunglasses that offer 100% UV protection are important to protect eyes from sun damage. "Sunglasses are not just a fashion statement," Dr. Melzer says. "Proper sunglasses help to protect your eyes from UVA and UVB exposure." And for those soccer, baseball or volleyball games, on-the-field eye protection is as important as off-the-field protection.

Drink the good water

Avoid dehydration by drinking plenty of water. "Drink, drink, drink H2O," Dr. Melzer says. "The body needs it to survive all that running around."

With summer fast approaching... Remember, Swimming and Contacts don't mix. Leave them home!

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