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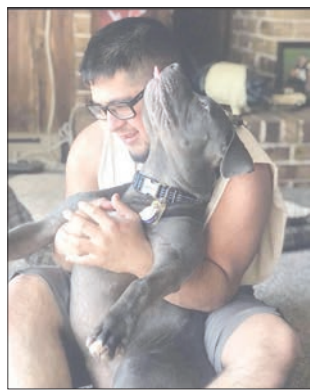
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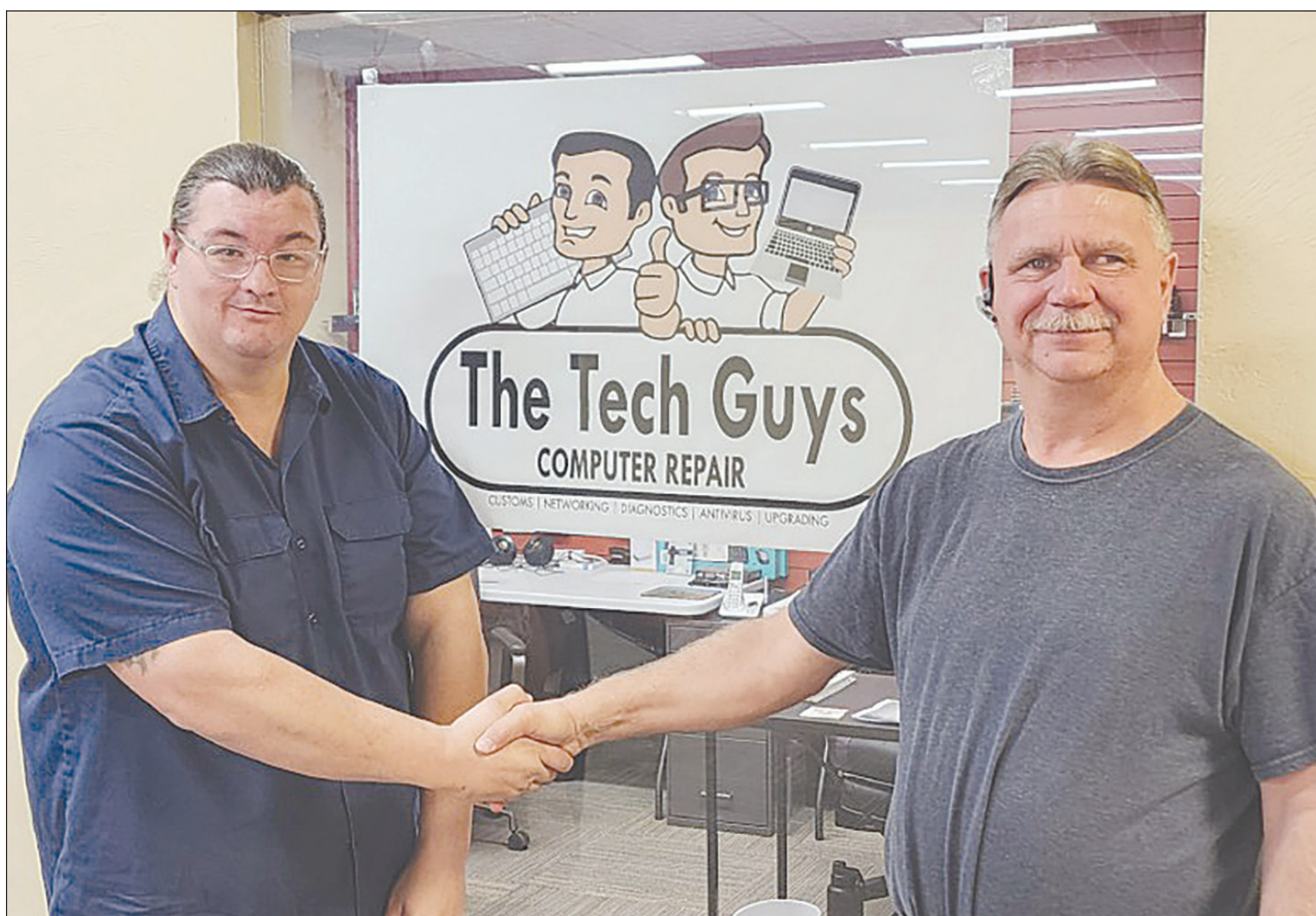
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Tech Guys' new door



COURTESY PHOTO

Derek (Deke) Baker and Jason Cain open the doors to the Tech Guys Computer Repair in the 21st and Main building in Torrington. An open house will be held on Wednesday, February 5 at 11 a.m.

BY JESS OAKS
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TORRINGTON – Derek (Deke) Baker and Jason Cain are no strangers to technology. Matter of fact, if you have faced computer problems in the past and turned to the Tech Guys at Torrington Office Supply, the duo has more than likely worked on your products.

Baker and Cain decided to open doors at the 21st and Main building to continue to provide Torrington and the surrounding area with custom PC building, virus removal, home and business networking, diagnostics and

repair as well as a general upgrade to your current system.

“We’re a computer repair service. What we had over there at Torrington Office Supply is tech guys that we had in there,” Baker explained. “I got to take the name with me, and I turned it into a corporation or an LLC.”

“Well, we have,” Cain said. “We work on computers. We do a lot of networking, diagnostics, antivirus, upgrading, updating, custom builds,” Baker further explained.

According to both Cain and Baker, custom built computers are becoming increasingly popular.

“Maybe not in the town of Tor-

rington, but because my son is a gamer, I built him one. That system is amazing,” Cain expressed. “But custom building is, depending on the needs of wants of the customer, and price of course. You buy cases, it’s got a nice glass on it and you can get all of the lights and the power supplies. Depending on how hard of a gamer they’re going to be, you order the motherboard, huge processors, aftermarket heat sinks because you don’t want to use the ones they come with. You need something that is going to cool this baby,” Cain said pointing to

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New airport terminal flies forward

BY AMBER WOLFINGTON
Contributing Writer

TORRINGTON – The Torrington City Council met on January 21 at 5:30 p.m. for its regularly scheduled meeting. In attendance were mayor Herb Doby and council members Wayne Deahl, Dennis Kelly, Shane Viktorin and Rick Warren. Mayor Doby called the meeting to order, and Viktorin led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

During his informational remarks, Doby expressed the hope of the newly elected leaders, including President Trump, the upcoming session of the Wyoming Legislature, and council member Rick Warren, would “lead with wisdom, doing what is best for us” as the nation continues its “great American experiment in self-governance.”

He also encouraged Torrington residents to check in on friends and neighbors, particularly the elderly, disabled, children, and pets, as the cold weather presents additional challenges for many.

The council approved the consent agenda following a motion from Kelly and a second from Deahl. Mayor Doby noted the first



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Torrington City Council met on Tuesday evening. Pictured left to right are Wayne Deahl, Dennis Kelly, mayor Herb Doby, Shane Viktorin and Richard Warren.

agenda item was now moot and requested approval of the revised agenda with the removal of item one. Viktorin made the motion, Kelly seconded it and the motion passed. No comments were made during the public forum.

The council then moved on to action items. First, Doby appointed Tessa Feagley of the Torrington Police Department to the safety committee, filling a vacancy created by the retirement of Tammy Cearn, also of the police department. The safety committee, led by safety coordinator John Hood, includes city employees from various departments. Deahl moved to approve the appointment, Viktorin seconded the mo-

tion, and it was approved.

Next, the council considered an addendum to the contract with M.C. Schaff & Associates for engineering services at the Torrington Municipal Airport. The addendum expands the scope of work to include the design, bidding, and construction oversight of a new terminal at the airport. The engineering costs for the project are estimated at \$135,000, while the total project cost is just over \$800,000. The city has secured 90% reimbursement for these costs through the Federal Aviation Administration’s Airport Terminals Program, with

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Robert "Pete" Jr. Peterson

December 12, 1945 - January 20, 2025

TORRINGTON – Funeral services for Robert "Pete" Jr. Peterson, 79, will be held 1 p.m. Friday, January 24, 2025, at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel with Julie Newman officiating. Pete passed away peacefully January 20, 2025, at the Chimney Rock Villa in Bayard, Nebraska. Visitation will be at the funeral home Thursday January 23, 2025, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and the casket will be open prior to the service. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com

Pete was Born December 12, 1945, in Torrington to Robert and Florence (Hickox) Peterson at the Elk's building which was known as the Platte Valley Hospital at the time. He grew up in Fort Laramie where he graduated high school May 21, 1964.

After graduating high school, he went into the Air Force as a field mechanic where he was deployed to Thailand during Vietnam. He married Donna Jean Hopkins on June 8, 1967, in Phoenix, Arizona where they lived until moving back to Torrington in 1968. It was in Torrington

where together they raised their family. He was a mechanic at many shops and dealerships in the area, while doing this he also helped his father on the Peterson homestead outside of Fort Laramie put up lots of hay. He carried on his father's tradition almost thirty years after his passing. He also worked as a fertilizer applicator for Panhandle Co-op until his retirement.

Pete was very passionate about his classic cars, especially his 1928 Dodge Coach Sedan. He enjoyed attending car shows, gambling, watching baseball and most of all spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Pete is survived by his children, Bobby (Shelley) Peterson, Randy (Jennifer) Peterson and Joey Peterson; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; siblings, Francis (Nancy) Peterson, Shirley Joy, Danny Peterson, Jimmy (Joyce) Peterson, Roger (Pam) Peterson; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He is preceded in death by his wife Donna Peterson; parents, Robert "Swede" and Florence Peterson and sister Eleanor "Sissy" Springer.



Myrtle Jean Mullock

July 12, 1936 – January 21, 2025

TORRINGTON – Memorial graveside services for Myrtle Jean Mullock, 88, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 1, 2025, at the Valley View Cemetery with Nancy Greene presiding. Myrtle died January 21, 2025, at Goshen Healthcare Community. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Saint Joseph's Children's Home. Arrangements are by the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Myrtle was born July 12, 1936, in Torrington as the daughter of Ray and Lillian (Ewing) Johnson. She grew up and attended school in Yoder graduating Yoder High School in 1954. She married Jerald Mullock on February 23, 1955, in Yoder. They farmed in the Yoder area for many years. She started working part-time at the post office in Yoder in 1957 and later became the postmaster when Catherine Clemons died. She retired August 29, 1997, after forty years of service.

Myrtle enjoyed raising chickens, milking cows, growing a garden, knitting, crocheting, and collecting stamps/coins. She took great pride in her cooking, especially making meals and taking them to the wheat fields during harvest. She was a member of the Yoder Women's Club and taught Sunday School at the Yoder Presbyterian Church. After retiring, she enjoyed traveling. Myrtle always made her grandchildren feel deeply loved.

Myrtle is survived by her daughter, Jeri (Cactus) Covello of Torrington; grandchildren, Christin (Dolly) Covello of Laramie, and Tony (Sugar Plum) (Hayley) Covello of Windsor, Colorado; great grandson, Carter Covello of Windsor; niece, Shaina (John) Pulley of Laramie; brothers, Brice (Sue) Johnson and Bruce (Pam) Johnson all of Cheyenne; and several other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Jerald; two sisters, Jackie and Joyce; and a brother, Leroy.



SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Stephen W. Harold

December 20, 1950 – January 20, 2025

TORRINGTON – At his request no services will be held for Stephen W. Harold, 74, who died at Banner Community Hospital on January 20, 2025. Cremation has taken place. Steve was born December 20, 1950, in Torrington. The fam-

ily extends their gratitude for all who touched Steve's life in his final hours. The Colyer Funeral Home assisted the family with the cremation arrangements. Condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Russell W. Shannon

December 1, 1936 – January 21, 2025

TORRINGTON – Russell W. Shannon, 88, died January 21, 2025, in Torrington.

Funeral services for Russell will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday January 27, at Lighthouse Ministries in Torrington, with Pastor Rick Carroll officiating. Burial will follow at Valley View Cemetery in Torrington. Visitation will take place an hour prior to services at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Russell William Shannon, the son of Wilbur and Bernice Shannon, was born December 1, 1936, just north of Hawk Springs. He was raised in Hawk Springs and attended high school where he graduated in 1955. He was a standout runner at Hawk Springs High and was a member of the cross country run team that placed first at the University of Wyoming high school invite in 1954.

After high school, Russell pursued farming and ranching as a career west of Hawk Springs and south of Yoder. He worked for several farms before purchasing his own and starting a lifelong love of farming and ranching. He raised cows, pigs, chickens, and eventually purchased some wheat ground that he farmed throughout his life.

When not farming, Russell en-

joyed dancing on the weekends and is where he met the love of his life - Joan Lange. They were married in Morrill, Nebraska on October 5, 1958, and moved to their farm that Russell started from scratch. They had three children, Sherri, Kent, and Brenda. As the family grew, Russell took on several jobs including National Guard duty as lead mechanic, and many long hours at the sugar factory. He loved to mechanic on all types of farm equipment and cars of every variety. He was known to locals as one of the best mechanics in Goshen County and he could fix just about anything that had a motor. People realized this and came to him for help on many occasions.

Russell loved antique cars and farm equipment, and you could bet he would be at any auction in the local area that had equipment or cars for sale. Russell and Joan raised their family at their farm and were married for 65 years. They were both known for their generosity and their love of being with their 14 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. They passed on many farming and ranching traditions that are carried on today.

He is survived by his three children, Sherri (John) Herbst, Kent Shannon, Brenda (Jeff) Johnson and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.



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In order to be considered for funding at the March meeting, six copies of the completed applications must be delivered to Pinnacle Bank 2000 Main St. Friday, February 21, 2025 Or sent by the same date to wade.bruch@pinnbank.com

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Torrington crimes drop in 2024

BY AMBER WOLFINGTON
Contributing Writer

TORRINGTON – The State of Wyoming aggregates annual crime data each June using the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), but the Torrington Police Department has already compiled its crime statistics for 2024. Overall, the department recorded 232 incidents of crime, down from 271 in 2023 and 281 in 2022. Broken down by category, there were decreases—at least minor—in sex offenses, assaults, burglaries, thefts (including motor vehicle theft), vandalism, and drug offenses. This reduction aligns with the downward trend, particularly in violent crime, reported nationally by the FBI over the past few years.

The only offenses which did see an

increase were in forgery and fraud. Fraud incidents went from six in 2023 to eleven in 2024.

“One of the evolving threats to members of our community that I would like to underscore is the growing risk of scams. As we have become more dependent on technology, we are ever more susceptible to sophisticated criminals who have learned to manipulate people and technology to their advantage. Unfortunately, many of the perpetrators who commit these crimes, do so from outside of the United States, where there is virtually no recourse for their actions. Prevention is really the only option we have to keep ourselves safe. We continue to implore members of our community to exercise the very highest levels of caution

with their personal information and when they are contacted about financial or relationship concerns. If there is any doubt, we highly encourage them to give us a call, or check with a trusted family member or financial institution,” Torrington Chief of Police, Matt Johnson commented on the rise of fraud, especially incidents involving the telephone or on the internet.

It can be difficult to draw specific conclusions from crime data in a city the size of Torrington because even one or two additional incidents over the previous year can have a significant impact on percentages and per capita rates. Still, the reduction in nearly every offense category reflects the efforts of the law enforcement community to maintain a safe environment.

Chief Johnson attributes this success to relationships and communication.

“As a team, we focus on impacting crime by using a relationship-based Community Policing model that is data informed,” Johnson said. “We couple this with daily awareness and communication amongst our team so that we can be as effective as possible in conducting reactive investigation of crimes that have already occurred and work to proactively prevent crime from occurring.”

With one of the lowest crime rates in Wyoming, Torrington law enforcement—as well as the legal community, schools, and every member of the community who looks out for their friends and neighbors—should be proud to contribute to making Torrington a safe place to live.

Emergency services log

December 18-19

00:51 – Animal call – Occurred at Frontier RV Park on US Highway 26-85. Barking dog since 9 p.m. Disposition: completed.

01:09 – Larceny – Occurred on E Valley Rd. two individuals at the store, one put something down the front of pants. Disposition: report required.

05:40 – Log information – Occurred on Road 55 F. Disposition: completed.

06:58 – Suspicious circumstances – Occurred on Road 43. Started a fire on the property, RP stated that there is dry grass everywhere. Disposition: completed.

07:22 – Animal call – Occurred on E A St. Left a message at the shelter regarding a barking dog. Would like to talk to someone about what the next steps are. RP has talked to the owner and nothing changes. RP said the dog barks nonstop. Please call RP.

08:08 – Traffic stops – Officer initiated activity at E 21st Ave, Torrington. Disposition: warning for any traffic or other.

08:13 – Officers court papers other than warrants – Officer initiated activity at E M St, Torrington. Disposition: completed.

08:20 – Traffic stops – Officer initiated activity at Main St, Torrington. Gray older GMC van NVR. Disposition: warning for any traffic or other.

09:20 – Traffic Stops – Officer initiated activity at Road 72, Torrington. Disposition: warning for any traffic or other.

09:33 – Community contact – Officer initiated activity at Road 55 F, Torrington. Disposition: completed.

10:06 – Assist the public – Occurred on E 22nd Ave. would like to speak to officer. Disposition: completed.

10:31 – Animal call – Occurred on W C St. dog standing in the grass area by the parking lot far north side/brindle color heeler mix with collar. Disposition: competed.

11:15 – Lost animal calls – Occurred on E A St. RP states that they moved to a new house and cat went missing/black cat with white on neck/call if found.

11:20 – Community contact – Officer initiated activity at E M St, Torrington. Disposition: completed.

11:32 – Fingerprints – Occurred on E 22nd Ave. Fingerprints for real estate license. Disposition: completed.

11:34 – Follow-up on incident or case – Occurred on E B St. Would like to talk to deputy about interviewing RPs child today. Disposition: completed.

tion: completed.

11:40 – Vin inspection – Occurred on E 22nd Ave. 2012 GMC. Disposition: completed.

11:50 – Assist the public – Occurred on Connely Ave. Would like to speak with a deputy reference moving an oversized load down a county road. Disposition: completed.

11:51 – Assist the public – Occurred on Road 84. Would like to speak with a deputy reference ongoing issues with neighbor who now intentionally ran over/killed cat. Disposition: completed.

11:52 – Assist the public – Occurred on Road 76. RP would like to speak with LT. in reference something involving RPs child (no further information given). Meeting was set up to speak with RP at 1300 hours. Disposition: completed.

11:59 – Motor vehicle accident – Officer initiated activity at W C St, Torrington. Parking lot. Disposition: report required.

12:43 – Suspicious circumstances – Occurred on W A St. gas diversion order/needs an officer to take a report on findings/RP states that customer has tampered and turned on gas meter. Disposition: report required.

13:15 – Log information – Occurred on W C St. Flushing hydrants around EWC if anyone calls a water leak. Disposition: completed.

13:23 – Assist the public – Occurred on E 22nd Ave. RP has questions ref protection order. Disposition: completed.

13:54 – Traffic stops – Officer initiated activity at Main St, Lingle. Disposition: warning for any traffic or other.

14:28 – Welfare check – Occurred on Main St. RP states that RP is a provider for a patient who is in inpatient treatment and unable to get ahold of patient’s parent/unusual behavior so wants someone to check on them. Disposition: completed.

14:40 – Assist the public – Occurred on US Highway 26-85.

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Court fines for Jan. 11-Jan. 17

January 11

Collin Pickens, Torrington, seat belt: driver, \$25.

January 12

Thomas Morton, Farmington, Maine, vehicle exceed 70 mph on primary/secondary hwy (6+ mph over), \$130.

January 13

Donna Jenkins, Johnstown, Colorado, vehicle exceed 70 mph on primary/secondary hwy (6+ mph over), \$125.

Michael A. Strain, Morrill, drive while license cancelled, suspended, or revoked if not suspended for 31-5-229 or 31-5-233, \$450.

Joe Louis Satterwhite Iii, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, vehicle exceed 70 mph on primary/secondary hwy (6+ mph over), \$103.

Yuzhou Song, Chicago, Illinois, vehicle superintendent’s speed zone (6+ mph over), \$115.

Patrick Heeney, Torrington, vehicle superintendent’s speed zone (6+ mph over), \$150.

January 14

Michelle L. Brooks, Torrington, theft: use or dispose – \$1,000 or more or firearm/livestock regardless of value.

Thomas J. O’Merea, Torrington, seat belt: driver, \$25.

Craig Eisenreich, Arvada, Colorado, vehicle exceed 70 mph on primary/secondary hwy (6+ mph over), \$125.

Grant Griffin, Wheatland, load on vehicle, \$90.

Issac Gaxiola, Lingle, drive while license cancelled, suspended, or revoked if not suspended for 31-5-229 or 31-5-233, \$440.

January 15

Grace M. Skinner, Denver, vehicle exceed 70 mph on primary/secondary hwy (6+ mph over), \$150.

Shawn Moore, Ault, Colorado, oversize: operate without permission, permit (daytime), \$240.

Brenden Vaughn, New Castle, Wyoming, vehicle exceed 70 mph on primary/secondary hwy (6+ mph over), \$215.

Katie Walker, Austin, Texas, vehicle exceed 70 mph on primary/secondary hwy (6+ mph over), \$145.

January 16

Jeremy Stephen Velasquez, Torrington, battery, jail: 90 days, suspended: 60 days, unsupervised probation: six months, fees and fines: \$770, restitution: \$3,546.41.

Brian Wayne Brady, Torrington, possess controlled substance – liquid – 3/10 gram or less, jail: ten days, suspended: six days, unsupervised probation: one year, fee and fines: \$770.

Margarita Salgado, Torrington, burglary, bound over.

Brian Wayne Brady, Torrington, driving while license is suspended – second offense, jail: 30 days, suspended: 23 days, unsupervised probation: six months, fees and fines: \$450.

Kenady Svajgl, Torrington, vehicle exceed 70 mph on primary/secondary hwy (6+ mph over), \$105.

Kenady Svajgl, Torrington, valid driver’s license, \$140.

Michael E. Staiger, Torrington, no registration and improper display of tabs, \$90.

Homer Klahn, Cheyenne, expired temporary license permit/improper registration, \$140.

Mandi Gould, Spearfish, South Dakota, vehicle exceed 70 mph on primary/secondary hwy (6+ mph over), \$120.

January 17

Laurie E. Vanous, Fort Laramie, DUI: alcohol – incapable of safely driving – second offense within 10 year’s.

Regina Santoyo, Commerce City, Colorado, vehicle superintendent’s speed zone (6+ mph over), \$125.

Jesse T. Bowen, Guernsey, vehicle superintendent’s speed zone (6+ mph over), \$150.

Bradley Destrampe, Hubbell, Minnesota, vehicle superintendent’s speed zone (6+ mph over), \$115.

Laurie E. Vanous, Fort Laramie, vehicle exceed 30 mph in urban district (6+ mph over), guilty.



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Today it seems as if everyone is under stress. It's become a normal part of our everyday lives. As long as we keep that stress at a reasonable limit, there's no problem. But when we allow it to exceed that limit, trouble begins.

For example, a chair is built to sit on. It's designed and constructed to bear a certain amount of weight. If used properly, it should last a very long time. But if it's overloaded beyond its capacity, it begins to wear out prematurely and eventually break down completely under the strain.

In the same way, you and I were designed and created to bear a certain amount of physical, mental and emotional strain day after day. However, problems arise when we allow ourselves to be weighed down by more stress than we're capable of supporting.

A word we don't hear much about today is prudence. The Merriam-Webster definition says prudence means: "skill and good judgment in the use of resources." In the Bible, being prudent means to be a good steward or managers of the gifts God has given us to use. Those gifts include time, energy, strength, and health—even material possessions. They include our bodies, as well as our minds and spirits.

Proverbs 14:8 (NIV) says, "The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception." We all need

to "give thought to [our] ways" and know our limits—we need to know how much we can handle. We need to be able to recognize when we're reaching "full capacity" or "overload."

Instead of pushing ourselves into overload to please others or satisfy our own desires of reaching personal goals, we need to listen to and obey what God's telling us to do. We must follow His wisdom if we really want to enjoy the peaceful, joyful life He has planned for us.

Stress can be caused by just about anything. Stressors can be big or little things. In addition, what causes you stress may not bother someone else. And what bothers you today may not bother you tomorrow.

For example, let's say you're at the grocery store and the high prices create a stressor for you. Then the process of paying for your groceries (especially if money is tight) stresses you out. On top of that, the checker in your lane runs out of change and has to shut down temporarily. So you switch to a new lane and learn that five of your items don't have a price on them. The checker has to call for a price check on each one while you wait, and the line behind you grows. These small, seemingly innocent circumstances pile up until you feel like you're going to explode from the pressure.

Nobody can remove all the big and little things that cause stress

in our lives. That's why we must be prudent in identifying the stressors that affect us most and learn how to respond to them correctly. We must recognize our limits and learn to say no to ourselves and others.

Stressors, not managed properly, can mount up one by one, bringing us to our breaking point, but with God's help, we can learn how to manage or reduce their effects on us. We can't control all of our circumstances, but we can adjust our attitude and not let them pressure us.

It seems the very atmosphere of the world today is charged with stress and pressure. But the good news is, we don't have to operate in the world's system—reacting like people in the world who have no hope or peace in their lives. The world responds to difficulties by becoming upset and stressed, but our attitude and approach should be entirely different.

You know, you can completely turn a situation around just by choosing the right attitude and approach when you're in a challenging situation. Instead of stressing out and tensing up, take a moment to pray for God to help you, just like the Bible says in Philippians 4:6 (NIV): "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Take a deep breath, calm down, and focus on getting His perspective on the situation.

In the midst of your daily life,

you'll have many opportunities to be stressed. But you can refuse to allow your circumstances to dictate how you're going to feel if you will remember to ask God to help you. The truth is you may not be able to control the situation, but you can control how you respond to it.

When you know you're going to face a stressful situation, take an offensive approach and decide beforehand what your attitude will be. Then the door will be opened for God to supernaturally help you to calm down and cheer up!

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The Lord Hears Your Prayers

All Saints Episcopal Church

26th & Main - 532-5495
Rev. Kenli Barling

Sundays
Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays
Holy Eucharist & Bible Study10:00 a.m..

Berean Bible Church

2002 East D - 532-2497
Pastor Brent Iden

Sunday Worship10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

Bethel Baptist Church

(Baptist General Conference)
2980 East D Street

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship10:45 a.m.

Christ Reformed

Presbyterian Church/CRPC

2141 West A Street, Torrington
Nate Johnson, pastor 722-314-9930
Study & office: 215 E 21st Ave, suite 101

SU Worship 10:30 a.m.
SU Adult Bible Study9:30 a.m.
SU Children's Bible Study9:30 a.m.
MON Women's Bible Study1:30 pm
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WED Bible Study..... 5:15 p.m.-6 p.m.
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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

1101 East 22nd Ave - 532-5862
Bishop Brett Dyer - 801-864-0218

Sacrament Meeting10:00 a.m.
Sunday School11:00 a.m.
Relief Society 12:00 p.m.

Church at Jay Em

Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Worship Service10:00 a.m.

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Hartville, Wyoming

Community Devotions

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307-316-8568

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Community Presbyterian Church

3rd & Leiter, Lingle, WY 837-2729

Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

East Gate Baptist Church

1715 East L - 532-3007
Pastor Tim Sparks

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Youth Service 7:00 p.m.
Patch Club 7:00 p.m.

End Time Ministries

6671 Hwy 85
Torrington, WY
Pastor John Wilkey

Sunday Service..... 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Family Church of the Nazarene

28th & Main - 307-338-1564
pjimlivinghope@gmail.com
Pastor Jim Hofmann

Services are held Wednesday nights 5:30 p.m.
Sunday10:30 a.m.
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First Baptist Church

(American Baptist)
2241 Main St. - 338-0137
Reverend Brian Willats
www.firstbaptist-torrington.com

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer..... 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 5:45 p.m.

First Congregational Church of Torrington Wyoming

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

Kids Service During Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Worship Service10:30 a.m.

First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church

2972 Main Street - 532-2972

G.I.F.T. Sunday meal at noon immediately following service.
Adult Bible Study Sundays..... 12:45 p.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.

Fort Laramie Community Presbyterian Church

Pastor Elizabeth Morgan
Fort Laramie, WY 82212

Worship11:00 a.m.

Ft. Laramie Country Church

Pastor R.J. Hesketh
319 N. Laramie Avenue
307-735-5001

Sunday9:00 a.m.

Hawk Springs Community Bible Church

Pastor Jeff Robinson

Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Fellowship10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service.....10:30 a.m.

Henry Bible Church

1592 Yorick Avenue, Henry, NE
Pastor Mark Bell

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship11:00 a.m.

Henry/Lyman

The Vine United Methodist Church

308-635-2069
1458 Yorick Ave., Henry NE
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Worship9:00 a.m.

Journey

1701 East F Street • Torrington
Dale Harper - Pastor
307-575-7701
www.praiseagtorrington.com

Sunday Worship Gathering10 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study Fellowship..... 6 p.m.
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Dinner - 5:30 p.m.
Royal Rangers & Missionettes 6:30 p.m.

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

1557 West E Street
532-7863

Sunday-Public Talk10:00 a.m.
Sunday-Watchtower Study10:35 a.m.
Tuesday Evening 7:30 p.m.

LaGrange Bible Church

970-846-2791
Pastor Tom Harves

Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Worship Service10:15 a.m.

LaGrange Bible Missionary Church

308 4th Ave., LaGrange
Reverend Brian Herbert
303-810-2273

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Worship Service10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Lifeway Church, SBC

1341 East M Street
(661)868-9017
Jeff Wolfington, Senior Pastor

Wednesday Connect 5:30 p.m.
Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service6 p.m.
www.lifewaytorringtonwyo.org

Lighthouse Ministries Non-Denominational

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

Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Church Service10:00 a.m.
Wed. Eve. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

North Hills Baptist Church

North Hwy. 85 • Lingle
837-2755
David Anderson, Lead Pastor
Brandon Buller, Youth Pastor
Michael Hall, Childrens Pastor
(Affiliated with the
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Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Worship Services10:00 a.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

2973 East B. Street
532-5801
Pastor Scott Firminhac

Worship Service9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class10:30 a.m.

Rhema Fellowship Inter-Denominational

206 6th Avenue
Pastor Lonnie Crowe

Sunday10:30 a.m.
Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Family Night & Youth Meeting

Riverside Church

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

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer..... 6:30 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventist Church

2101 East B Street
Pastor Mark Jagitsch

Sabbath Service.....9:30 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.

Torrington Baptist Tabernacle

7228 McKenna Road
Pastor Michael A. Gleb II

Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Brent Mullock, Lead Pastor
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Youth/Worship Pastor Paul Braddy
308-660-3445
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www.torringtonsonrisechurch.com
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St. Rose Catholic Church

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Rev. Ray Moss

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Sunday Morning7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

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Photoshoot fundraiser set for Saturday

BY JESS OAKS

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TORRINGTON – December 22, 2024, was a day Kimberly Graham and her family will never forget. It was the day Graham's 22-year-old cousin, Moses Angel Dominguez, took his own life.

At the time of the unexpected news, Dominguez was living in Martic Township, Pennsylvania; however, he was born in Cheyenne to San Juanita and German Dominguez and he had deep roots in the Torrington community.

"Moses was a beacon of light in his family's life – a cheerful and kind soul who had a unique ability to lift others up, even when he himself was carrying invisible burdens," the family explained. "Moses was the one who held his family together,

working tirelessly to support his father, his brother German Jr., and his mother, who has dedicated her life to caring for German Jr. as he battles schizophrenia."

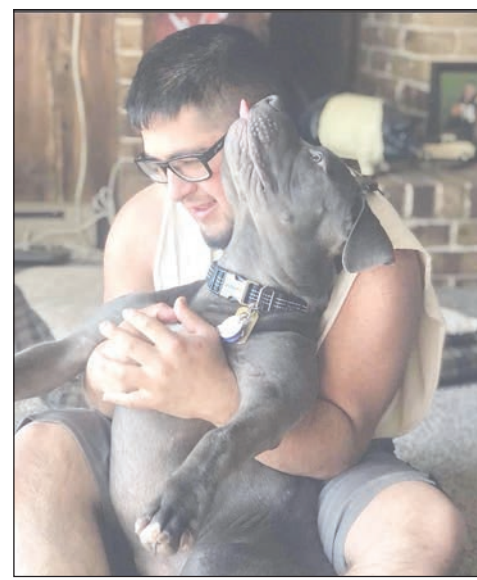
"Now, this family is left grappling with overwhelming grief and an uncertain future. They've lost not only their loved one but also the stability and security he worked so hard to provide. The financial strain, combined with the emotional devastation, feels unmeasurable." The family further noted.

A GoFundMe account was set up to honor Dominguez and help his family rebuild where a little over \$3,500 has been raised to help the family pay for funeral and burial expenses, therapy for the family, relocation costs and costs associated with easing the financial strain, adjusting to life without Dominguez.

To help offset some of the financial devastation felt by Dominguez's direct family, Graham will be hosting a first come first serve fundraiser which will be held on Saturday, February 1 where all proceeds will go to the family.

"It is with great enthusiasm that I announce the establishment of my photography business. To honor National Suicide Prevention, I have selected my first community outreach project," Graham announced on her photography page Tuesday morning. "Moses was celebrated for his unwavering love and devotion to his family, inspiring others through his remarkable leadership, dedication, and commitment."

The photoshoot is an open donation event with a minimum donation of \$10 at the American Best Value Inn meeting room in Torrington from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on February 1.



COURTESY PHOTO

Moses Angel Dominguez

For additional information, contact Graham at (307) 575-6636.

Lingle talks Christmas decorations

BY JESS OAKS

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LINGLE – The Lingle Town Council met for their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 22. Mayor Micah Foster called the meeting to order. In attendance were council members Jeff Jerome, Kathy Wilhelm and Tabitha Lambert. Shelly Duncan appeared via Zoom.

A motion was quickly made to approve the agenda for the evening's meeting. A second was made and the motion carried by vote. The January 8 meeting minutes were approved by the council thereafter.

With no bills, the council then moved on to departmental reports where things appeared to be business as usual.

"Everything is the way everything is, always," Endra Andrews, police chief, reported to the council.

After a brief discussion on a stray dog wandering through town, the council then moved on to the town attorney, Anna Barnes. Barnes was not in attendance and the council moved on to the town maintenance supervisors report.

Logan Dailey gave a brief discussion on town business noting Christmas decorations had been removed and the town may need to invest in better decorations next year.

"We got the Christmas decorations down and I think we're going

to have to look at later this year, possibly doing something different," Dailey said. "Those Christmas decorations are in bad shape. We had at least four of them we took down that are completely broken apart and they've been re-welded for years. I don't know if they're going to make it another."

Dailey noted the maintenance department would do what they could to salvage the decorations but he wanted the council to keep the possible replacement purchase in mind. Dailey noted DEQ had checked the landfill and well.

"He said we have to do a sample. He's waiting to see whether we'll have to do any more than one sample," Dailey explained. "That's up in the air because it's up to the director, I guess, whether they do multiple samples or just one."

Dailey noted he would provide the council more information as it becomes available. Dailey expressed the inspector noted there was money left over from the allocation and it was recommended the town purchase a pole barn. Dailey explained the barn would house the two trailers, furniture and large objects and possibly tractors. Dailey also noted he had started the process for the town's consumer confidence report for the water, in conjunction with Energy Labs of Casper. Dailey also noted he had been updating the town website.

Dailey further explained to the council the phone line purchased for the maintenance department had been being used. During the last meeting, the council decided to purchase and additional cell phone line for the department. Lingle maintenance can now be reached at (307) 534-6509.

Lambert and Dailey gave the council a report on behalf of the fire department in absence of fire chief Kasey Bangerter.

Lambert reported the department had five members currently enrolled in the ALS (advanced lifesaving) class in Torrington with an anticipated graduation date of July at the latest. Lambert noted the participation was down for the coyote hunt fund raiser the department recently had.

"The weather kind of proved to be a little challenging for some of the hunters, but we did still have a good group that showed up," Dailey commented. "First place took home \$1,000 and we still had some money go out. I don't know what our total take was on it but we did pretty well on it too."

Dailey noted the department was considering a second hunt this fall. Dailey also mentioned the gas line and meter were installed at the department and Lambert stated it has been a long process. Lambert reported the station two heater had been repaired.

Moving on to administrative items, Ritch Reyes, clerk/treasurer gave his report to the council noting the community building received the food permit. Reyes noted he had submitted a reimbursement request for training and after a brief discussion the council moved on.

With no unfinished business, ordinances, resolutions, new business or appointments, Foster opened the floor for council items where Duncan spoke to the council briefly before losing internet connection.

"I don't know if you guys are watching the legislature, but it's looking like some of these tax bills or property tax that's going to directly affect us – I don't know if Ritch [Reyes] can prepare anything or who we need to talk to about it, but one of the 50% reduction in property tax will have an immediate impact on that..." Duncan said as the video was lost. "There are several bills going through, but the big one is 50% tax cut in property taxes. A lot of people don't realize that a lot of our money comes from property tax."

According to Duncan, the town of Lusk would see a decrease from \$149,170 a year to around \$49,000.

With no further business, a motion was adjourned was made at 6:15 p.m. and the meeting was thereafter adjourned.

Tech: 'We absolutely will do on-site service calls

FROM PAGE A1

a large computer tower. "You can go all out with custom builds. It's like building a car."

Custom builds aren't the only highlight the Tech Guys have to offer. They provide technical support when customers need it most.

"We do on-site repair. We can come up to your house, your place of work and work on computers," Baker explained. "If it's extensive enough, we have to bring it in to work on it. We have one computer right now that we're doing work on. The computer is just ultra slow. It's like 15-20 years old. You're starting out with Windows 10, but you're on the very first build of Windows 10, which is ultra slow. So, we bring it in, copy it to a faster state drive, which is a lot faster than the mechanical drives that are out there and we can start updating it."

Although the duo covers Goshen County currently, both have a dream to further grow the company to service Wheatland, Lusk and beyond.

"We're looking at doing Henry, Morrill and doing the surrounding

area and stuff. If we can start working on getting all that, we're looking at going even further out if we'd like to do so," Baker said.

"We absolutely will do on-site service calls," Cain reflected. "Try and address if they have an issue. Now, you know, us leaving the office, we're just starting out. We have to charge a service fee. If we go to your house, we charge a \$30 service fee. But if we're only there 10-15 minutes, that's all we're going to charge is the \$30 service fee. If it is more extensive, we charge \$60 an hour, which I think is fair."

According to the guys, they can even help unlock email accounts.

"I've gotten calls where I have to go to somebody's house and their email account got locked up. Sometimes it is something simple and sometimes, it's complicated," Cain explained.

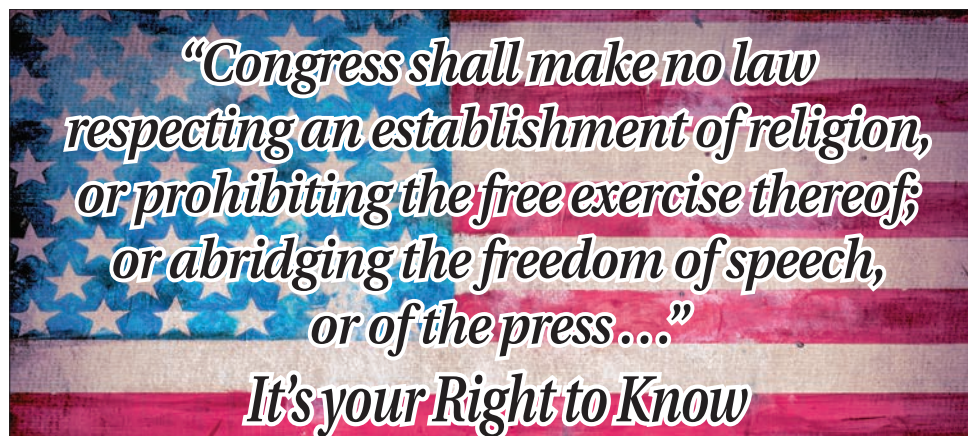
The store is open on the weekends to fit the schedules of the busy community as well as Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We're open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. That's for people who can't make it into us during the day since we're only open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.," Baker explained. "We have

a phone number (307) 545-6700 and we have our cell phones. If someone has some of our old business cards, they can get a hold of us

through there."

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FROM PAGE A3

Power line down across highway/lower on EB side. Disposition: completed.

14:49 – Assist other agency – Occurred on E B St. request for officers to respond to the jail. Disposition: completed.

15:22 – Traffic stops – Officer initiated activity at E 2nd St/Reid Ave, Lingle. Disposition: warning for any traffic or other.

16:22 – Suspicious circumstances – Occurred on W B St. would like to speak to officers to talk to an individual to leave RP alone/RP asked individual a long time ago to leave RP alone/now is trying to contact RP to try to get a message to another individual/individual advised RP that there is a protection order and that is a violation.

17:31 – Assist other agency – Occurred on E 22nd Ave. working on possible theft of a purse/have name of suspect OMM center ran registered vehicle that was cited leaving business, with possibly individual in it. Disposition: completed.

17:37 – Assist other agency – Occurred on N Miles Ave., home visit. Disposition: completed.

17:43 – Scam calls, monetary / computer fraud – Occurred on E 22nd Ave. Disposition: completed.

17:56 – Assist other agency – Officer initiated activity at Connely Ave, Lingle. Disposition: completed.

17:57 – Warrant – Officer initiated activity at N Miles Ave, Ft Laramie. Individual believed to be at the residence. Disposition: completed.

18:17 – Assist the public – Officer initiated activity at Road 47, Torrington. Home visit. Disposition: completed.

18:21 – Lost property – Occurred on E A St. RP lost a blue/grey wallet possibly at the courthouse.

18:26 – Assist the public – Officer initiated activity at E 2nd Ave, Torrington. Disposition: completed.

18:30 – Assist the public – Occurred on E B St. There's a couple sitting in the lobby wanting to speak with a road deputy, unk who it is or what they're needing. Disposition: completed.

18:32 – Assist the public – Officer initiated activity at W C St, Torrington. Disposition: completed.

18:35 – Disturbance – Occurred on W B St. upstairs neighbor has music very loud, RP asked in a text message to turn it down and they haven't, RP has a recording on phone of loud music. Disposition: completed.

18:36 – Assist the public – Officer initiated activity at W 19th Ave, Torrington. Disposition: completed.

18:47 – Assist the public – Officer initiated activity at Campbell Dr., Torrington. Disposition: completed.

18:52 – Suspicious circumstances – Officer initiated activity at Sage Creek Dr., Torrington. Potentially a fake 100 bill. Disposition: report required.

19:00 – Assist the public – Officer initiated activity at Sage Dr., Torrington. Disposition: completed.

19:00 – Extra patrol – Occurred at Platte River Schools on W C St. Disposition: completed.

19:15 – Assist the public – Officer initiated activity at E F St, Torrington. Disposition: completed.

19:30 – Animal call – Occurred on W B St. black/white dog unk breed was running in the street, RP has the dog in house. Disposition: completed.

20:17 – Traffic stops – Officer initiated activity at Main St, Torrington. Disposition: warning for any traffic or other.

20:27 – Traffic stops – Officer initiated activity at E J St/E 22nd Ave., Torrington. Disposition: warning for any traffic or other.

20:35 – Lost property – Occurred on Main St. lost brown wallet with Thomas Kinkade picture on the outside of it.

22:01 – Assist the public – Occurred at E C St/E 20th Ave. RP advising that RP is legally blind and is now lost after walking home from Smoker Friendly. Disposition: completed.

23:59 – Traffic stops – Officer initiated activity at Main St., Torrington. Disposition: citation issued.

01:51 – Traffic stops – Officer initiated activity at W B St., Torrington. Disposition: report required.

04:40 – Records entry – Occurred on E 22nd Ave. enter officer subpoena. Disposition: completed.

05:43 – Suspicious circumstances – Occurred on W Valley Rd. Grey Toyota T outside of business, RP advising they've never seen a TK there this early before and the front door is wide open. Disposition: completed.

07:39 – Traffic stops – Officer initiated activity at W 25th Ave., Torrington. Disposition: warning for any traffic or other.

07:45 – Control burn – Occurred on Road 53 G. Burning in barrel, was aware of burn ban.

08:37 – Any civil problem – Occurred on W B St. would like to speak to an officer regarding protection order and civil standby. Dis-

position: completed.

08:49 – Medical aid – Occurred on Camino Del Rey. Very sick. Disposition: completed.

09:11 – Follow-up on incident or case – Occurred on Sage Creek Dr. Follow up for case. Disposition: completed.

10:57 – Vin inspection – Occurred on E B St. Disposition: completed.

12:13 – Traffic stops – Officer initiated activity at Us Highway 26, Ft Laramie. Disposition: citation issued.

12:30 – Warrant – Officer initiated activity at Road 66 X, Torrington. Disposition: completed.

12:48 – Follow-up on incident or case – Officer initiated activity at E 22nd Ave., Torrington. Disposition: completed.

12:50 – Traffic stops – Officer initiated activity at US Highway 26, Ft Laramie. Disposition: citation issued.

12:56 – Follow-up on incident or case – Officer initiated activity at W C St., Torrington. Disposition: completed.

13:02 – Assist the public – Occurred on E 22nd Ave. would like to speak to an officer ref protection order. Disposition: completed.

13:14 – Assist other agency – Occurred on US Highway 26-85. Disposition: completed.

13:15 – Traffic stops – Officer initiated activity at E Main St, Lingle. Disposition: warning for any traffic or other.

13:18 – Log information – Occurred on W Valley Rd. Disposition: completed.

13:20 – Traffic stops – Officer initiated activity at US Highway 26, Ft Laramie. Semi-trailer. Disposition: citation issued.

13:37 – Fingerprints – Occurred on E 22nd Ave. Fingerprints. Disposition: completed.

14:02 – Assist the public – Occurred on Lingle Loop Rd. RP is trying to get "Common law" spouses name titles however real name and death certificate don't match. Do we have any advice on how RP can fix this? Courthouse sent RP over here. Disposition: completed.

14:30 – Suspicious circumstances – Occurred on Crook Dr. Water department knocked on the door checking for copper and lead pipes. When an individual answered the door, individual made suspicious statements. Disposition: report required.

14:33 – Assist the public – Occurred on Crook Dr. Disposition: unable to complete incident.

14:47 – Fingerprints – Occurred on E 22nd Ave. Need fingerprints. Disposition: completed.

14:51 – Fingerprints – Occurred on E 22nd Ave. Disposition: completed.

15:25 – Medical aid – Occurred on Road 55 F. Chest pain. Disposition: completed.

15:36 – Care and share – Occurred on E. 22nd Ave. two boxes at 16:30. Disposition: completed.

15:37 – Care and share – Occurred on E. 22nd Ave. two boxes at 17:30. Disposition: completed.

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15:40 – Care and share – Occurred on E. 22nd Ave. two boxes at 17:30. Disposition: completed.

15:46 – Records entry – Officer initiated activity at E 22nd Ave., Torrington. Subpoena times two. Disposition: citation issued.

16:21 – Follow-up on incident or case – Occurred on E 22nd Ave., to speak to officer. Disposition: completed.

17:21 – Suspicious circumstances – Occurred at W C St./W Valley Road. RP west of town approximately three miles/drone right over Torrington at around 1,000 feet and is barley moving, hasn't moved much in the last 15 minutes/there are three-four lights on it. Disposition: gone on arrival.

17:51 – Medical aid – Occurred on W A St. Has bad pain in leg has infection in leg. Disposition completed.

18:24 – Follow-up on incident or case – Officer initiated activity at E B St., Torrington. Disposition: citation issued.

19:28 – Traffic stop – Officer initiated activity E Valley Road, Torrington. Disposition: citation issued.

19:35 – Extra patrol – Occurred on W C St. Disposition: completed.

20:31 – Traffic stops – Officer initiated activity at Lift Station Road, Torrington. Disposition: citation issued.

21:24 – Motor vehicle accident – Occurred on US Highway 26. RP hit a big coyote, RP on side of the road with flashers on in a 2023 Hyundai Santa Fe, no injuries, believes the coyote is dead. Disposition: completed.

21:43 – Assist other agency – Occurred on E 22nd Ave. found individual in a car with a 16-year-old, wanting to get a synopsis of background from an officer to discern whether officer should be concerned or not. Disposition: completed.

22:03 – Control burn – Occurred on W A St. Burning in fire pit, RP states RP is aware of the fire ban.

22:55 – Assist the public – Occurred on Gray Rocks Rd. Check in. Disposition: completed.

01:53 – Traffic stops – Officer initiated activity at E Valley Road, Torrington. Disposition: report required.

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County receives all-clear in audit

BY JESS OAKS

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GOSHEN COUNTY – The Goshen County Commissioners met at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21 to conduct regularly scheduled county business. The meeting was called to order by Michael McNamee, chairman, and the Pledge of Allegiance then followed. In attendance were fellow commissioners, Aaron Walsh and Justin Burkart along with county clerk, Mary Feagler who took the meeting minutes. After a short welcome to visitors a motion was then made to accept the previous meeting minutes which was quickly seconded. The motion was carried and the January 7 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

McNamee noted the only change to the agenda would be to remove the IT department report, stating there was nothing to report on. In his general comments, McNamee also explained Walsh, Feagler and himself would be heading to Cheyenne to a series of meetings in conjunction with the legislature.

“I know they have a lot going on down there. We look forward to not only the Wyoming County Commissioners Association meetings, but we are also going to have some time with our local contingency, our representatives down there,” McNamee explained. “So, we will be going down there for that.”

McNamee also noted with the extreme cold weather impacting Goshen County, it is important to keep an eye on your neighbors and the floor opened to the list of departmental reports.

Sheriff Kory Fleenor presented his report where he indicated contract housing was \$56,321, and for the year it was \$215,275 (July through January). The commissioners also asked the sheriff about the state inmates housed at the county detention center.

“I can’t tell you the exact number of state ones. I think they’re trying to keep us around 12, right in there. They are pretty short-term. I think we have them for three or four days and then they’re gone, maybe up to a week depending up on the housing and if they can get them to another place,” Fleenor explained.

After nothing further to report, McNamee explained he was looking forward to his visit with the sheriff in executive session after the meeting. A motion was then made to accept the sheriff’s report, earnings report and commissary report which was seconded and carried by vote.

The commissioners next moved on to the treasurer report from Leticia Dominguez. Dominguez indicated her office had a recent new hire. Dominguez reported about 70% of the 2024 taxes had been collected. The report was quickly accepted before moving on to the county clerks report. Feagler presented an updated warrant report, payroll liabilities report and the updated vendor report which were accepted by the commissioners.

The commissioners moved on to the library report where it was indicated in 2024 the Goshen County Library had 43,880 visits which was up from previous years. It was also reported 120 children attended the library Christmas story and 75 people came to the CJ Box and Bob Budd



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The Goshen County Commissioners meeting was held on Tuesday morning. During the meeting, the county received good remarks on their audit, board appointments were announced and liaison were selected. Picture from left to right, Aaron Walsh, Justin Burkart, Michael McNamee and Mary Feagler.

book signing event. The library is currently working on securing grant funding to improve the acceptability of the building and grants are being sought for gardening. It was also mentioned fund funding was also being sought for an outdoor kitchen. The report also indicated construction on the “Maker’s Space” is complete, the library just needs equipment for the space. A motion was made to accept the report which was then seconded. The motion carried.

Next, the commissioners skipped ahead in the agenda to a new business item where Andrew Wendt of ATLAS Accounting provided the 2023/2024 audit report via Zoom.

“I won’t take up too much of your guys’ time this morning,” Wendt began. “I just wanted to go through the county’s FY 2024 highlights of the audit report. I just wanted to walk through a couple of things. First, wanted to start off with saying, as far as the county’s audited financial statements, we do not have any issues with non-compliance and controls and we do not have any issues that we came across in the financial statements.”

Wendt noted the biggest change would be noted as an increase in the general fund of about \$1.6 million, mainly due to grant funding and increases of various other revenues.

“The county road increased slightly due to intergovernmental revenue and taxes too. That was about \$111,000,” Wendt noted.

Also explained, numerous capital assets purchases were shown on the report indicating the purchase of cameras, vehicles and other equipment totaling about \$1.7 million, according to Wendt’s report.

Wendt noted there was an accounting change which took place this year for changes or corrections which was not applicable to the county.

“Each year, I feel like the audit goes pretty smoothly so I wanted to commend Mary [Feagler] and Leticia [Dominguez] and everybody that helps out with that. We couldn’t do it without you guys. We wanted to say thank you for that and making the audit go smoothly as it always seems to for the county and we do enjoy working with the county currently,” Wendt said.

McNamee echoed Wendt’s thanks

to Feagler and Dominguez and he noted the commission would appreciate an open line of communication. Feagler also extended thanks for everyone who helped make the audit successful.

Next the commissioners heard the fair report where McNamee invited the public to attend the fair board meetings. It was noted, the maintenance department would like to work on the chute panels at the fairgrounds as they lean. Work was also being done on the exhaust system to get more heat into the building. Maintenance was being done on bobcats, skid steers and other equipment. It was explained there was a stick lodged in one of the exhaust fans which kept tripping the breaker. The fan was malfunctioning even after the stick was removed. It was also noted the bylaws of the fair board had been revised and updated to support the department change in structure with the fair director position. A digital and hard copy will be presented to the commissioners once signatures are obtained from the fair board members.

Furthermore, it was also explained, the grant writer, Hannah Fullmer, was working on two grants and more are anticipated. There was adequate interest in the “fair director” position and the goal would be to have the position filled by March 1. The 2025 fair theme and logo was approved, “Something to crow about.” It was noted the rental software system needed updated. A brief discussion was held on the upcoming fair. McNamee explained as part of the board appointments, he attended the fair board meeting which meets the second Tuesday of every month.

“Just a couple of comments. I thought that first of all, there was an interesting discussion at the beginning of the fair board meeting regarding why certain events are no

longer a part of the Goshen County Fair,” McNamee said. “I think that’s enlightening for people, this person in particular that came in that wondered about some different things like the pro rodeo and the carnival and some different things that used to be a part of the fair. I bring it up mainly because I think the best way to find out and the best way to share maybe ideas that community members have about the fair is to get on the agenda and come to the fair board meetings. I think there are a lot of really good ideas out there,” McNamee continued.

After a brief discussion on the county website, the fair report was accepted and the commissioners moved on to the remainder of the new business.

Under new business, McNamee announced the board appointments which consisted of: Ted Church, county health officer; Konne Rife and Scott Prusia, lodging tax board; Milton Green, fair board; Shawn Hall, Doug Mercer and Karna Stoddard, planning commission; James Sedman, Theron Hageman and Hansen Vaughan, predator board.

Next, McNamee announced liaisons to the county boards.

“As commissioners, we have the responsibility of working as liaison to those different boards. Right now, our appointments are, I am on the Wyoming County Commissioners Association Executive Committee. I also work with the joint powers board for the Goshen Care Center and attend those monthly meetings as well as the fair board liaison. Commissioner Burkart is currently our representative to the Goshen County Economic Board and he also is a member of the IT committee and youth alternatives board,” McNamee explained. “Commissioner Walsh currently is our liaison to the library board and the WyDot urban systems committee. We are going to give commissioner Walsh an additional board liaison responsibility. He will serve as our commission liaison to the zoning and planning commission. Those are the current responsibilities and I am happy to continue to serve on the board commitments that I have,” McNamee said.

After no further discussion from the commissioners, a motion was made by Burkart to leave the board appointments and liaison commitments as currently assigned moving forward for the remainder of the year. Walsh seconded the motion which then carried by vote.

Next, the commissioners heard from Kyle Ridgeway of 307 Horse Racing. Ridgeway, who appeared via phone, explained the business would be changing names.

The meeting then entered an executive session with the sheriff’s department and then adjourned. The next county commissioners meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4 at 9 a.m.

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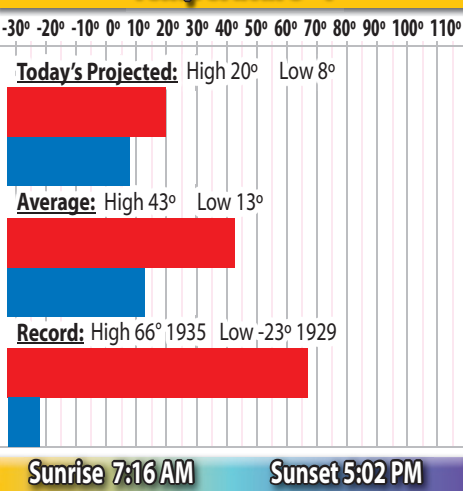
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Airport: 'Next meeting is scheduled for February 4'

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WYDOT committing an additional 6%. The city will initially cover the costs but will be reimbursed for all except approximately \$37,000.

Mayor Doby emphasized the airport's economic benefits make this state and federal investment a significant opportunity for the city. Public Works Director Jeff Harkins explained the existing terminal, nearly 70 years old and originally built as a garage, will be replaced with a modern facility. The new terminal will enhance the experience for pilots and other airport users. Construction is expected to begin in summer

2025 and conclude by the end of the year, with the airport remaining operational throughout. Viktorin moved to approve the addendum, Kelly seconded the motion, and it was approved.

The final action item involved an updated contract with the Western Area Power Administration – Salt Lake City Area, designating the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska as the exclusive entity for scheduling and purchasing electricity for the city. The updated contract, which formalizes current practices, was approved following a motion by Deahl and a second by Kelly.

The council then approved bills received since the prior meeting. Discus-

sion included payments to the county for services related to the recent election and a new belt purchased for the baler. Kelly moved to approve the bills, Warren seconded, and the motion passed.

During public comment, Torrington Fire Chief Luis Correa reported five incidents over the past two weeks, including an aged carbon monoxide detector, an attic fire caused by faulty wiring, a cooking mishap at the Eastern Wyoming College dormitories, and a structure fire east of town which resulted in a total loss of the home but no injuries.

The next Torrington City Council meeting is scheduled for February 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers.

Local couple lends hand in North Carolina

BY AMBER WOLFINGTON
Contributing Writer

TORRINGTON – Shawn and Mary Ragan of Torrington recently returned from a two-month trip to North Carolina, where they worked with Baptists on Mission to build homes for residents who lost theirs in hurricanes and other devastating storms. They joined a rotating group of up to ten other volun-

teers to complete new construction projects, with Shawn focusing on construction work and Mary preparing meals for the volunteers. This was a return trip for the Ragans, who have participated in similar disaster relief efforts in North Carolina over the past few years.

North Carolina Baptists on Mission have been deploying teams across the state to the hardest-hit areas, utilizing

state-allocated funds. With the involvement of state emergency response offices, high-priority needs were identified, enabling Baptists on Mission groups to focus on repairs and new construction where they were most needed. On this trip, the Ragans contributed to new construction efforts.

When asked what motivated them to travel to North Carolina and take on the difficult task of building houses, Shawn said, "What drives me is that I enjoy doing it. It's the heart of who we are. If you want to serve, you serve." The Ragans are no strangers to service. In Torrington, they are active members of Lifeway Church, helping in its food pantry and assisting with practical needs in the community. They have also participated in disaster relief efforts in Texas, Mexico, Haiti, and other locations through Baptists on Mission and Samaritan's Purse. On a recent trip, they worked with a Methodist disaster relief group. As Shawn explained, "Missions are here, down the road, and wherever you are. There are so many hurting people."

Mary shared one of the most fulfilling aspects of their work is building relationships with other volunteers and, when possible, with the residents of the areas where they serve. "When you work toward a common goal, you become so close with the other volunteers. We're like family," she said. The Ragans also noted many of the people they meet have experienced losses beyond property. "You hear their stories," Shawn said, "and you become a counselor."

The Ragans emphasized their faith both motivates and sustains them in their efforts to help others. "Jesus was a carpenter, but 1 Peter also describes Jesus as the Chief Cornerstone. As I build a house, I see how the foundation must be laid correctly so that it can support the whole building. For us, Jesus is that foundation we build our lives on," Shawn said.



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Shawn and Mary Ragan, a local couple who recently spent two months in North Carolina for disaster relief.

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SCHEDULES

Torrington

Boys basketball
The Blazers host Douglas on Saturday, January 25 at 7 p.m.

Girls basketball

The Lady Blazers square off against Douglas at home on Saturday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m.

THS Wrestling

THS wrestlers compete at a tournament in Lander on Friday and Saturday, January 24-25.

THS Indoor Track

The THS indoor track team competes at an invitational hosted by Gillette on Saturday, January 25.

Southeast

Boys basketball
The Cyclones host Mitchell, Nebraska, on Friday, January 24 at 7 p.m. Southeast plays Niobrara County at home on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Girls basketball

The Lady Cyclones square off against Mitchell, Nebraska, at home on Friday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m. Southeast hosts Niobrara County on Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Lingle-Fort Laramie

Boys basketball
The Doggers are at home to play Guernsey on Friday, January 24 at 7 p.m.

Girls basketball

The Lady Doggers host Guernsey on Friday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m.

LFL/SE Wrestling

The LFL/SE wrestling teams compete at the Moorcroft Invitational on Friday and Saturday, January 24-25.

Eastern Wyo. College

Women's basketball
The Lady Lancers host CWC on Friday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m., followed by a home game versus Northwest College on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Men's basketball

The Lancers host CWC on Friday, January 24 at 7:30 p.m. EWC plays Northwest College at home on Saturday at 4 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Wyoming swim and dive set to face UNLV on the road

LARAMIE – The University of Wyoming swimming and diving teams are set to take on Mountain West and WAC conference foe UNLV in Las Vegas, Nevada on Friday and Saturday. Friday's action is slated to begin at 6 p.m. and Saturday's events kick off at 11 a.m.

Both the Cowgirls and Cowboys added to their win columns earlier this week, defeating Colorado School of Mines on Monday.

The Cowgirls remain undefeated in dual action, with a glistening 7-0 overall record and 3-0 in Mountain West competition. Earning a win over conference opponent UNLV this weekend would not only further their undefeated season thus far but would provide a huge boost of momentum and buzz with the Mountain West Championships in February.

Next stop – state

THS cheerleaders travel to state for first time in nine years

BY ROBERT GALBREATH
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TORRINGTON – The Torrington High School cheerleading team punched its ticket to the state championships in Casper on January 24 for the first time in nine years.

The Wyoming State Cheer and Dance Spirit Competition takes place at the Ford Wyoming Center on Friday. Torrington will compete in the 3A gameday division against 11 other teams.

The team took the opportunity to perform their gameday routine before the home crowd at the halftimes for both the girls and boys varsity basketball games against Burns on January 17.

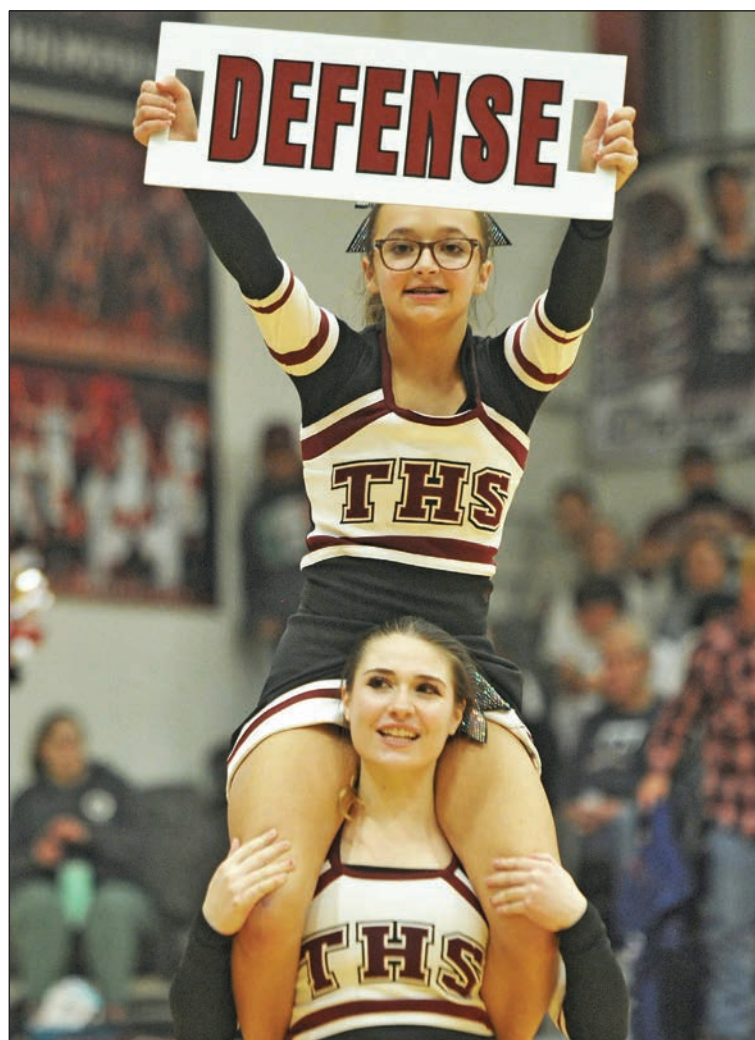
The NFHS Network will broadcast the state spirit competition (for a subscription fee) throughout the day. Torrington is scheduled to take the stage at 1:50 p.m. For a link to the livestream, visit the Wy-

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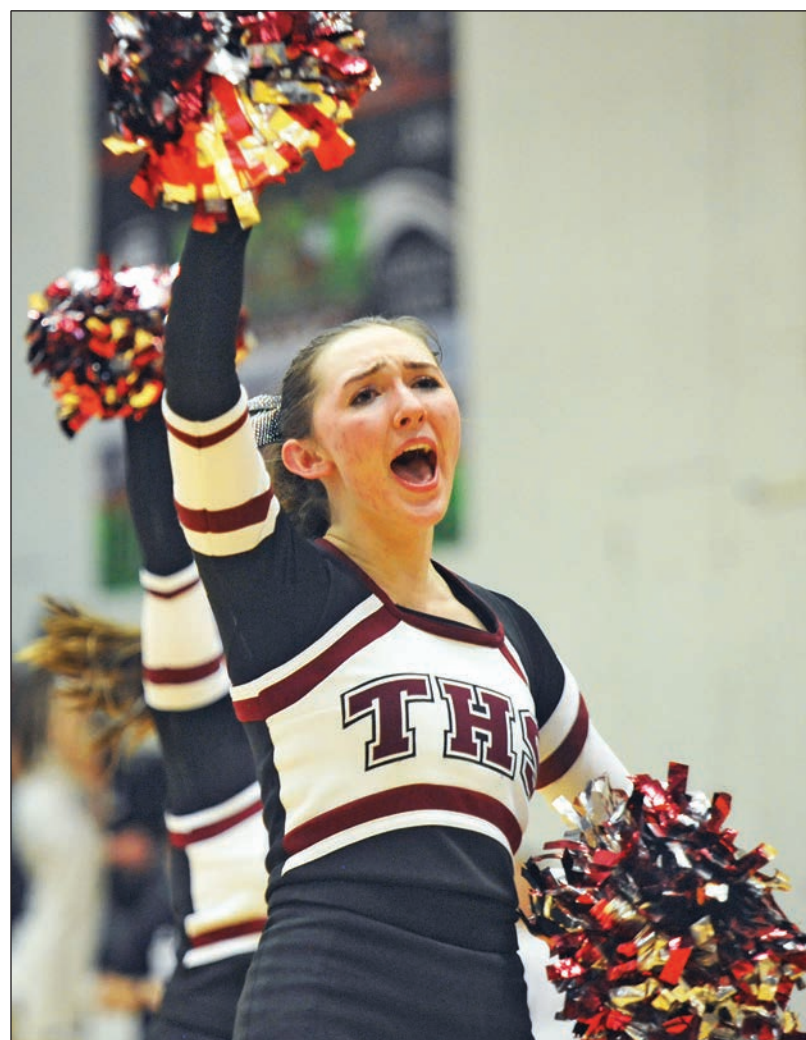
COURTESY PHOTO

THS cheerleaders Hadassah Priest, in front, and Lilly Wilhelm channel their school spirit as they perform the team's gameday routine for the upcoming state championships during halftime at the varsity basketball game against Burns on January 17.



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Taylor Cushman, top, and Frankie Saland perform a portion of the THS cheerleading team's routine for the state championships on January 17.



ROBERT GALBREATH/TORRINGTON TELEGRAM

Senior Tiffany Krueger ramps up her THS spirit during halftime at the varsity basketball game on January 17.

THS grapplers 5-0 at Wheatland Quad

BY ROBERT GALBREATH
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WHEATLAND – The Torrington High School boys and girls wrestling teams notched five victories in a series of duals at the Wheatland Quad on Tuesday, January 21.

Wheatland hosted Torrington, Douglas and Newcastle at the event. In the boys division, the teams competed in three duals against each opponent while the girls hit the mats for two duals.

The Lady Blazers defeated both Douglas and Wheatland by a 12-0 margin.

The Blazer boys squared off against Douglas in the first dual, winning a point-for-point

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Freshman David Ibarra grapples his opponent from Douglas at the Wheatland Quad on January 21. Ibarra was one of six Blazer wrestlers to go undefeated in the three duals at the event.



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State: THS cheerleaders prepare for tournament

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oming High School Activities Association (WHSAA) website at www.whsaa.org/spirit/spirit.html and scroll to the bottom of the page.

Results will also be posted on the WHSAA website on Friday.

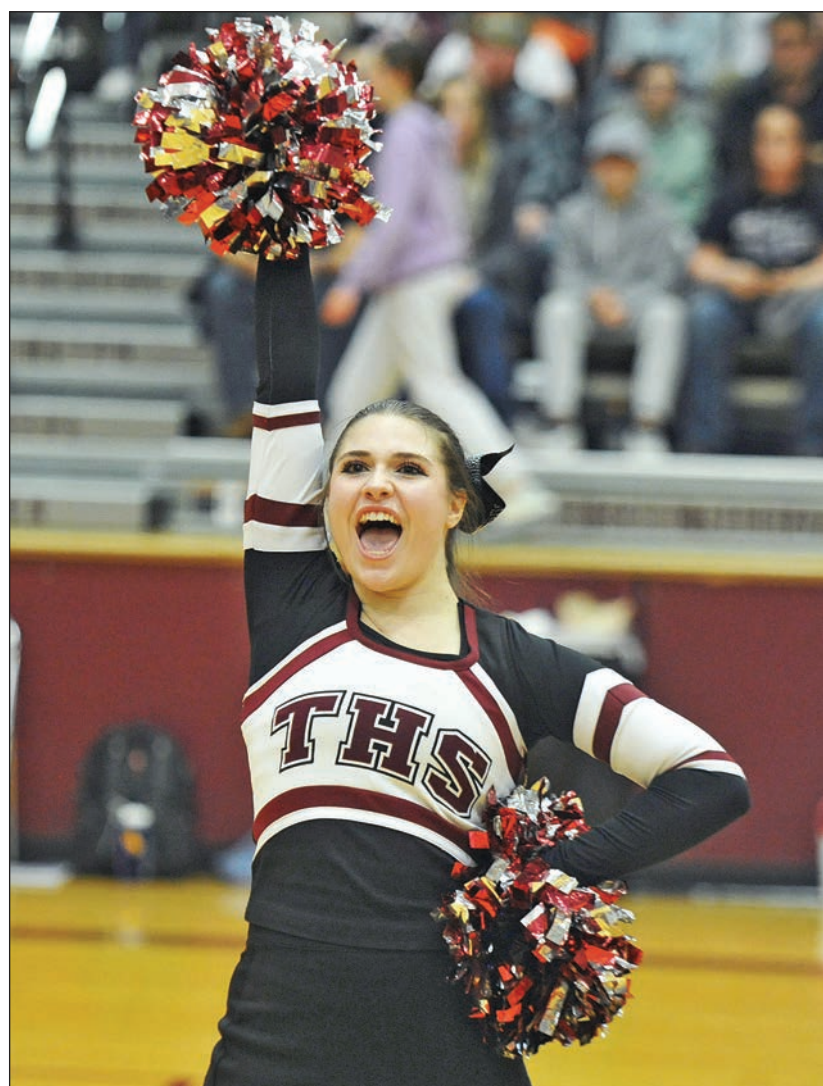
Kelsey Grant and Keely Leo coach

the Torrington High School cheerleading team. Seniors on the team include Tiffany Krueger and Kaleigh Waymire. The roster consists of Taylor Cushman, Addie Hagger, Tiffany Krueger, Ava Mattis, Lily McKimmey-Michael, Kaleigh Norton, Hadassah Priest, Frankie Saland, Kaleigh Waymire, Lilly Wilhelm and Briella Wolfe.



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Go, Blazers, Go! THS cheerleader Kayleigh Norton leads the halftime crowd in a school cheer during the team's performance of their state routine on January 17.



ROBERT GALBREATH/TORRINGTON TELEGRAM

Frankie Saland gets the crowd going during the THS cheer team's performance of its state routine at halftime for the varsity basketball game.

Grapplers: Full results from duals at Wheatland Quad

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battle by a single decisive match, 42-36.

Torrington went on to rout Newcastle, 66-10, in the second dual before soundly defeating the host school, 54-29, in the final dual to post an undefeated record.

Individually, six Blazers posted 3-0 records – senior Tyler Nicolay, senior Barrett Eichenberger, junior Colby Sandusky, junior Brendan Woodard, senior Kaden Romig and freshman David Ibarra.

Freshman Catherine Hendricks went undefeated in both girls' duals.

Girls duals

Hendricks pinned Malaya Goss 3 minutes, 37 seconds into the 120-pound match during the Douglas dual. The freshman felled Wheatland's Corrine Gaby with 17 seconds remaining in the first period of the second dual.

In the Douglas dual, freshman Makayla Burkart pinned Nico Frausto at 1:45 in the 135-pound match.

Sophomore Iree Hershey defeated Audrey Davis by fall at 1:27 in the 155-pound match of the Wheatland dual.

THS boys vs. Douglas

Barrett Eichenberger pinned Jack Noblin in the second period of the 138-pound match.

At 150 pounds, Sandusky took down Rylenn Cowan 56 seconds into the first period.

Woodard won by fall against Kash Lenzen in the 157-pound match.

In the 165-pound match, Romig scored six team points after pinning Treysen Parker only 19 seconds into the first period.

Freshman Brandt Eichenberger pinned Michael Rouse with 28 seconds remaining in the first period of the 175-pound match.

Tallying six additional points for the Blazers, Ibarra took down Jack-



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Sophomore Iree Hershey battles to pin her opponent from Wheatland during the dual between the Lady Blazers and Lady Bulldogs. Hershey won by fall in the match, helping the THS girls team go undefeated at the Wheatland Quad on January 21.

son Boggs at 3:31 in the 190-pound match.

Nicolay won by open forfeit.

THS boys vs. Newcastle

Nicolay scored the first six points for Torrington after pinning Troy Christensen 46 seconds into the 120-pound match.

Freshman Skylen Teague defeated Cayson Phillips by fall at 4:26 in the 126-pound match.

At 132 pounds, sophomore Brogan Dykes felled T.J. Harrington at 46 seconds.

In the 138-pound match, Barrett Eichenberger took down Connor Helwig with 1:13 remaining in the second period.

Scoring six points for the Blazers, Romig pinned Dane Crabtree 35 sec-

onds into the 165-pound match.

Ibarra won the 190-pound match by fall against Gustavo Munoz at 38 seconds.

Senior Moses Lopez punched in six points for the Blazers after pinning Damien Ankeney midway into the first period of the 215-pound match.

Sophomore Aaraon Chavez took down Jonathan Bainer at 59 seconds in the 285-pound match.

Sandusky and Woodard won by open forfeit.

THS boys vs. Wheatland

Nicolay won the first match at 120 pounds by fall against Kael Gudahl.

Teague pinned Izak Goodro midway into the first period of the 126-pound match.

At 138 pounds, Barrett Eichen-

berger took down Steven Reece with 21 seconds remaining in the first period.

Woodard tallied six points for the Blazers after pinning Wyatt Fitzwater at 38 seconds in the 157-pound match.

Ibarra won the 190-pound match versus Tyrell Weber by pin with nine seconds remaining in the third period.

Sandusky, Romig, Chavez and freshman Montrose Boggess each won by open forfeit.

The Blazers travel to Lander for a two-day tournament on Friday and Saturday, January 24-25. Full results from the event will run in next Wednesday's edition of the *Torrington Telegram*.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF GOSHEN, STATE OF WYOMING

In Probate
Docket No. 2025-CV-0000004

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
BRUCE L. GREENLY,)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DECREE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF BRUCE L. GREENLY, DECEASED:

On January 14, 2025, Grace M. Adams, filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Goshen County, Wyoming, an application for a decree establishing the right and title to the property of the estate of Bruce L. Greenly:

REAL PROPERTY:

Lot 7, Block 4, HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION, to the Town of Torrington, Goshen County, Wyoming.

which estate does not exceed \$200,000.00 in value.

Said application is set for hearing on February 20, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., at the District Courtroom, Goshen County Courthouse, in Torrington, Wyoming, when and where any party shall come forward who has objections to the prayer of said application to vest and set over the right and title to the property pursuant to the intestate laws of the State of Wyoming. All objections shall be filed no later than 30 days after the date of the first publication pursuant to W.S. § 2-1-205(f).

Dated: January 14, 2025.

/s/ James A. Eddington
James A. Eddington, Attorney for the Estate of Bruce L. Greenly

Public Notice No. 9218 published in The Torrington Telegram on January 17 and 24, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice to solicit nominations for Directors of Goshen County Weed and Pest Control District. Appointments to be made on the 4th day of February, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Pursuant to the Wyoming Weed and Pest Control Act (W.S. 11-5-101 through 11-5-303), notice is hereby given to solicit nominations for appointments to the Goshen County Weed and Pest Control District. Appointments shall be made in accordance with W.S. 11-5-104.

Prior to appointment, the nominee for Director shall submit a petition signed by at least ten (10) landowners, to the Office of County Commissioner at least five (5) days before the date of the meeting.

Mary Feagler
Goshen County Clerk

Public Notice No. 9221 published in The Torrington Telegram on January 17 and 24, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to W.S. §4-10-507:

1. Joe D. Hunter died on the 14th day of November, 2024, a resident of Goshen County, Wyoming.

2. The Decedent created the Joe D. Hunter Living Trust dated August 18, 2015.

3. Judith M. Hunter is Successor Trustee of said trust.

4. The Successor Trustee of said trust hereby publishes notice of her intent to distribute the assets of the Settlor as permitted under the terms of the trust.

5. Creditors have 120 days from the first publication of this notice to contact the trust or make claims against the assets of the trust. Claims should be addressed to the Trustees of the Joe D. Hunter Living Trust dated August 18, 2015, in care of Cook and Associates, P.C., P.O. Box 1345, Laramie, WY 82073. Creditor claims not filed within 120 days of the first publication are forever prohibited.

DATED this 22nd day of January, 2025.

Attorney for the Trust:
Cook & Associates, P.C.
P.O. Box 1345
Laramie, WY 82073-1345
307-745-7320

Public Notice No. 9226 published in The Torrington Telegram on January 24 and 31, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Goshen County Planning and Zoning Commission hereby gives notice of a Public Hearing on 19 February 2025 at 6:30pm. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit input from the public on the application of a Confined Animal Feeding Operation permit (CAFO). The Goshen County Planning and Zoning Commission will receive input from members of the public regarding the application and administering the issued permit.

Permit location: Lewis Feedlot located at 2926 Lingle Veteran Road Lingle, Wyoming 82223

Location of Hearing: Commissioners Room Goshen County Court House.

All members of the public can provide comment by in person conversation, email comment to Planning Office (mtietjen@goshencountywy.gov) or thru the Planning and GIS web page in the comments section. (https://www.goshencountywy.gov/FormCenter/Planning-GIS-6/Comments-47) regular mail can also be used: Planning Office (Attn: County Planner) PO Box 160 Torrington, WY 82240

All comments made will become part of the official record for this application.

Michael R Tietjen
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Defunct airline
4. Beverage container
7. A team's best pitcher
10. Unit of liquid capacity
11. It comes before two
12. Male child
13. Type of wheat
15. One's mother
16. Upper side of an organism
19. United is one
21. Extraction process
23. A being with lesser divine status
24. People living together in a community
25. Luxury automaker
26. This (Spanish)
27. Semitic language
30. Period for a defined purpose
34. Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure
35. Up in the air (abbr.)
36. American marsupial
41. Decadent dessert
45. Aquatic plant
46. About aviation
47. Summer footwear
50. Rugged mountain ranges
54. With tin
55. Cut on the surface of a hard object
56. Wrapped in cloth
57. Defensive nuclear weapon
59. "American Idol" contestant Clay
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. Court decision "__ v. Wade"
62. Born of
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Actress __-Margaret
65. Not even

CLUES DOWN

1. Heat unit
2. __ Faulkner, American writer
3. Guatemalan town
4. Of funny things
5. Actress __ de Armas
6. Agents of one's downfall
7. Takes forcibly
8. Body lice
9. Large nest of a bird of prey
13. Unhappy
14. Popular holiday dessert
17. Habitual drunkard
18. Used of a number or amount not specified
20. Complications
22. Fail to win
27. Before the present
28. Musical genre
29. Flurry
31. 007's creator
32. Indiana Pacer Toppin
33. Midway between north and northeast
37. Feeling
38. Damage another's reputation
39. Mottled citrus fruit
40. Beauty product
41. They man first, second and third
42. Harness
43. Herb
44. Expressed concern
47. Mississippi scientific area (abbr.)
48. Consumed
49. Nostrils
51. Gathered fallen leaves
52. Express good wishes
53. Monetary unit of Brunei
58. Japanese Buddhist festival

Last week's Crossword Puzzle answers...

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

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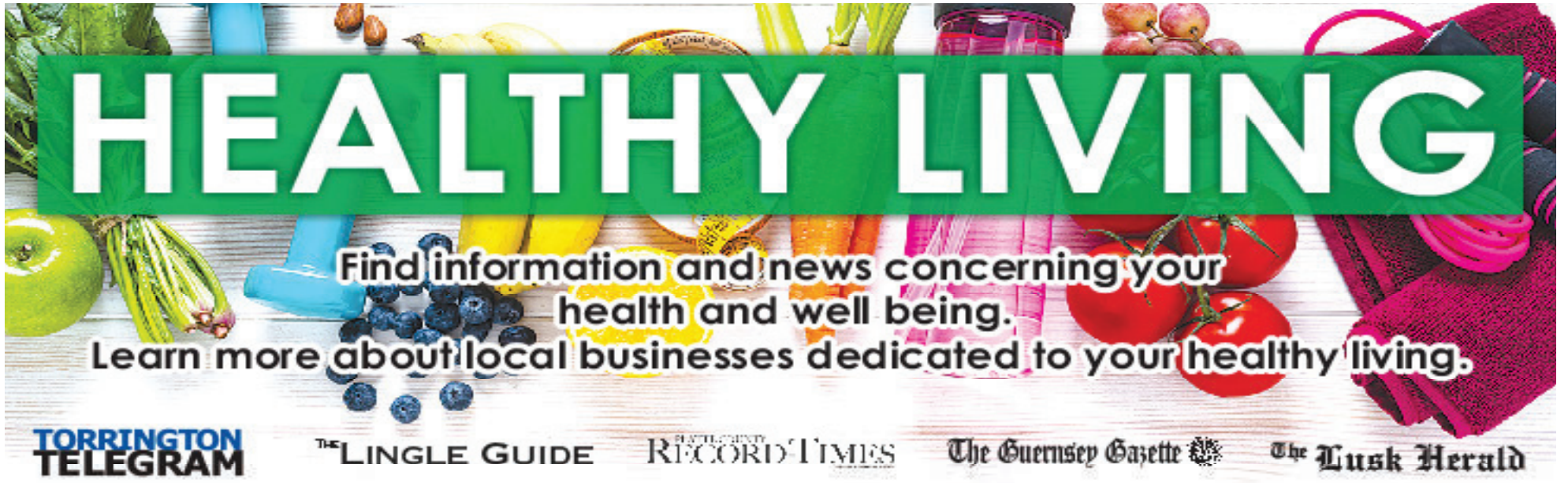
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OTC cold, flu care: What patients don't know can hurt them

Glaucoma patients are routinely advised against taking certain medications, but come cold and flu season, some may reach for popular OTC drugs without realizing the risk to their eyesight.

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If cold and flu season wasn't unpleasant enough, the same over-the-counter (OTC) medications patients use to kick common colds could trigger an ophthalmic emergency that's anything but common.

In susceptible patients, pharmacologically induced acute angle-closure glaucoma (ACG) is a serious, painful and potentially sight-threatening emergency that can result in blindness if not immediately relieved. Uncommon but not rare, acute ACG attacks triggered by a drug interaction most often occur in patients unaware of their susceptibility due to an anatomical abnormality of their eye. Accordingly, it's the sudden onset of unbearable eye pain, severe headaches, blurred vision and nausea that clue patients in to an emergent situation – and even then, glauco-

ma isn't likely their first thought.

Glaucoma, the second-leading cause of blindness in the U.S., is typically a gradual, progressive increase of IOP that can irreversibly damage the optic nerve. But unlike the slow, painless increase in pressure associated with the most common form of glaucoma, primary open-angle glaucoma (POAG), acute attacks of ACG happen suddenly and with no warning.

It all comes down to the drainage angle.

Off the angle

Anatomically, the angle is the point at which the cornea and iris meet, a locale where the trabecular meshwork drains aqueous humor via the anterior chamber. Typically, this angle is about 45 degrees. ACG occurs when that angle closes or becomes obstructed, inhibiting drainage of aqueous humor and increasing pressure.

son with narrow angles may never know their risk until that angle suddenly closes. And that's precisely the circumstance that OTC cold medications could precipitate, says Jimmy Bartlett, O.D., professor emeritus at the University of Alabama-Birmingham School of Optometry.

"These products do have potential to dilate the pupil and precipitate significant and painful issues in people with narrow angles," Dr. Bartlett says.

When good OTC drugs bite

Glaucoma patients are routinely advised against taking certain medications that are known to elevate IOP, such as some systemic or topical medications. While patients with glaucoma should always consult their doctor regarding medications they take, generally, OTC cold medications wouldn't affect most glaucoma patients. The exception being patients with narrow angles.

The key ingredients of OTC cold medications – antihistamines and sinus decongestants – can potentially induce pupillary mydriasis, or dilation of the pupil. In eyes with already narrow angles, pupil dilation may effectively close that angle and trigger an acute attack. Consequently, it's also why eye doctors may forgo pharmacological dilation in patients determined to have narrow angles and recommend laser iridotomy to hedge against ACG.

In a more than four-decade career, Dr. Bartlett never

encountered a pharmacologically induced acute ACG attack associated with an OTC medication, but that doesn't mean they don't happen. Case reports and media reports do describe such infrequent occurrences in the past several years.

"It's possible that a person with cold or flu, or sinus congestion, could go into a pharmacy at this time of year and pick up a product that may contain medications that dilate the pupil and trigger an attack," Dr. Bartlett says. "Is it possible? Yes. Is it common? No."

So there's a chance

Still, ACG is a relatively uncommon condition in the U.S. that accounts for only a small portion of all diagnosed cases of glaucoma. However, its importance as a health care issue is far greater than the relatively small number of cases would suggest. Prompt diagnosis and effective treatment are critical to preserving vision in the event of an acute attack, and even earlier intervention in the form of prophylactic treatment can protect the eye against sudden or repeated attacks or chronic angle closure, notes AOA's Care of the Patient with Primary Angle-Closure Glaucoma.

Dr. Bartlett says the takeaway for doctors of optometry is to ensure patients with narrow angles are informed and aware of the potential OTC cold medications could have on their eye health.

Likewise, it's important to uncover all medications that could have precipitated angle closure in patients presenting with such symptoms.

"This is an emergent condition and not something that can wait several days in most instances," Dr. Bartlett adds.

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