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Smoke rolls from two fires east of Wheatland while high winds blow across the area this weekend.

Residents evacuated near Wheatland during Sunday fire

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WHEATLAND – An estimated 1,100 acres burned Sunday east of Wheatland, and an evacuation notice was issued for local residents.

Local firefighters responded to a fire call at 1:27 p.m.

“It appears there were two separate fires that were whipped up by high winds. One on Sawmill Road and another near Cozad Road. Winds drove the fire east to Bard Road,” Wheatland fire chief Willie Deglman said of the initial response.

Steady wind speeds of 30 mph and gusts of nearly 60 mph were recorded Sunday afternoon in Wheatland.



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Platte County Sheriff’s department assisted with blocking access roads to the general public during the 1,100 acre fire on Sunday. State highway 312 (Antelope Gap Road) near the airport was closed while firefighters battled the blaze.

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Services for Seniors, Inc. cinches its budget

By Lisa Phelps
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WHEATLAND – Though patrons of Platte County’s senior centers have expressed dissatisfaction with the removal of dessert on the menu for congregate meals, they may be fortunate to have the center at all.

There have been several changes made in the last few months in the operation of Services for Seniors, Inc. following a thorough combing of the accounting books at the organization which provides meals, activities and transportation services for the senior populations of Guernsey, Wheatland, Glendo and Chugwater.

In July 2024, Community Action of Laramie County (CALC), a privately owned non-profit 501c3 charity operating out of Cheyenne, was approached by the Services for Seniors, Inc. (SFS) board of directors to assist them in understanding financial difficulties they were experiencing.

“We already provide the Community Service Block Grant of \$20,000 to Platte County to SFS to pay for meals and in-home services. As we talked, we decided both parties would enter into a management contract where we would take over the personnel and financial aspect of the center and take care of payroll and pay the bills, with the understanding SFS funding



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transfers to us to pay bills,” explained Tim Ernst, CEO of CALC.

To be clear, CALC has not taken a dime of funds from Platte County, the board and management believing strongly in their mission of “reducing poverty by empowering people to achieve self-sufficiency through promoting access to healthcare, education, and advocacy with a network of community partnerships.”

Ernst said he and board believe Platte County is an important partner for the organization, and the programs they have contributed to the county over the past few years in connection with the CDBG grant have had encouraging success.

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Guernsey’s grocery store closes without notice

By Lisa Phelps
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GUERNSEY – Guernsey’s only grocery store, Lynn’s Superfoods, posted a sign on their front doors last week on Feb. 19, stating they were closed for business.

A phone call by the Guernsey Gazette to the grocery store confirmed the closure is permanent, and a direct result of the public comments, and lack of a decision by the Guernsey council at their meeting Tuesday night on the sale/transfer of a liquor license to Lynn’s from Ben’s Bar. The representative of the store on the phone call refused to give their name, as they didn’t want their name to be associated with the decision, but added there was no official comment by the store

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Lynn’s Superfoods posted a sign on their front door last Wednesday morning stating they were closed. The store is the only business offering full grocery store services in Guernsey.

Guernsey lodging tax rep change fails

By Sarah Rosendahl
Contributing Writer

WHEATLAND – Stringent security measures protected PCSD No. 1 from a nationwide PowerSchool breach in December of last year.

Ryan Gonzales, technology director for Platte County School District No. 1 informed the school board, thanks to many additional security measures taken by his department, the district was not one of the districts impacted by a nationwide breach of the widely used PowerSchool system late last year.

PowerSchool allegedly became aware of a possible security incident on Dec. 28, which stated someone may have gained unauthorized access to its PowerSource service, a customer support portal which holds student and teacher data (including names and addresses). Investigations quickly confirmed the breach and it was also discovered social security numbers and medical data may have been exposed.

It appears the person or entity responsible, known as a “threat actor,” used a third party app to steal login credentials from someone at the company, which they then used to log in to the system and steal data.

However, thanks to Gonzales’ “trust no one” take on cybersecurity for the district, and extra preventative measures he and his team have taken, PCSD No. 1 had no information accessed by the threat actor.

Gonzales explained some of these extra measures in more detail. He said PCSD No. 1 uses advanced antivirus software and open source programs, some of which even allow the school to view their servers in real time and watch for security issues. The district also uses a state managed enterprise firewall, which Gonzales believes was what really protected the district from the PowerSchool breach. This firewall is able to block access from specific countries including Ukraine, which is where the IP address involved in the data breach was from.

Gonzales also told the board of trustees, the district does not allow remote access, except through VPN with multi factor authentication, a requirement for insurance. He also stated, whenever a third-party vendor is on site accessing systems, they are observed while they work.

Asked if two-factor authentication was going to become a requirement for school email access, Gonzales replied, “Unfortunately, I think it’s coming sooner rather than later, for everyone.”

Cyber security is a constantly evolving field that changes with each new threat assessed. Due largely to the diligence of Mr. Gonzales and his team in the district, this breach was unable to impact Wheatland and Glendo schools, and the personal information of staff and students remained secure.

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management, as of Feb. 19.

The meeting

At the council meeting, members of the public, including Lana and Doug Swingholm of Crazy Tony's Bar and Grill protested the transfer of the liquor license to a "large chain grocery store," which could result in the closure of two small business, Crazy Tony's and Kelly's Bar, who rely on package liquor sales to keep their business lucrative and pay the salaries of dozens of employees in the town of approximately 1,200 people. She also emphasized she and her business partners believe in being a part of and supporting the community, pointing out they have given back to the people in the community many times since they purchased the business a little over a year ago, and plan continue to give back

as much as they are able. Community member and local business owner Stacia Cook summed up the sentiment of many of the people at the meeting, both in support of Lynn's Superfoods and potential consequences of allowing the chain grocery store to receive a liquor license. Stacia Cook said she had talked to the owners of both establishments who would be heavily affected by the transfer of the liquor license. Summarizing their concerns, she said, "I would like to take a minute to congratulate all the other small businesses and their owners for staying in business over the last five years. Covid was hard on everyone, and it continues to be difficult in today's economy no matter how you look at it," she said. "Normally I would say everyone deserves to go ahead and compete at a different level in order

to prosper in any way they can. However, that isn't the case here. Moving this license from a small business to a larger corporation isn't equal to being ahead and prospering as a small business. This move would actually do more harm than good in this community." Cook said, after listening to the concerns of the two small business owners who would be directly affected by the liquor license transfer, "The grocery store sells thousands of items every day that are not liquor related. Thank goodness. We have a great grocery store. I love it, and I would never want it to go away. However, these businesses are limited to what they can and cannot sell. They cannot compete with the bulk orders that a grocery store alone could actually get in liquor sales." She suggested tourists coming to

Guernsey who go to the state park next door to the town will come to town early in the morning, stop by the store and gas stations to get their liquor and supplies without coming further into town. "Unfortunately, this would mean that our tourism will go down. No matter how you look at it. We depend on tourism in this town because we are such a small community. So allowing the store to take over this license would mean that we possibly lose two establishments, lowering the dollars coming in and detract from tourism all together. We are already down to a select few restaurants in town, and if Crazy Tony's and Kelly's were to shut down, that would take two more small business establishments away from our community, one full restaurant, and the possibility of another one that's

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Attempt to appoint different representative on tax board fails

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GUERNSEY – The current Guernsey representative serving on the Platte County Lodging Tax and Tourism Joint Powers Board addressed the council about grievances during public comments of last weeks' Guernsey council meeting. The lodging tax board, as it is simply called, is responsible for overseeing lodging tax funds allocated to the county, along with other revenue received, ensuring they are distributed properly to promote travel and tourism within Platte County. The board is required to consist of five members from Guernsey, Glendo, Chugwater, Wheatland, and an at-large Platte County representative. Reichert was appointed to represent Guernsey in 2021, then accepted the council's re-appointment for a second two-year term in 2023. Shawna Reichert addressed the council, stating her position on the lodging tax and tourism joint powers board "is being attacked – illegally, unethically, and without due process." "The law is clear, only the council that appointed me can remove me, not the mayor acting alone," she said about a letter signed by the mayor to the lodging tax board stating the intention of the governing body of Guernsey to remove Reichert and appoint another individual to the new position, as of their Feb. 18 meeting, stating a majority of the board are required to come from the travel and tourism industry. Wyoming state statute W.S. 16-1-106(a)

governing joint powers boards mandates five members on the board with a majority of them coming from the travel and tourism industry. "The board requires members who represent tourism – which does not mean working in a hotel, it means contributing to the industry. I do that as incoming state director of Skills USA Wyoming," Reichert said in her defense. "I was appointed by Governor Mark Gordon to a state tourism board and serve on the Wyoming State Chamber board of directors. If the governor of Wyomign recognizes me as a representative of tourism, who is the mayor of Guernsey to say that I do not." She added, the notice to remove her through the letter is in violation of Wyoming state statute requiring fair procedures for removal, including a right to respond before removal. Reichert also pointed out, the governing body which made a board appointment is the body which has the authority to remove their representative. "I have the right to a written explanation and a formal hearing before any action is taken. Neither has happened, putting the town at legal risk. This isn't just about removing me. It's about abuse of power," Reichert said. She added, "Councilwoman Penny Wells and a town employee who also sits on the board of my former employer have spread false information about me and misused confidential employment details...This breach of ethics exposes Guernsey to legal consequences." "Beyond the law, this issue is dividing our community. Leadership sets the

tone and questionable actions erode trust. I Thessalonians 5:22 (The Holy Bible) reminds us to abstain from all appearance of evil. Leaders have an obligation to uphold the law and protect the integrity of this town," Reichert said. "This council must ensure ethical government. I urge you to reject the illegal removal attempt and address those responsible for these actions." Reichert gave to the council body copies of a formal complaint she is lodging against "Councilwoman Wells and her employee that is spreading false information." She also gave a copy of past financial reports which are public record to councilwoman Wells in an attempt to address issues Wells has had with Reichert. Reichert's husband, Troy, spoke on her behalf to the council. He reminded the mayor he has long held respect and worked side by side with him on many issues and projects in the community. "I believe we share a common desire for what's best in this community...for these reasons I'm willing to give you the benefit of the doubt. Because when I saw the letter you sent to the lodging tax and joint powers board, I immediately thought you had to have some people talking in your ear, filling your ears with some crap that's not true. I honestly expect better from you," Troy said.

"My wife is not deserving of the mud being slung against her from these incompetent, uninformed, petty, childish and immature people...So mayor... I'm asking you, sir, would you change your position and prove the moral character that I believe you possess," he concluded. Ada Pulos, manager of the visitor center in Guernsey, spoke up on Reichert's behalf. "We receive grants from the tax board to keep the visitor center running. I don't know everything involved...but just wanted to say Shawna has worked with me very well over the past several years and has gotten us increases starting from \$10,000 and now \$15,000. Former council member Kelly Augustyn shared his support for Reichert, stating Reichert has "done excellent for this community. I can't believe that your job's (board appointment) in question." When the issue of the lodging tax board came up on the council's agenda at last week's council meeting, Penny Wells made a motion to appoint Joan Ibarra to represent Guernsey on the lodging tax board. The motion died for lack of a second. There were no other statements or issues regarding the lodging tax board. The mayor told the *Record-Times* on Friday he had no comment on the issue at this time.

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possibly coming in the fall. Please think about that.”

Stacia Cook urged the council to think about her concerns and urged them to consider holding a workshop “so the entire community could attend, this is probably not the best night to get everyone together because of the weather.”

Kelly Augustyn spoke, sharing appreciation for the grocery store, but said he shares the concerns of the townspeople – not necessarily regarding the businesses themselves, but on the employees who work for them. “I urge you to consider how this could affect their employment, housing – their lives if they have to leave here,” he said, adding the businesses have all been great supporters of the community with donations in the past. “We are a small town... I’ve worked with you guys, and you have always endorsed ‘buy here, stay here,’ you should let that continue.”

Long-time resident and business owner for 40 years, Renee Boomhower (Kelly’s Bar owner) also spoke, urging the council to have a workshop in order to spend a couple hours discussing the issue that is “so crucial, and so important to the community. This needs further study and thought, and with the weather (tonight), a lot of people couldn’t come.”

Negating an earlier comment, Boomhower also pointed out her observation over the years that people going to the state park typically bring their own “booze,” so it wouldn’t impact early morning sales as much as was alluded to.

Guernsey resident Ada Pulos stated, “One of the main problems is we have a businessman who wants to sell, and one wants to buy. They have that right. We have our own opinions, but do we have a right to hold up that sale is my concern?”

She also pointed out there is not a lot of profit in operating a grocery store, because there is not much room for markups to make profit.

“I hope we can come to an understanding,” Pulos said.

The center store supervisor of Lynn’s Superfoods was at the meeting. Myron Kruckenberg addressed the perception of the store being a “multi-million-dollar corporation” who makes a lot of money. He said every store stands alone, and the store in Guernsey has lost money for the last five years. Citing permission from the store’s owner, Don Feister, shared some specific numbers. “In 2023 we lost \$153,878...in the first two periods of 2024, ending in August, we lost \$302,407,” Kruckenberg said. “While I appreciate Crazy Tony’s - I eat there a lot. I appreciate Kelley’s. We go there. But I can tell you right now that this is a lifeline for this store (the liquor license transfer). I don’t want to hurt anybody. Whatever the sentiment in Guernsey is, we understand.”

Responding to questions about the 2017 remodel, it was pointed out, the owner and management had wanted to be a part of the community for 30 years. “Well, through what has transpired in Guernsey, we just can’t take the losses anymore. I mean, who wants to lose a half a million dollars. We’re better off closing that store. Which is where we are,” Kruckenberg said.

He also set the record straight as far as contributing to the community,

mentioning they have given thousands of dollars to the food pantry, along with several donations. “I want you to think about something before you get too crazy. We don’t want Crazy Tony’s and Kelly’s closing...The sentiment is overwhelming against us. So what, that we have 15 stores? This store does not get to pull from Custer or Sturgis or anywhere else. We have to be self-sufficient.”

Addressing a comment by Brad Cook, who questioned whether a decision to pass the liquor license transfer was a “done deal” before the meeting, Kruckenberg said, “I apologize for putting an extension in the store. I can put it back, no big deal, whether this is approved we can change it – or not. We could leave it how it is and close the store... However, unfortunately I can tell you, if this is not approved the grocery store will close within 15 – 30 days. That’s just the reality of doing business. We lost a half a million dollars in two years.”

This prompted several comments supporting the store and encouraging more people to shop locally if there is a problem with the store not making enough money, though there were some who said it was difficult to buy all their groceries locally because of the prices.

Ben’s Bar owner Wayne Perkins said he has weighed the decision whether or not to agree to the sale / transfer of his business’s package liquor license, and finally decided it would be good for his family and his business. He explained he doesn’t make many package liquor sales at his drive-up window, which is used primarily for food sales. After he was approached with the offer by Lynn’s Superfoods to purchase his liquor license, he “kicked it around for six months.”

Perkins admitted, “Financially this will be a boost. Times are tough. All three bars are suffering – I know that.... and I am doing this because I was approached and thought about it for six months, and we finally decided it was going to be a good move for us.”

“We serve the community, we have served everybody sitting here...The way it is, it’s a move I want to make, and I guess if we want to have a workshop, have a workshop, but I’m not sure how long this is going to last. I wish I could help everybody out, but I can’t,” Perkins said.

He pointed out later in the meeting, he owns the license, and he has a right to sell it by following the law. “...Everyone is threatening to close; [It will do the same thing for my business]. You pour your life into that (your business). We lost our *** too. Covid took a toll on all of us, and we haven’t come back. I’ve lost three hundred-some thousand in the last years, too.”

To which Lana Swingholm said she and her business partners felt he went behind their backs without contacting the other two businesses to let them know a transfer of the license was being considered. “If we had those conversations, this would be a completely different situation with this,” she said.

Diana Preston, director of the food pantry in Guernsey, said, “You cannot believe the food the store gave us... and they give us a percentage of grocery receipts [back to the food pantry]. I don’t have an opinion on the liquor license, but I want to tell what they give us to

help our [community], and we have more and more (people) all the time who need help.”

Councilwoman Penny Wells emphasized a decision concerning the liquor license had not been made prior to the meeting, and she believes businesses have a right to conduct business in a way that makes sense to their own interests. She stated she didn’t see how people can tell other businesses what decisions they have to make.

When it came time for the council to make a motion on the liquor license transfer, councilman Joe Michaels stated he was abstaining from the vote, and leaving the room, since he had a conflict of interest with his position on the board of the Guernsey Food Pantry, and past benefits it has received from Lynn’s Superfoods. “I don’t want my tie-in with that to sway the way I would vote, so I’m leaving the room.”

After Wells made a motion to approve the liquor license transfer, councilman Dale Harris jumped in with a question to the mayor and parties involved, “most of these people are [wanting a] workshop. Could we have everybody agree to do a workshop before moving on this?... This is a pretty small night (because of the weather), and a bunch of the town needs to be here to discuss it.”

“Can everyone live another 10 days to have a workshop,” Harris asked, with no one stating anything to the contrary after a moment’s pause.

Wells responded, “If you wanted a workshop, it should have been requested in the last few weeks.”

While mayor Ed Delgado insisted the council should take a vote, councilman Jeremiah Fields said he liked to the workshop idea. In the end, though mayor Ed Delgado urged the council several times to vote that night, in the end he agreed to a workshop to be set for a date the following week. That timeframe would be the soonest possible after a workshop advertisement could be posted and verifying with the Wyoming Liquor Division on the proper way to proceed with notifications, etc.

The mayor added, he is also tired of setting workshops to give the opportunity for public opinion, and only two or three people attending. He warned people if they didn’t show up, he would be very hesitant to call workshops in the future.

The Guernsey council came to the agreement of a workshop, after a motion by councilwoman Wells to approve the liquor license transfer did not have a second. A later motion was made by councilman Harris to table a decision until more information from the Wyoming liquor commission and host a special workshop by Feb. 28th. The motion carried with no verbal “no’s.”

It was anticipated the council would make a final decision by the next council meeting.

In final statements by the council at the conclusion of their meeting, councilman Fields said he appreciated everyone’s comments. “It is a very hard decision. As elected officials, we’ve got to watch out for our town and watch out for the people in it,” he said.

Field added he looked forward to the workshop and hearing the thoughts of people who were unable to make it to the public hearing. “Their opinion matters,”

he added.

Councilwoman Wells emphasized in her closing comment, “Most of what has been said here tonight is speculation to what might happen... What we do know is Perkins’ have the right to sell, and the grocery store has a right to buy. I’m real disappointed in the fact the community came out in the way they did.”

Councilman Joe Michaels said he’d hold his comments until the next council meeting, the first Tuesday in March.

The Response

The following morning, on Wednesday, Feb. 19, Lynn’s Super Foods locked their doors, displaying a “Store Closing” sign on their front door and leaving the town’s residents no other choice but to go to the Dollar General or the gas stations for whatever items they can provide, or to travel out of town. For some who qualify, there are limited items available at the Guernsey Food Pantry. The nearest grocery stores are in Wheatland or in Torrington, a thirty-minute drive either way.

As to the store choosing to close, Ben’s Bar owner Wayne Perkins said it’s a “heartbreak.” Chris Sachanandani, co-owner of Crazy-Tony’s, said, “I know no one in town wanted a grocery store to close. That is not what we wanted when we voiced our opinion last night. If that’s truly the case (closing because of the comments at the meeting), it’s a shame it’s closing.”

“We just wanted to be heard on our viewpoint on the impact the liquor license will have on our business,” Sachanandani continued. “We don’t wish ill on the grocery store or [Ben’s Bar], we just wanted our voice to be heard and have a discussion, but it didn’t work out that way...and we have no ill feelings towards [any of the parties involved].”

Councilwoman Wells said after hearing the grocery store closed, she’s extremely mad and disgusted about the situation. “It’s a sad day for Guernsey,” she said, adding she felt strongly the council should have made a decision at the meeting rather than tabling it to hold a workshop, insisting there would have possibly been a better outcome.

“I feel bad, people complain about [prices at the local grocery store]. I wish they were lower too, but there are so many elderly people who have no other place to get groceries, and they don’t drive out of town. This affects the whole community, not just the bars,” Wells said.

“I am so disappointed the other councilmembers were not able to put on their big boy pants and make a decision last night,” Wells said, adding, now they need to “tell that lady she is not able to get groceries...maybe gas up a vehicle and offer to take [some of these people] out of town [for groceries] because you were being wishy-washy, you cost us a business in town.”

She said, “Do you people (who complained at the meeting) realize what you have done? You have put a nail in the economic coffin of the town.”

Wells concluded; the store closing is also one consequence of many people not shopping locally.

The future

Mayor Delgado said on Friday, he wanted to be clear that he was all for a

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Lynn's Superfoods

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vote during the meeting last Tuesday night. “The town council is elected to do a job, and they need to do it whether they like it or not. Since this council could not make the tough decisions, it came to where a decision was made to hold a workshop...it turned out the store had had enough.”

He continued, “the liquor license transfer would have kept two businesses afloat.”

Mayor Delgado said he is working on trying to convince some other business to take on the task of opening a grocery store in the town, and said he is in favor of seeing if any potential grocery store investor would purchase liquor license from Ben’s Bar if it’s still available at that time, in order to help them keep viable financially. “This town is lost without a store... it will also be hard on the (food) pantry because they (Lynn’s Superfoods) helped donate to the food bank.”

He emphasized he believes the council made a bad decision to not make a decision that night.

“I’ve had a lot of calls from citizens from the town about the store closing,” the mayor said, adding Camp Guernsey is

“People’s lives in this town are affected, and it is terrible for our senior population here.”

one of those calls, inquiring as to where troops will be able to obtain food and supplies in Guernsey during the peak of the summer training program. He also said he was told of a house sale that was canceled – and two less children will be able to enter the local school system – because the family stated they wouldn’t move to a town without a grocery store.

“I am working on a couple things, and when I have more answers, I will be having a public meeting to discuss any new changes,” mayor Delgado said. “People’s lives in this town are affected, and it is terrible for our senior population here.”

In the meantime, there has already been a plan set in gear by the local senior center to help. Mistina Smith, site manager for Services for Seniors, Inc.’s senior center in Guernsey, said arrangements have been made for two shopping trips each month to go to

Wheatland to get groceries, starting March 11 and 25. A trip to Cheyenne is also scheduled for March 18.

Smith said there is limited seating, and the priority is for local seniors (60 and older), but if there is room, they welcome other members of the community who need help to get out of town for groceries. They just need to get on a waiting list. Anyone interested in reserving a space or wanting more information can contact Smith at the senior center, or by calling 322-4741.

“Depending on the demand, we may try to get a third trip in,” Smith added.

Smith also reminded, there are also hot congregate lunches at the center each day the center is open, Monday through Friday, except for days the weather is too cold or icy. The center also keeps a few simple frozen meals that can be purchased by seniors to take home.

With the newness of the situation, it is

unknown officially how many (or when) jobs may have been terminated with the *Lynn’s Superfoods* closure. Kim Jenkins of the Wheatland office of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services stated last Friday after an inquiry from the Record-Times, there had been no communication with her department concerning the closure, but after seeing the situation on social media she has been attempting to reach out with information to any potentially laid-off employees.

“Generally, we assist employees when a store closes, making them aware of the services and programs we offer. This happened so quickly, (and is still potentially evolving), we have not been involved at this time,” Jenkins said.

She encouraged anyone needing employment – or unemployment assistance – to reach out to Workforce services, whether it is connected to the situation in Guernsey or not. She said there are several services and resources her office can provide. For more information, contact Jenkins at 307-322-4741 or stop by 1958 W. Mariposa Parkway in Wheatland.

Opinion

Sunset Reflections: “The snowball”

By Lisa Phelps

In an unfortunate snowball of a situation last week, Guernsey was blind-sided by a cold, harsh reality.

Some knew this, but others are just learning it: in a small community, we all rely on each other, and everyone is impacted when one of the wheels come off the wagon.

Okay, I’m mixing some metaphors here, but I think the point is made. Last week, Guernsey’s only grocery store closed unexpectedly with no warning. It has left the town reeling from the impact since the majority of the community relies on being able to go to the store to fill their refrigerators and pantry shelves.

Though it was pointed out at a public hearing about a possible liquor license transfer held at the Guernsey town council chambers last week, the cost of many products in the local store were often more expensive than driving to out of town to a larger store. Sometimes we need to stretch ourselves a little thinner to help each other out. And I do believe people have been doing that, but there is only so much give that can happen – on every side.

A phrase comes to mind: “life happens.” True, it does. But we are fortunate to live in a part of the world where neighbors help neighbors. Or do we? When did we come to the point where we cannot thoroughly discuss issues and work together to come to a solution?

I would hope people can once again put aside differences and stand side-by-side, like last summer while everyone was fighting for the existence of the town and surrounding homes and ranches during the Pleasant Valley Fire. In a way, this situation is a fire of its own and we need, as a community, to stop putting the blame at one place or another. Let’s tie up our bootstraps and get ready for some serious brainstorming in order to help each other out and



Lisa Phelps

make it through this unpleasant situation in a better position than before.

The lifeblood of the community is at stake, and if people aren’t careful, the fabric that holds us together can be shredded with unkind or thoughtless words. As was shared at the public hearing: businesses and individuals in the community are hurting across the board. And – (dare I repeat it?) – a lot of it has to do with the economic downturn, increased prices, and reduced patronage of businesses resulting from what is termed the “covid pandemic.”

While we join together to help with the immediate need of fixing the gaping hole the grocery store’s closure put in the town, there is a bigger, related issue we should think about addressing.

Maybe it’s time to talk about the impacts that are still happening with the trickle-down effect of strict government regulations and arguably knee-jerk reactions to widespread fears. Let’s start talking about how life has changed locally over the last five years and start discussing plans for the future, together. I encourage you to send in a letter to the editor (following the rules of course – no slander, sign your name, limited words, etc.) to share how covid has changed your life, your business, your education. Let’s start the conversation here, identifying the issues we are struggling with most and start to come up with creative and realistic solutions as the full picture is finally revealed. Then we can work together at identifying the issues and moving together toward a stronger, more close-knit community we will continue to be proud to be a part of.

In times of hardship, the real mettle of our community is revealed. Are we going to go down the ineffective trail of the blame game and gossip, or are we going to stop complaining and help those in need while supporting and assisting those who are trying to make tough decisions?

Let’s swallow our pride, share our struggles and our ideas while we work together for a solution to put the wheel back on the wagon.



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Wyomingite brings hardworking dads to light with new book

By Jess Oaks

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WYOMING – It’s often been told; the Wyoming way of life is like no other. Wyomingites are full of grit and determination. Most of them work long hours and most of them do whatever it takes to keep their families safe and taken care of. Just like David Santoyo of Gillette.

Santoyo has lived in Wyoming for 17 years and for the vast majority of his adult life, he has worked in Wyoming’s energy sector between coal mines, oil, gas and is currently at the power plant. Although Santoyo didn’t have writing experience, he turned to illustrating and writing his own children’s book, My Wyoming Dad, which Santoyo hopes young children understand how hard Wyoming fathers work to provide for their families.

“My Wyoming Dad, it’s an idea that I have had for a couple of years. Maybe six years ago, I used to work at the coal



David Santoyo

mine at NARM here in Gillette,” Santoyo explained. “And with a job like that, you know, it’s like it was very demanding of my time. At the time, I had my little boy, he’s five years old now and I have a daughter too. This job was very demanding. I leave at four in the morning and get back home at 7:30 at night and that was my regular schedule.”

Santoyo felt guilty for leaving his wife Rachel and the couple’s two children while he worked such a demanding profession.

“I felt guilty, working so long with a job that’s so demanding,” Santoyo explained. “That is what inspired me to get the idea going up – a book dedicated to the children that will maybe help them understand why we do the things that we do, work long hours. And at the end, it is so we can provide for our family.”

Currently, the short book is available for pre-order on Santoyo’s website and Santoyo has been working with local businesses about marketing his book.

“With my family, things we enjoy, our summer seeing Wyoming. We do a lot of camping in the Big Horns. That’s where our favorite spot is. We do fishing and we started hunting, which is so new for me, but I’ve been learning a lot,” Santoyo

explained. “We like doing things in our community, which is in my book. I’m including activities that we do in the community, such as going to eat ice cream and we go to the jumping pace.”

Santoyo expressed being a part of his community, with his family, has helped the working father stay in tune with his wife and children. He also has recently been invited to read his book during the local library story time in Moorcoft.

“It was nice. It was my first time presenting my book as a story time [book] and I have been invited to go to Sundance,” Santoyo explained. “They opened their doors.”

Santoyo hopes to reach more readers at other local libraries across the state of Wyoming.

“I put a lot of love writing this book and illustrating this book,” Santoyo said. “I did the illustrations as well. I put a lot of thought into it and it’s purely with a lot of love and dedication to the hard-working dads out there that work in Wyoming industries.”

Santoyo and his children enjoy drawing and it was during one of their days drawing, Santoyo began to put his visions into words. He also mentioned he did add a special touch to his book.

“I have a page where I show the power plant here in Gillette. I put a little drawing of a black goat. People from Gillette might know what the little goat is but the people that are not around here, this goat lives in the front of the power plant and it’s probably been wandering for the last 15 years people say,” Santoyo explained. “People around the community, just random people, they just stop by and feed the goat. They check on the goat every day.”

Santoyo is working on a few more Wyoming-based children’s books in the future.

“I have two more books that I’ll be dedicating to Wyoming. One of them is actually based on the little goat, a little side story on it. The other is a Christmas story that I haven’t started yet but that’ll be based on the Christmas theme for Wyoming,” Santoyo explained.

Santoyo expressed his gratitude for the support, explaining it came as a surprise.

“I just want to say thank you to all the people that have supported the book so far. I just know that I was not expecting this much support,” Santoyo concluded.

A copy of My Wyoming Dad can be purchased on Santoyo’s website at: www.dauidsantoyostore.com.

Three confirmed dead in I-80 tunnel crash

By Jess Oaks

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GREEN RIVER, Wyoming – On Friday, February 14 Wyoming Highway Patrol (WHP) Troopers, Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) personnel and multiple local agencies responded to a multi-vehicle crash in the westbound Green River Tunnel on Interstate 80.

“The crash occurred at 11:37 a.m. February 14 at mile marker 90.2 westbound on I-80. At this time, WHP Troopers have confirmed two fatalities in the crash and law enforcement will continue investigations. Additional details on injuries and fatalities will be released once available. The scene has been contained and the tunnel has been

evacuated,” the first of many WYDOT press releases explained.

According to the first release, the eastbound lanes of the tunnel were being used for first responder staging and traffic was rerouted around the crash on Friday at 4:50 p.m. Westbound traffic was diverted at mile marker 91 and eastbound traffic was diverted at mile marker 89 through Green River. WYDOT also explained geologists and bridge engineers were headed to the location to assess the tunnel infrastructure.

On Saturday, February 15 Governor Mark Gordon attended the Sweetwater County/State of Wyoming Press Conference on the Green River Tunnel response.

“Thank you for being here today. I think there are people joining us online

as well. I’m Governor Mark Gordon and I just wanted to kick this off and first off acknowledge what a devastating incident we had yesterday. Hopefully we can provide information today that will be of some help,” Gordon said. “This will take some time to be able to resolve and I think setting expectations hopefully we get the right information to you today.”

Gordon explained he had been in touch with US Secretary of Department of Homeland Security, Kristi Noem and he noted she had been attentive to the situation. Gordon also said more information would be provided on the state and local groups who are working together on the incident during the conference held Saturday afternoon. Gordon commended local

law enforcement, highway patrol and the local fire department.

“This has been a very tough time for your folks. I know the circumstances were really tough and did not allow for as much as everybody wanted to do,” Gordon said. “I am particularly sad that we have a couple of fatalities at least so far.”

WYDOT Director, Darin Westby, provided additional information and echoed Gordon’s thoughts and prayers to area first responders and the accident victims and their families. Westby thanked the Green River Sheriff’s Department for coordinating efforts with highway patrol noting the support has been coming in from state, local and federal resources.

See **Tunnel crash** on A9

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It seems there are very few people who are consistently content with life. It's more common to be up and down mentally and emotionally, depending on what our circumstances are. So, I want to ask you: How content are you? Are you consistently enjoying your life?

God loves us and has a good plan for our lives. Jeremiah 29:11 says His thoughts and plans for us are “for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome” (AMPC). And John 10:10 says Jesus “came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)” (AMPC).

It was such a revelation for me when I realized that God wants me to enjoy my life now, and not just barely get by, hanging on until I get to heaven. It was also a life-changing revelation when I understood that my joy and contentment don't have to be based on my circumstances. In Christ, I can learn “how to be content (satisfied to the point where I am not disturbed or disquieted) in whatever state I am” (Philippians 4:11 AMPC).

Being content doesn't mean you never want change or to have anything else in your life. It means you can be satisfied to wait with a good attitude for whatever God chooses to do in your life. It means that even when you want something to happen, you still trust God enough to believe that if He doesn't give you what you want, He has your best interest at heart. And you'll find that what He gives you is better than what you thought you wanted to begin with.

The world is full of problems, and we all have times when things don't go the



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way we planned. It's so wonderful when we get to the point that we can be happy even when we don't get our way!

I've learned that since the world probably isn't going to change, then I need to change my approach to circumstances—my attitude and my expectations. And it was a great breakthrough for me when I discovered that God wants me to have great expectations of Him. He wants me to put all of my hope in Him and exercise my faith in Him to do great things in my life.

Ephesians 3:20 says that God's power that is working in us “is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]” (AMPC). I love these words: superabundantly, far over and above ALL that we dare to ask or think!

It's so important for us to put our expectations in the right place—in God.

We serve an awesome God, and I want to encourage you to ask Him to do great things in you and through you.

What are you asking God to do for you? Do you believe He loves you unconditionally and He has great plans for you? Do you trust Him to take care of your needs and that everything He asks you to do is for your good?

We need to resist thinking that God can't do anything for us because of our weaknesses and faults. He isn't expecting us to be perfect; He wants us to have faith in Him.

God wants us to put all of our hope and all of our expectation in Him. He wants us to trust Him to do what's best for us in the way He chooses to do it. He wants us to give Him the credit for the good things He does in our lives.

Sometimes we are discontent and disappointed because we think we're expecting something from God but in reality, we're expecting someone else to give it to us. For example, we pray for a raise or promotion and if we don't get it,

we become mad at our boss. Or we ask God to make our children behave better or help our spouse to be more sensitive and thoughtful. But when they don't do what we want, we get mad at them.

We need to look to God to provide what we need and what we want. This means we trust Him, no matter what other people do or what circumstances look like. It's not wrong to put realistic expectations in the people we have relationships with, but no one is perfect, and people will disappoint us sometimes. We can get rid of a lot of disappointment and discontentment by learning how to put our hope and expectation in God first and foremost.

God cares about everything about you and everything that concerns you. He wants to be good to you and He will never disappoint you. Give Him all of your heart and put all of your hope and expectation in Him. You can have true contentment and satisfaction in Christ!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-part teaching resource *Contentment and Satisfaction*. 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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Guernsey fire chief fired, temporary chief appointed

By Lisa Phelps
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GUERNSEY – In a move directly related to violations of the council policy handbook requiring adequate fire protection, the Guernsey town council voted to fire Jeff Thomas as acting fire chief. They also authorized the mayor to appoint a temporary fire chief in the interim so the department can conduct elections.

Thomas was not present at the meeting. In discussion by the council, it was revealed there have not been any officer elections at the department, which by statute needs to occur in November. Additionally, seven firemen chose to walk out on the department in protest, and mayor Ed Delgado said

he understands the fire department’s equipment is “far behind on maintenance,” which he said he wants to get caught up so they can be pump tested and serviced.

“It has to be done,” he said.

“I understand there were seven firemen who walked out. Now without Camp Guernsey, we don’t have an effective fire department...and they’re not doing what they’re supposed to do as far as the fire chief. It’s unfortunate he’s not here this evening,” councilman Joe Michaels said.

During the vote, councilman Dale Harris abstained from the vote.

Last Friday, mayor Delgado confirmed he has appointed a temporary fire chief, Wes Sterner. The mayor said internal department elections will be held at the fire department this week.

PVCS's Rafael nominated for national LifeChanger of the Year award

For the Record-Times

CHUGWATER
– Prairie View Community School first and second grade teacher Alesha Rafael has been nominated for National Life Group’s 2024-25 LifeChanger of the Year award. Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, LifeChanger of the Year recognizes and rewards the very best K-12 educators and school district employees across the United States who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence, and leadership.

Rafael was nominated by a grandparent of a student, Tina Dunlap-Kirlin, for making a transformative impact on Dunlap-Kirlin’s granddaughter, Braylee, by unlocking her potential and fostering academic and personal growth.

Braylee is a seven-year-old girl with autism. After struggling in kindergarten, Braylee started first grade at the new charter school in Chugwater, where Rafael quickly recognized her needs and worked with the director to implement the necessary support.

Within weeks, Braylee was reading and writing, and her emotional breakdowns decreased. Since then, Braylee has read over 200 books, earned Honor Roll recognition, and gained confidence in her abilities.

“None of this would have happened without Mrs. Rafael’s dedication and care,” said Dunlap-Kirlin. “She has helped build Braylee’s foundation for future success. Braylee will continue her journey with Mrs. Rafael in second grade, and we are deeply grateful for her unwavering commitment.”

About LifeChanger of the Year
Since 2011, LifeChanger of the Year has recognized and rewarded more than 8,500 K-12 teachers, administrators, and school employees in 2,300+ school districts. The program has awarded over \$790,000 in



Alesha Rafael

cash prizes to winners and their schools for making a significant difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence, and leadership.

Each school year, LifeChanger of the Year receives hundreds of nominations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Seventeen individual LifeChanger of the Year awards will be given during the 2024-2025 school year.

(1) Grand Prize Winner – will receive \$10,000 to be shared with their school/district.

(4) Grand Prize Finalists – will receive \$5,000 to be shared with their school/district.

(10) LifeChanger Award Winners – will receive \$3,000 to be shared with their school/district.

(1) Spirit Award Winner – This award is given to the nominee whose community demonstrates the most support for their nomination. The winner will receive \$5,000 to be shared with their school/district.

(1) Spotlight Award Winner – This award is given to a nominee in a specific discipline each year. The winner will receive \$5,000 to be shared with their school or district.

Winners are chosen by a selection committee comprised of former winners and education professionals and will be announced in early 2025. Nominees must be K-12 teachers or school district employees. To be considered for an award, nominees must

Make a positive impact on the lives of students

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Possess a proven record of professional excellence

Show commitment to building a nurturing environment that supports learning

Adhere to the highest moral and ethical standards

If you’re interested in nominating someone from your school community, or would like information on past nominees, visit www.LifeChangeroftheYear.com.

Sunday fire

FROM A1

County fire warden Tony Krotz said a Platte Alert evacuation notice was issued at 2:24 p.m. to residents of Chug Creek Estates and mile markers two through six on Highway 316. The evacuation notice was lifted at 6 p.m.

Multiple agencies assisted in the fire response, including Guernsey, Camp Guernsey, Glendo, Hartville, Lingle, Veteran, Albany and Laramie Counties, Antelope Gap, Palmer Canyon, Laramie Peak Fire, Sybille, Chugwater, and others.

Firefighters were still fighting the blaze in a stand of trees on Bard Road at press time on Monday, and a hand crew will be continuing mop-up efforts throughout the day.

Krotz said the sheriff’s office will be using drones to get an accurate reading of the actual acreage involved with the fire. There were three structures and a travel trailer burned in the fire. One firefighter was injured.

The Sawmill Road Fire is under investigation by the state fire marshal.

Services for Seniors

FROM A8

Last year, the CDBG grant administrator (CALC) expanded its relationship with the county to administer funds kicking off the Platte County Family Resource Center, overseen by Platte Co. Public Health. The decision to partner with SFS was out of a desire to further assist needy populations within Platte County.

The CALC and SFS partnership began at the beginning of the fiscal year on Oct. 1, 2024. CALC paid bills as they came in while they waited for the financial books to arrive (a month later), which they then started to analyze, Ernst shared. “At that point we looked in depth and saw a bigger problem than the board of Services for Seniors, Inc. realized. Looking at the financials of past years, they were running a deficit of \$45,000 to \$47,000 per year for several years. Much of the issue has been because of increased costs, without adjusting purchases.

In 2012, SFS had net assets of over \$300,000 with a predominantly cash balance of just over \$200,000. In fiscal year 2019-2020 they experienced their last surplus, ending the year with \$21,550 on the books. The last four years have shown more and more of a deficit.

While attempting to unravel the financial situation of SFS, and with their agreement to pay bills, the CALC board of directors chose to use their own line of credit to the tune of over \$175,000 to help get SFS current with invoices and pay employees.

Platte County clerk Malcolm Ervin is one of two representatives from Platte County on the 14-member CALC board. He confirmed, SFS would not have made payroll in November if CALC had not been willing to assist. CALC has also helped resolve several issues which were threatening grant funds the senior service provider relies on.

“SFS is on track – if they follow the plan set up by CALC – to show a small surplus at the end of the fiscal year, and even be able to work on a plan to pay CALC back for the line of credit they extended,” Ervin said.

CALC and SFS boards have worked together over the last few months to come up with a way to become solvent, which has included tough decisions to cut some jobs, including two part time and two full time positions, and reducing two full-time positions in Glendo and Chugwater centers to part-time since it is hard to justify a full-time employee to serve an average of 7 to 14

meals.

“It’s nobody’s fault. I want to make that very clear. We are just working on what we see right now. There are too many staff for this size of senior center. To put it into perspective, CALC as an agency covers four counties and employs 18 full-time employees. SFS has 25 employees,” Ernst said. “All employees are valuable, and we appreciate them, but there was a consistent drain of funding.”

He also said there was a dollar increase in the cost of meals (now \$5 for seniors 60+ and \$9 for guests), in addition to much-needed cuts to monthly food purchases. The cooks have also been challenged to make more homemade meals, and the dietitian who is required to approve the menu said the dessert needed to be cut to remain within the calorie intake per day as set by the Wyoming Department of Health’s Aging Division.

Just making those changes reduced food costs from \$30,000 or \$35,000 per month to between \$21,000 and \$23,000.

Add to that approximately \$50,000 to \$55,000 per month for payroll, rent, gas, and leases such as for the copy machine and computers.

“When the overhead is extremely high, trying to provide good service and quality service becomes very difficult. That’s why the board of directors asked us to see what we can do to help streamline center. Unfortunately, we have a difficult time addressing everything. Nobody wants to lose a job or let anyone go,” Ernst said. “And I don’t want to close sites – that’s the last thing we want to do, so we’re looking at what we can do to reduce cost in other places: that is our challenge moving forward.”

The state and federal income for the private, non-profit organization, Services for Seniors, Inc. to provide services in Glendo, Chugwater, Guernsey, and Wheatland is as follows: Multiple grants from Wyoming Department of Health Aging Division: \$74,000 for B1, and \$55,000 for C1, \$80,000 for C2, and \$55,500 for home delivered meals. A WYDOT grant provides \$71,000 for transportation costs, and the Wyoming Senior Service Board gives \$156,500 per year to the center. The 2-mill property tax levy overseen by the county’s Senior Citizens Service District board, provides up to \$150,000 each year.

See **Services for Seniors** on A8

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Services for Seniors

FROM A7

In total, there is just over \$300,000 that can be budgeted by SFS.

Ernst emphasized, without changes, there is simply not enough money from state and federal funding to last more than four or five months.

“The whole intent is for us to help services for seniors get into a better place. It’s very hard, because I have a soft place in my heart for Platte County. I’ve worked for this county forever and worked with the SFS board of directors a lot. We have not failed them, but uncovered a lot of stuff we were unable to handle, but we’re not going to give up,” Ernst said.

He explained, he and the SFS board of directors have been discussing the contract, and a decision may be made to end the management contract. “Either way we go, we will still offer to consult, Ernst said. He added, there are a lot of funds on the chopping block right now

for both agencies, because of the state of the economy, the new administration in D.C., and potential changes from the Wyoming legislature.

“Everybody is feeling it,” he said, adding CALC can no longer extend itself financially to SFS and maintain its own long-term stability. But, he said, the question is, “How do we continue services as-is with less money when everything is going up?”

“Ideally we need volunteers,” Ernst said. “Finding volunteers can be hard, but it is the only way to make things work.”

SFS district manager Jeni DeSmith said anyone with questions is welcome to visit with her or call the office at 322-3424. She admits she doesn’t know everything but is trying to find answers as best as she can to the questions people have concerning the changes at the center. “People’s emotions are high,

and I understand, I’ll be glad to reach out.”

DeSmith said while there will be more changes as needed in the coming weeks and months at the senior centers in Platte County, there will remain some constants. There will be hot congregate meals provided during the week, and home delivered meals in each community. There will continue to be transportation provided (it is funded by a WYDOT grant), and though there have been rumors to the contrary, the Wheatland activities center does not look to be on the chopping block either. There is very little overhead and there is a lot of participation by the seniors to justify its existence.

“There will be challenges, but we can face the challenges as they come and make changes that need to be made,” DeSmith said. “No one is happy with the layoff, but things are going

smoother. Things are streamlined in the kitchen and we all chip in to help. I’m not adverse to maintaining my own space and helping out as much as possible.”

“It’s going to be hard, but I’m very confident, with the help of community, good leadership, and good communication, we will see some improvements,” Ernst said. “We start with the budgets, and by living within our means and putting in a realistic budget. All the boards of directors also need to be upfront and very transparent.”

As an aside, since Platte County directly benefits from some of the CALC funds donated through the CDBG grant, the people of Platte County are invited to attend the CALC annual fundraiser at the Atlas Theater in downtown Cheyenne on April 12. For more information, go to www.calc.net or www.calc.betterworld.org.



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Blake Griffin, Wyoming Military Department, WYARNG–CFMO senior archaeologist (right) sifts through material in an archaeology dig at Patten Creek in Platte County.

SHAPPS presents: Patten Creek history and updates

For the Record-Times


HARTVILLE – The senior archaeologist at Camp Guernsey, Blake V. Griffin, will be giving a presentation on the history and updates at Patten Creek this week. On Thursday, Feb 27, Griffin will be sharing

photos and information of the Patten Creek Site at the monthly meeting of Sunrise Historic and Prehistoric Preservation Society at 6 p.m. at Hartville city hall.

The Patten Creek Site is prehistoric stone tool fabrication site in Platte County. Primary investigation

was undertaken at the site in the 1960s. The site was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on September 11, 1989.

The program is free and open to the public. SHAPPS dues are encouraged. For more information, call 307-331-8810 or email shappsymca@gmail.com.



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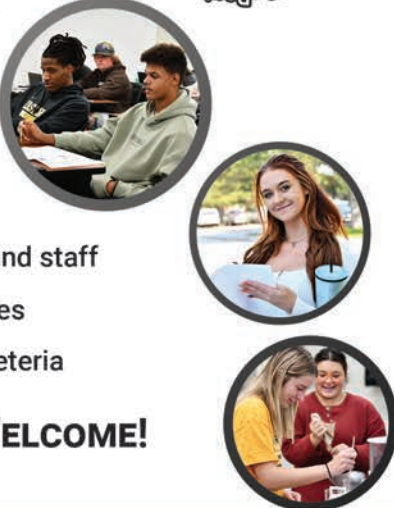
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February hike features Tunnel Mountain Trail



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Josue Valdez (left) and EWC archaeology professor Steve Howard were two of many participating in February’s monthly hike at Guernsey State Park along Tunnel Mountain Trail.



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If the hike didn’t do it, the views can be breathtaking along the Tunnel Mountain trail at Guernsey State Park.

Tunnel crash

“As soon as we heard, we started gathering our teams together to make sure that we had the appropriate personnel on-site as quick as possible. Obviously, the highway patrol got dispatched. They were there and dispatching a command center,” Westby stated.

Westby noted it’s the Wyoming way of life to rally around a crisis and provide support any way possible, echoing the governor.

Major James Thomas with the Wyoming Highway Patrol provided an update from the law enforcement side of the accident. Thomas gave background information on the accident noting the first call came in around 11:38 a.m. Friday, February 14 notifying emergency personnel of a crash in the westbound lane of I-80.

“Initial response – once we came on scene there, we came across several vehicles involved in that westbound lane along with an active fire, which prevented some of the life-saving measures there that we could do at that time until fire conditions could improve,” Thomas said.

Thomas also thanked the agencies who responded noting the incident could not have been managed without teamwork. Thomas explained it was a collective response trying to initiate life-saving

measures, move people to safety and get the highway shut down, which was the first priority.

“Then it became the firefighting effort which was an extended operation. That operation went well into the evening,” Thomas said. “Working with the fire department, we started our investigation on the outside of that western side of the tunnel. When conditions can improve and we removed the victims from the scene there, once those were going on the fire department started working on the west side of the tunnel. Then got as far as they could and relocated to the eastern side of the tunnel to work inside and try to put out those fires.”

Thomas thanked Wyoming Department of Criminal Investigation for their assistance in the incident.

“They’re assisting with some of our evidence collection and some mapping and stuff like that,” Thomas said.

According to Thomas, even after the fires had been put out, conditions were still not safe for investigators and responders to go inside the tunnel due to structural concerns and air quality. Thomas noted there was still a level of unknown concerning the contaminants or hazards which still existed in the tunnel. Thomas also explained they had been contacted by the National

For the Record-Times

GUERNSEY – A February 8th guided hike at Guernsey State Park is the second trail challenge of the year. There were 17 participants and three dogs who completed the tunnel mountain trail, a historic out-and-back intermediate rated trail that stretches 3.4 miles.

Hikers can start at the headquarters building or at the trailhead along skyline drive. A steep connector path from Skyline Campground leads up to the main trail. This is a great trail if looking to experience a variety of terrains as you traverse the route and cross a beautifully designed CCC footbridge. This trail showcases breathtaking views of the park, the reservoir, and the railroad tracks below.

Park superintendent Cassie Wells said she is excited to host the guided hikes in the park. “It’s really for everyone whether you love challenges, enjoy the outdoors, or just want to connect with others this is a great opportunity. Our guided hikes led by park staff are really designed to build confidence, give visitors a chance to connect with others and more importantly make sure everyone has fun. All levels of hikers from beginners to experts are encouraged to join us!” she said.

The next guided hike will be on Saturday, March 1st at 1 p.m. This is a simple out-and-back trail that extends for three miles. Gather at the North Platte River parking area adjacent to Hwy 26. Stroll along the Lucinda Rollins path, then head over to the Oregon Trail Ruts. Feel free to pause along the way to learn about Pioneer Lucinda Rollins, enjoy stunning views of the Town of Guernsey and the North Platte River, and proceed to the Historic Oregon Trail Ruts site.

Anyone who completes all 12 monthly hikes (with the group or on your own at any time during the year) can win some prizes and bragging rights. For more information, visit Guernsey State Park’s social media pages, or call 307-836-2334.

Today’s Weather

Wyoming High/Low for Thursday

5 Day Local Forecast		
Thursday 2/27 High 62° <i>Real Feel 58°</i> Evening Low 41° <i>Real Feel 32°</i>	Mostly sunny, becoming windier and mild	Precipitation 1%
Friday 2/28 High 62° <i>Real Feel 59°</i> Evening Low 26° <i>Real Feel 27°</i>	Mild with sunshine and a few clouds; breezy in the afternoon	Precipitation 0%
Saturday 3/1 High 62° <i>Real Feel 64°</i> Evening Low 28° <i>Real Feel 24°</i>	Mild with plenty of sunshine	Precipitation 3%
Sunday 3/2 High 59° <i>Real Feel 66°</i> Evening Low 28° <i>Real Feel 22°</i>	Mostly sunny	Precipitation 0%
Monday 3/3 High 51° <i>Real Feel 44°</i> Evening Low 29° <i>Real Feel 30°</i>	Cloudy with a mix of snow and rain late	Precipitation 79%
	Cloudy and cooler with a little rain	Precipitation 0%
	Cloudy; a mix of snow and rain in the evening followed by a flurry late	Precipitation 55%

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Average: High 49° Low 19°														
Last year: High 46° Low 15°														
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FROM A5

Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) who will be conducting a parallel investigation along with the highway patrol. Thomas explained a meeting is being scheduled.

“This morning (Saturday), we started to be able to at least get into the tunnel to see what those circumstances were. We still have some hazards that still remain in there so that will be a long process as far as working through that investigation,” Thomas said. “As we go through there, our plan of action, we’ll start with our evidence documentation, mapping the scene and then once we start being able to pull vehicles out and work our way into so, from west to east, documenting that evidence. Then also working alongside with the Sweetwater coroner in those circumstances and then also the Sweetwater County Attorney’s office so we definitely appreciate their involvement as well.”

According to the release, work is far from over as WHP Troopers will use evidence collected to digitally reconstruct the crash to determine narratives, cause and other details.

Information is expected to be oncoming as the investigation continues and WYDOT urges drivers to take it slow on the current detour through the community of Green River.

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WHS thespians successfully produce *Little Women*



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The March and Lawrence families of the story *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott sing a song together at Christmastime on the set of the WHS Thespian Troupe 605 this weekend as they performed the drama adapted by Marisha Chamberlain and directed by Kalyn Krotz. Actors include Leah Eaton (from left), Lillian Fuentes, Aury Bertoch, Nichole Biggs, Erica Biggs, Courtney Weaver, Jojo Jackson, Monica Tracy, Kavon Powell, and Nichole Biggs (playing the piano.)



Left: Wheatland High School thespians Nichole Biggs (l-r), Erica Biggs and Lillian Fuentes act out a scene from *Little Women* where Meg (Nichole) and Jo (Lillian) try to convince Amy (Erica) a clothespin on her nose will not make her nose look distinguished.



Right: Caroling trio Sabella Douglas (l-r), Aiden Megeath and Eleni McKee entertained the audience of last weekend's production of *Little Women* with many old-fashioned carols and songs.

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The March sisters anticipate a delicious Christmas dinner with their meager supplies, but soon learn their meal may be better if they share it with a family even more poor than themselves. Pictured above are WHS thespians Nichole Biggs (l-r), Erica Biggs, Lea Eaton and Lillian Fuentes.



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Three named
3A Regional
champions

By Sally Nichols
Contributing Writer

WHEATLAND – WHS hosted the 3A East Regional Boys Wrestling Tournament last Friday. The Bulldogs competed well and the event went off without a hitch.

Head coach Colt Goff stated, “We had a good start to the postseason qualifying eight boys and five girls, three regional champs included in our eight placers. Champions include Grady Bohlander, Sophie Meyer, and Kreed Kuntz.”

All three regional winners are freshmen, so the future is bright for Bulldog Wrestling. The Bulldogs will head to the Wyoming state tournament this week, held in Casper at the Ford Wyoming Center.

The boys results included:
Grady Bohlander won the 113 lb weight class at the 3A East Regional and moved to 49-3 on the season.

Kreed Kuntz won the 190 lb weight class
Gabe Hagen placed seventh in the 106 lb
Lathan Reiman-Villamore placed fourth in the 113lb

Kael Gudahl placed fourth in the 126lb
Cooper Meyer placed second in the 132lb
Waylon Millnes placed second in the 144lb
Tyrell Weber placed second in the 175lb

The WHS girls team traveled to Cheyenne South for a two day tournament for East Regionals, all girls competed in one classification from around the state. The girls results included a championship win by Sophie Meyer in her weight class.

Taylor Gudahl placed seventh
Corrine Gaby finished sixth
Audrey Davis placed sixth
Gabriela Nepgen placed eighth



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Kreed Kuntz (above) wrestles his Torrington opponent to take the championship in the 190 lb weight class during the 3A East Regional Tournament.



Kael Gudahl (right) lands on the mat with his Rawlins opponent during the third / fourth-place round.



Desiree Iacovetto

Iacovetto
competes
at invite-
only meet
in Idaho

Sally Nichols
Contributing Writer

POCATELLO, IDAHO

– The Wheatland indoor track team was invited to compete at a prestigious invite-only meet to compete against athletes from all over the country. Only the best athletes in the region attend the Simplot Games in Pocatello, Idaho at Idaho State University.

“We had three athletes meet my qualifying standards to go to Idaho to compete if they chose to. Being a nine hour drive, we had only one athlete go and compete, Desirae Iacovetto,” head coach Matt Hazen said, “She competed in the 60 meter dash, the 200 meter dash, and long jump. Her time for the 60m was 7.98 and her time for the 200m was 26.85. She placed 12th in the 60 and 11th in the 200. She did very well and I am excited to see how the last two weeks of our season will go!”

Indoor track athletes will compete next at a meet at Laramie this weekend, followed by the Indoor Track State Championships at Gillette on March 7th and 8th.

Track
college
corner

By Sally Nichols
Contributing Writer

U.S.A. –Tyler Bohnen (WHS ‘24) competed at the GVSU Tune-Up on February, 21st. He finished with a time of 23.07 in the 200m which was good for 14th. In addition his 4x400m relay placed 3rd with a time of 3:29.43. Bohnen will be headed to the GLIAC Indoor Championships on March 1st & 2nd held at University Center in Michigan.

Laynie Goertz (WHS ‘24) competed in her last chance meet prior to the conference meet, held at Chadron State College. Laynie placed second in the 400m with a time of 64.71. Chadron State will be traveling to Colorado Springs, Colorado for the RMAC Indoor Championships Feb 28-March 1st.

Rodee (WHS ‘22) and Danielle Brow (WHS ‘20) will be competing at the Big Sky Indoor Championships in Flagstaff, Arizona. Lily Nichols (WHS ‘24) will be traveling to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the Mountain West Indoor Championships on Feb 27th.

Week of games set Lady Bulldogs in lead
Anderson marks 1,000-career points at Friday's home game

By Sally Nichols
Contributing Writer

WHEATLAND – The Lady Bulldogs competed four times in the past week. On Tuesday WHS took on Pine Bluffs at home and won by a score of 52-49. Then on Thursday the Bulldogs traveled to T-Town to take on the Blazers and lost to Torrington, 54-34. The week ended with a tough matchup

versus Rawlins at home on senior night. The Outlaws put up a fight, yet the Bulldogs prevailed by a score of 58-49.

Late in the game Coach Jones called a timeout to recognize sophomore Lily Anderson for reaching the 1000-point mark. Lily racked up 447 points her freshmen year and had 489 points on the season going into last week. Three solid performances capped off by 21 points earned against Rawlins put her over

the 1,000 point mark for her career. Quite the achievement for the Bulldogs and Anderson for achieving that milestone.

Seniors recognized at the game were Karly Jones, Ella Keil, Camryn Mickelsen, and Paige Hofrock.

Head coach Eric Jones recapped the week of games, “We battled through a tough stretch, winning two of three games in five days. All three games were very physically demanding, and we faced three totally different offenses and defenses. This week, we celebrated a historic milestone as Lily Anderson broke 1,000 career points and we honored our four incredible seniors, Karly, Cam, Ella and Paige in their final home game. Their leadership, dedication, hustle and heart have left a significant footprint on our program. I am proud of our team.”

On the season statistical leaders in the 3A East include Lily Anderson who is second at 25.7ppg, second at 4.4 steals per game, sixth in three-point percentage at 31%, fifth in field goal percentage at 48%, second in free-throw percentage at 76%, and fourth in assists per game at 2.6apg.

Molly McGuire is fifth in rebounds per game at 6.1rpg and second in field goal percentage at 52%.

Camryn Mickelsen is 10th in steals per game at 2.2spg and fourth in assists per game at 2.6apg

Ella Keil is ninth in assists per game at 2.0apg and eighth in field goal percentage at 42%.

Shayden Davis is ninth in free-throw percentage at 56%.

WHS girls basketball C-Team
The C-Team gals had their last game at Douglas on Monday, coming away with a victory scoring 42 to the Bearcats’ 40.

Halle Huston led the Dawgs with 17 points. The JV girls went 2-1 this week-end. On Tuesday the JV won against Pine Bluffs 46-24. The Lady Bulldogs were led by Shayden Davis with 15pts, and four steals; and Hayden Sisson with 12 points, three steals, and four rebounds.

On Thursday night the JV lost a close one to Torrington, 45-38. The WHS Bulldogs were led by Sisson with 13 points and Davis with 10 points. On Saturday the Bulldogs finished the week with a win 50-27. Davis led with 17pts and six steals and Karly Adams with eight points and five boards.

JV coach Peter Fenster stated, “Every game the JV girls are getting better and the future is looking bright for Lady Bulldog Basketball.”



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Lily Anderson (23) shoots past a defender at a game earlier in the season. Anderson reached the 1,000 points mark during the game in Wheatland on Friday.

THURSDAY EVENING										FEBRUARY 27, 2025									
		7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30								
KTWO	2	Extreme (N)		Scamanda (N)		Perfect Wife (N)		News (N)	(:35) J. Kimmel (N)		Nightline								
KCNC	4	George Ghosts		Matlock (N)		Elsbeth (N)		News (N)	(:35) Colbert (N)		Midnight								
KDVR	13	Next Level Chef (N)		Animal Dutch (N)		News (N) News (N)		News (N)	FOX 31	Seinfeld	Seinfeld								
KCWC	6	Homes That		Grantchester		Sherlock "A Scandal in Belgra...		Variety	BBCNews		Story								
KMGH	7	Extreme (N)		Scamanda (N)		Perfect Wife (N)		News (N)	(:35) J. Kimmel (N)		Nightline								
KOTA	12	Extreme (N)		Scamanda (N)		Perfect Wife (N)		Terr.News	(:35) J. Kimmel (N)		Nightline								
KTVD	8	Dateline		Dateline		News (N) News (N)		TrueCrime	TrueCrime	Dateline									
KUSA	9	Law & Order (N)		Law-SVU (N)		Found (N)		News (N)	(:35) J. Fallon (N)		Meyers								
KWGN	11	2 Prime News (N)		Police 24/7 (N)		Crime Nation (N)		Two Men	Two Men	Sports	Simpsons								
A&E	40	Homicide (N)		Hunters (N)		(:05) The First 48		(:05) First		(:05) Homicide									
ALTSPR	28	(:530) Basketball		Nuggets	(:45) A360	Altitude	NBA Basketball	Denver Nuggets at Milwaukee Bucks											
AMC	43	(6:30) ♣♣♣ "The Day After Tomorrow"		♣♣♣ "Armageddon"	(98) Billy Bob Thornton, Bruce Willis.														
ANPL	37	Swamp Wars		Swamp Wars		Swamp Wars		Swamp Wars		Swamp Wars									
BRAVO	71	Southern Charm		Southern Charm		Southern Charm (N)		Southern Hospitality (N)		Charm									
CNBC	48	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		American Greed									
CNN	46	The Source (N)		CNN (N) (Live)		Laura (N) (Live)		Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront									
DISC	36	Caught! Caught!		Caught! Caught!		Caught! Caught!		Caught! Caught!		Caught! Caught!									
E!	42	♣♣ "Hall Pass" (11) Jason Sudeikis, Owen Wilson.		♣♣♣ "Hall Pass" (11) Jason Sudeikis, Owen Wilson.															
ESPN	26	Women's College Basketball (N) (Live)		SportCtr (N) (Live)		SportCtr (N) (Live)		SportCtr (N) (Live)											
FREE	35	(6:30) ♣♣♣♣♣ "Titanic" (97) Kate Winslet, Billy Zane, Leonardo DiCaprio.		I Escaped Cult (N)															
FX	66	(6:00) ♣♣♣♣ "Thor: Ragnarok" (17)		♣♣♣ "Thor: Love and Thunder" (17)						♣♣♣ "65"									
HALL	63	♣ "Love's Greek to Me" (23)		♣ "A Greek Recipe for Romance" (24)						Gold Girls Gold Girls									
HGTV	45	Farmhouse Fixer		The Flip Off		Christina/Coast (N)		The Flipping El (N)		Hunters Int'l (N)									
HIST	41	(6:00) Sw... (:35) Swamp		(:35) Swamp People		(:05) Swamp "Catch and Cook"		Swamp		Swamp									
LIFE	34	The Rookie		The Rookie		The Rookie		The Rookie		(:05) The Rookie									
OUT	30	Seahunter Wild at he		Andrews VanDam		Africa Buckventr		Whitetail Hunter		Seahunter Wild at he									
TBN	60	Rosenbe... Boots		Drive Stakelbe...		Praise		Prince J. Osteen		Amazing Jordan:									
TBS	44	Big Bang Big Bang		Jokers Foul Play		♣ "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde"		♣ "Hot Pursuit" (P)											
TCM	307	(6:00) ♣♣♣♣♣ "Gandhi" (82) Ben Kingsley.		♣♣♣ "The Iron Lady" (11) Meryl Streep.		Movie													
TLC	38	Last Resort		Last Resort		The Vow		The Vow		"The Wound"									
TNT	32	(:530) Basketball		Basketball New Orleans Pelicans at Phoenix Suns (N)		Inside the NBA		Basketball											
TRAV	52	UFO Witness		UFO Witness		Unknown		Blind Frog Ran		Blind Frog Ran (N)									
USA	31	(6:30) ♣♣♣♣ "Beverly Hills Cop" (84)		♣♣♣ "National Lampoon's Vacation"		♣ "National Lampoo...													
WGN-A	23	On Balance (N)		Banfield (N) (Live)		Cuomo		On Balance		Banfield									

SATURDAY EVENING										MARCH 1, 2025									
		7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30								
KTWO	2	(6:30) NBA Basketball				Paid Prog. Paid Prog.		News (N)	Outdoors	9-1-1 "Haunted"									
KCNC	4	FBI: International		48 Hours (N)		48 Hours (N)		News	Colorado	In Touch	NCIS								
KDVR	13	Wm. Basketball USC at UCLA (N) (Live)				News (N) News (N)		News (N)	Extracted	Paid Prog.									
KCWC	6	From the Heart				50 Years With Peter, Paul and Mary				Austin City Limits									
KMGH	7	(6:30) NBA Basketball				Denver 7 News (N)		News (N)	(:35) 9-1-1 "Haunted"	(:35) 9-1-1									
KOTA	12	(6:30) NBA Basketball				Wheel Jeopardy!		Terr.News	NCIS: Hawai'i	Rookie									
KTVD	8	Storm of Suspicion		Weather Gone Viral		News (N)		Comedy.TV		Greatest Popstar!									
KUSA	9	The Hunting Party		Saturday Night Live		News		Saturday Night Live (N)		(:05) News	SNL								
KWGN	11	News (N) Colorado.		I Am Luke Perry (N)				Sheldon	Sheldon	Two Men	Two Men								
A&E	40	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage								
ALTSPR	28	World Chase Tag		Altitude	Moe			Beyond Their Years		GrandSu...	GrandSu...								
AMC	43	(6:00) ♣♣♣ "The Mummy Returns" (01)		♣♣♣ "The Mummy" (17) Tom Cruise. (P)							Movie								
ANPL	37	Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law		Lockdown		Lockdown		Lockdown									
BRAVO	71	Movie ♣♣ "Big Daddy" (99) Adam Sandler.				♣♣♣ "Just Go With It" (11) Adam Sandler.													
CNBC	48	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed									
CNN	46	Have I Got (N)		CNN Spec		Real, Bill Maher		Have I Got		CNN Spec									
DISC	36	Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized									
E!	42	(6:00) ♣ "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"		♣ "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1"															
ESPN	26	Basketball Arizona at Iowa State (N) (Live)		Basketball Gonzaga vs. San Francisco (N)		SportCtr (N) (Live)													
FREE	35	Movie (:25) ♣♣♣♣ "Ratatouille" (07) Patton Oswalt.		♣♣♣♣ "Beauty and the Beast" (91)															
FX	66	(5:00) ♣ "Bohemian ...		♣♣♣ "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" (17) Carrie Fisher, Mark Hamill.		Movie													
HALL	63	♣ "Her Pen Pal" (21) Mallory Jansen.		♣ "The Royal We" Mallory Jansen. (P)		♣ "Return to Office"													
HGTV	45	Hunters Hunters		Hunters Hunters		Hunters Hunters		Hunters Hunters		Hunters Hunters									
HIST	41	The UnXplained		(:05) UnXplained		(:05) UnXplained		(:05) UnXplained		(:05) UnXplained									
LIFE	34	♣ "The Girl Who Wasn't Dead" (24)		♣ "Killing the Competition" (25) (P)		♣ "My Mother Stole ...													
OUT	30	AndrewZ. Dead Meat		Farming Feral		RoughC... McMillan		Major League Fishing's Bass Pro Tour											
TBN	60	Story Centuries		Rosenbe... M.Youssef		Gaither		Story Centuries		Rosenbe... Praise									
TBS	44	(6:00) ♣ "Mad Max: Fury Road"		(:45) ♣♣♣♣ "I Am Legend" (07) Will Smith.		♣ "Mad Max: Fury R...													
TCM	307	(6:00) ♣ "Lost Weeke...		♣♣♣♣ "I'll Cry Tomorrow" (55)		(:15) ♣♣♣♣ "Leaving Las Vegas" (95)													
TLC	38	7 Little Johnstons		Big Family, Big City		600-Lb. Life (N)				Take My Tumor									
TNT	32	(6:00) Collision (N)		♣♣♣ "The Replacements" Keanu Reeves.		♣♣♣ "Creed II" (18)													
TRAV	52	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures									
USA	31	(:530) ♣ "Pirates of the Caribbea...		(:35) ♣♣♣ "Eternals" (21) Salma Hayek Pinault, Angelina Jolie.															
WGN-A	23	NewsNation (N)		NewsNation Prime		NewsNation Prime		Reality Check (N)		Cuomo									

MONDAY EVENING										MARCH 3, 2025				
		7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30			
KTWO	2	The Bachelor (N)				Mormon Wives (N)		News (N)	(:35) J. Kimmel (N)	Nightline				
KCNC	4	Neighbor Poppa's		NCIS (N)		NCIS: Origins		News (N)	(:35) Colbert (N)	Midnight				
KDVR	13	Extracted (N)		Rescue: Hi-Surf (N)		News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	FOX 31	Seinfeld	Seinfeld			
KCWC	6	Tractor Wars			Great Performances (N)			Social Security						
KMGH	7	The Bachelor (N)				Mormon Wives (N)		News (N)	(:35) J. Kimmel (N)	Nightline				
KOTA	12	The Bachelor (N)				Mormon Wives (N)		Terr.News	(:35) J. Kimmel (N)	Nightline				
KTVD	8	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		News (N) News (N)		TrueCrime	TrueCrime	Dateline				
KUSA	9	The Voice "The Blind Auditions, Part 5" (N)				Hunting (N)		News (N)		(:35) J. Fallon (N)	Meyers			
KWGN	11	2 Prime News (N)		All American (N)		Sullivan's Crossing		Two Men	Two Men	Sports	Simpsons			
A&E	40	Live PD Live PD		Live PD Live PD		LivePD LivePD		LivePD	LivePD	LivePD	LivePD			
ALTSPRT	28	(:500) Bas... Nuggets		Nuggets Altitude		NBA Basketball		Nuggets						
AMC	43	(:60) ♣♣♣♣ "The Green Mile" (99) David Morse, Tom Hanks.				♣♣♣♣ "The Shawshank Redemption"								
ANPL	37	Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue				
BRAVO	71	Housewives-Atlanta		Below Deck Down		Below Deck (N)		WatchW... Below Deck Down		Summer				
CNBC	48	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		American Greed				
CNN	46	The Source (N)		CNN (N) (Live)		Laura (N) (Live)		Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront				
DISC	36	Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized				
E!	42	(:6:30) ♣ "Fantastic Beasts: Crimes of Grindelwald" ♣♣♣♣ "300" (06) Lena Headey, Gerard Butler.												
ESPN	26	Basketball Kansas at Houston (N) (Live)				SportsC. (N) (Live)		SportCtr (N) (Live)		SportCtr (N) (Live)				
FREE	35	(:6:40) ♣♣♣♣ "The Incredibles" (04)				(:20) ♣♣♣♣ "Incredibles 2" (18) Craig T. Nelson.								
FX	66	(:6:30) ♣♣♣ "Uncharted" (22) Tom Holland. ♣♣♣ "Transformers: The Last Knight" (17) Mark Wahlberg.												
HALL	63	♣ "Taking the Reins" (21) Nikki DeLoach.				♣ "Betty's Bad Luck in Love" (24)				Gold Girls Gold Girls				
HGTV	45	Married-Estate		Married-Estate		The Flip Off		Celebrity IOU		Hunters Hunters				
HIST	41	Mysteries (N)		(:05) History's (N)		(:05) Mysteries		(:05) Mysteries		(:05) History's Mo.				
LIFE	34	Castle		Castle		Castle		Castle		(:05) Castle				
OUT	30	Life Dead Meat		Fishing WildFed		Praise (N)		Life Dead Meat		Fishing WildFed				
TBN	60	Takeaway-Kirk (N)		Harvest Stalbele.		Praise (N)		Prince Takeaway-Kirk (N)		Praise				
TBS	44	Big Bang Big Bang		American American		American American		American American		American American				
TCM	307	(:6:00) ♣ "Pride of the ... (:15) ♣♣♣♣ "Norma Rae" (79) Sally Field.				(:15) ♣♣♣♣ "Blossoms in the Dust" (41)								
TLCL	38	Last Resort		Last Resort		Last Resort (N)		(:05) Baylen Out (N)		(:05) Last Resort (N)				
TNT	32	(:6:45) Unrivaled		♣♣ "The Meg" (18) Li Bingbing, Jason Statham.		♣♣♣ "Pacific Rim Uprising"								
TRAV	52	Mysteries "Space Crisis, Nevada Triangle..				Mysteries of the Unknown (N)				Mysteries- Unk.				
USA	31	Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire				
WGN-A	23	On Balance (N)		Banfield (N) (Live)		Cuomo		On Balance		Banfield				

Wheatland freshman Sophie Meyer tries to complete a single-leg takedown on Cheyenne East sophomore Braelynn Love during the semifinals of the 170-pound bracket at the Wyoming East Regional girls wrestling tournament, Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025, at Cheyenne South. Meyer pinned love in 5 minutes, 2 seconds to advance to the championship. Meyer won the regional title by pinning Sheridan senior Bridgett Price in 2:33.

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Izaak Goodro (l-r), Steven Reece, Ronan Bertoch, Tyrell Weber, and coaches Blaine Eppel and Eric Bohlander focus on Kael Gudahl's intense match from the sidelines.



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Maggie Hicks goes up for a bucket against a Torrington defender.

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Nolan Schaffner (no. 5, above) takes it to the rack on a Blazer defender at the game in Torrington last Thursday. Jacob Miller (no. 13, right) looks for an opening to pass the ball.



Bulldogs blast the scoreboards, win three last week

By Sally Nichols
Contributing Writer

WHEATLAND – The WHS Bulldogs took on the daunting task of playing four games in seven days. The swing began Saturday at Glenrock and finished Saturday at home versus Rawlins. Tuesday the boys beat Pine Bluffs 59-46.

Coach Mick Cochran recapped the first game, “The first six minutes of the game we played as well as we can play defensively. It was exciting to see our guys play at that level with so much focus and intensity. Getting off the 17-0 start was the difference in the game.”

Stat leaders for the game included Jacob Miller with 20 points and two boards; Jake Hyche with 15 points and seven boards; and Tate Nichols posted 12 points and two boards.

On Thursday the Bulldogs traveled to Historic Willy Gym and put the hurt on Torrington in double overtime prevailing 61-53.

Coach Cochran recapped the event, “Torrington was the tale of two halves. We played the first half like we were uninterested, and Torrington was a determined squad – it was senior night for them and they were firing on all cylinders. We got down 19 in the third, and we took a time-out. After some evaluation and discussion, and some great senior leadership from Kaed Coates, we were on a mission to get it under 10 by the end of third. We got it down to six, and then never looked back. Two overtimes later we had sealed the deal. Our team took some strides toward developing some toughness and playing through adversity. It was a great day to be

a Bulldog and I was proud of our staff and players for their resilience.”

Leaders in statistics for the night were Nichols with 20 points and four boards; Miller with 15 points and six boards; and Hyche with 12 points and seven boards.

The last game of the week was senior night held at WHS. Five senior boys were celebrated: Kaed Coates, Jacob Hyche, Kenny Raser, Nolan Schaffner, and Brecken Sandlian.

The Bulldogs avenged their loss to Rawlins earlier in the season and finished with a win, 51-41. Coach Cochran had this to say about the home game, “The tale of two games. Of course, Tate (Nichols) was face guarded from start to finish. This allows him to play a role that reduces help-side and helps others to flourish. Rawlins guard defense is really tough and so we

relied on inside play to take advantage of their smaller lineup. It was hard-fought and we were able to pull away in the last few minutes!”

Stat leaders for senior night were: Hyche with 20 points and 14 boards; Nolan Schaffner with nine points; and Miller added 13 points.

Statistical leaders for the season in the 3A East included Miller, averaging 11.1 ppg which is good for 10th, sixth for assists per game at 2.6 apg, and sixth for free-throw percentage at 70%.

Hyche is listed at fifth in rebounds per game at 6.7 rpg and third for field goal percentage at 50%

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF
AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR HIGHWAY
WORK

Notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Transportation has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming and Bituminous Paving, Inc., The Contractor, on Highway Project Number B232016 & CN08095 in Converse, Goshen, Natrona and Platte Counties, consisting of chip seal and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on March 25, 2025.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is February 12, 2025.

Public Notice No. 11812 To be published in the Platte County Record-Times - February 12, 19 and 26, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF
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CHEYENNE, WYOMING
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Public Notice No. 11813 To be published in the Platte County Record-Times - February 12, 19 and 26, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF
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CHEYENNE, WYOMING
NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF
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certain contract between the State of Wyoming and Bituminous Paving, Inc., The Contractor, on Highway Project Number N271038 in Platte County, consisting of chip seal and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on March 25, 2025.

Public Notice No. 11814 To be published in the Platte County Record-Times - February 12, 19 and 26, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHWG) for authority to decrease the Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (RAM) rate credit by \$0.0011 per therm, effective January 1, 2025. The rate is applicable to 134,612 customers, including Choice Gas customers, located throughout the Cheyenne, Cody, Casper, Gillette, and Torrington divisions. The Company submitted additional applications requesting rate changes to take effect concurrently, resulting in an overall rate increase of \$0.0126 per therm for all customers. The Commission’s approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing, and further order. The proposed RAM rate results in a cumulative increase of \$0.41 in the bills received by a residential customer using 61 therms per month during the January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, rate effective period. BHWG’s Application is available at the Commission or online at: <http://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx>. (Enter Record No. 17726.) Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest, or request for a public hearing must file with the Commission on or before March 7, 2025. A proposed intervention or request for hearing must set forth the grounds and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please mention Docket No. 30026-102-GM-24.

If you wish to participate in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated: February 7, 2025.

Public Notice No. 11815 To be published in the Platte County Record-Times - February 19 and 26, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BUDGET AMENDMENT
HEARING FOR PLATTE COUNTY
WEED AND PEST CONTROL

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the amended budget for the Platte County Weed and Pest Control District which combines the Regular Account and Special Management Account Budgets, for the 2024 - 2025 fiscal year

ending June 30, 2025, which is now being considered by the Platte County Weed and Pest Control District Board, will be held on the 4th day of March, 2025 at five (5:00 p.m.) in the evening at the Platte County Weed and Pest Control District office, 506 Schroeder, Wheatland, Wyoming. At 5:30 p.m., the Platte County Weed and Pest Control District Board will hold its regular board meeting to adopt the budget. Any and all interested persons may appear and be heard regarding said budget.

COMBINED BUDGET

PLATTE COUNTY WEED AND PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BUDGET REPORT for the FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 (July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025). Prepared in compliance with the Uniform Municipal Fiscal Procedures Act (W. S. 16-4-101 through 16-4-124) as it applies to Special Purpose Districts.

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget

Total Cash Requirements
\$1,378,460.00

Total Cash and Estimated Revenues
\$2,735,559.00

Total Tax Requirement
\$ 500,000.00

To be published in the February 25th, 2025 edition of the Platte County Record Times legal notices.

Public Notice No. 11817 To be published in the Platte County Record-Times - February 26, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

AMENDED FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE *SALE DATE AMENDED* WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (“Note”) and real estate mortgage (“Mortgage”). The Mortgage dated November 6, 2018, was executed and delivered by Mary Maday, an individual (“Mortgagor(s)”) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Nominee For American Advisors Group, Its Successors and Assigns, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on November 27, 2018, at Reception No. 664913 in Book 522 at Page 27 in the records of the office of the Platte County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Platte County, State of Wyoming; and WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows: Assignor: Mortgage Electronic Registration systems, Inc., as nominee for American Advisors Group Assingee: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC Assignment dated: October 25, 2024 Assignment recorded: October 29, 2024 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 721753 in Book 576 at Page 294 All in the records of the Platte County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Platte County, Wyoming. WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagee declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$47,633.25 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$35,175.20 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$9,820.18, plus other costs in the amount of \$2,637.87, plus attorneys’ fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

WHEREAS, The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid; NOW, THEREFORE Carrington Mortgage Services LLC, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Platte County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o’clock in the forenoon on March 27, 2025 at the front door of the Platte County Courthouse located at 800 9th Street, Wheatland, Platte County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit: LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 125, TOWN OF WHEATLAND, PLATTE COUNTY, WYOMING. with an address of 1109 14th St, Wheatland, WY 82201. Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.

Public Notice No. 11818 To be published in the Platte County Record-Times - February 26 and March 5, 12, and 19, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE TRUST ASSETS AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Mary Allison Finkbiner died on January 21, 2025 in Platte County, Wyoming. On the date of Mary Allison Finkbiner’s death, Cheri Ann Wardell was the Trustee of the Mary Allison Finkbiner Revocable Living Trust dated December 19, 2019. Notice is further given that upon the expiration of one hundred twenty (120) days after the first date of publication of this notice, the herein-named Trustee intends to have the property of Mary Allison Finkbiner Revocable Living Trust dated December 19, 2019 distributed as permitted under the terms of the Trust. Notice is further given that creditors having claims against the Trust, are required to file a claim in writing with the herein-named Trustee of Mary Allison Finkbiner Revocable Living Trust dated December 19, 2019, in care of Douglas W. Weaver P.O. Box 219, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201, or shall commence a judicial proceeding to contest the validity of the or the distribution by the Trustee on or before one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of first publication of this notice. If such claims are not filed, or if such judicial proceeding is not commenced, within 120 days of the

first publication of this notice, such creditors or persons will be forever prohibited from making any claim against the assets of the Mary Allison Finkbiner Revocable Living Trust dated December 19, 2019, or commencing any judicial proceeding against the Trust or, the Trustee, or the assets of the Mary Allison Finkbiner Revocable Living Trust dated December 19, 2019, pursuant to W.S. § 4-10-507 and W.S. § 4-10-604. DATED this 17th day of February 2025.

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Public Notice No. 11819 To be published in the Platte County Record-Times - February 26 and March 5, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF WYOMING)
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NOTICE OF PROBATE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CASE No: 2025-CV-0000016

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
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PHYLLIS ETTA HIGGINS a/k/a)
PHYLLIS E. HIGGINS)
)
Deceased.)

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE: You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of February 2025, a Petition was filed in the above-named Court requesting Letters of Administration for the estate of the above-named decedent; that an Order Appointing Administrator was filed on the 19th day of February 2025, and that Leilane Swain was appointed Administrator thereof upon taking the oath. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the offices of Sherard, Sherard, Artery and Johnson, 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 19th day of February 2025. Leilani Swain, Administrator c/o Brian D. Artery Sherard, Sherard, Artery and Johnson P.O. Box 69 Wheatland, WY 82201

Public Notice No. 11820 To be published in the Platte County Record-Times - February 26, March 5 and 12, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Unapproved Record – met on the 18th day of February 2025 in the county seat of Wheatland. Those present for the meeting were Steve Shockley, Commission Chairman; Ian Jolovich, Commissioner; John “Jeb” Baker, Commissioner; and Malcolm Ervin, County Clerk. Chairman Shockley called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried. Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve the February 4th meeting minutes. The motion carried. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the vouchers as presented. The motion carried. Vouchers Approved for Payment: 911 Phones AT & T 166.16 CENTURY LINK - PHOENIX 342.32 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE 348.08 Ag. Ext. Travel Expenses WEX 34.37 tilities TOWN OF WHEATLAND 251.44 Assessor Postage FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA 120.00 Travel Expenses WEX 45.47 Attorney Supplies AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 54.04 Children’s Trust Fund (Public Health) 307 PROPERTY 1,451.61 VERIZON WIRELESS 120.62 Clerk of Court Court Costs SAS LEGAL GROUP LLC 180.00 SHERARD, SHERARD, ARTERY & JOHNSON 1,293.00 WOODHOUSE RODEN AMES & BRENAN LLC 2,011.00 Clerk Supplies AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 23.92 Coroner Autopsies SPECIALIZED PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS 1,360.00 STRODE FORENSICS PLLC 1,310.00 Travel Expenses WEX 62.19 Detention Board of Prisoners CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING 25,090.56 Fuel WEX 1,341.52 New Equipment FORCEUSA 9,090.00 IFIT 4,275.00 PRX PERFORMANCE LLC 13,099.94 Supplies AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 672.03 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS 815.20 VISA 48.18 Election Travel Expenses WEX 93.76 Emergency Mgt. Software KONEXUS 8,190.29 Supplies ANTHONY KROTZ 280.46 Travel Expenses WEX 98.01 Emergency Preparedness Grant PLATTE COUNTY 1,959.86 Facilities Building Maintenance BATTERIES PLUS 71.98 BLOEDORN LUMBER 87.50 IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM 277.90 STERICYCLE INC 407.76 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE 584.28 Fuel WEX 332.19 Jail Maintenance LAWSON PRODUCTS 35.70 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE 27.90 New Equipment GRAINGER 495.34 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE 188.99 Supplies IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS 763.07 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE 233.98 Utilities TOWN OF WHEATLAND 7,495.98 Vehicle Repair THE TIRE SHOP 16.04 Fair Dues & Continuing Ed. WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS 150.00 Utilities TOWN OF WHEATLAND 1,370.69 VERIZON WIRELESS 142.27 Fire Protection WYOMING STATE FORESTRY DIVISION 9,156.32 Geographic Information System (GIS) HEINTZ SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING LLC 3,350.00 IT Software GWORKS 1,645.00 Library Postage US POSTAL SERVICE - POST MASTER 72.00 Printing GUERNSEY SUPER FOODS 16.98 HOWSHAR HARDWARE 40.21 Utilities CHUGWATER TELEPHONE 111.80 FUSION CLOUD SERVICES LLC 498.70 TOWN OF WHEATLAND 949.75 Maternal & Child Health (SGF) PLATTE COUNTY 350.00 VERIZON WIRELESS 100.60 Medical Insurance DELTA DENTAL 4,088.10 WEBT 119,765.10 Miscellaneous FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA 37.08 PH State Reimbursement WYOMING DEPT OF HEALTH 19,253.70 Supplies OFFICE ALLY 44.95 VERIZON WIRELESS 80.58 WYOMING PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY 15.00 Phones GO TO COM-

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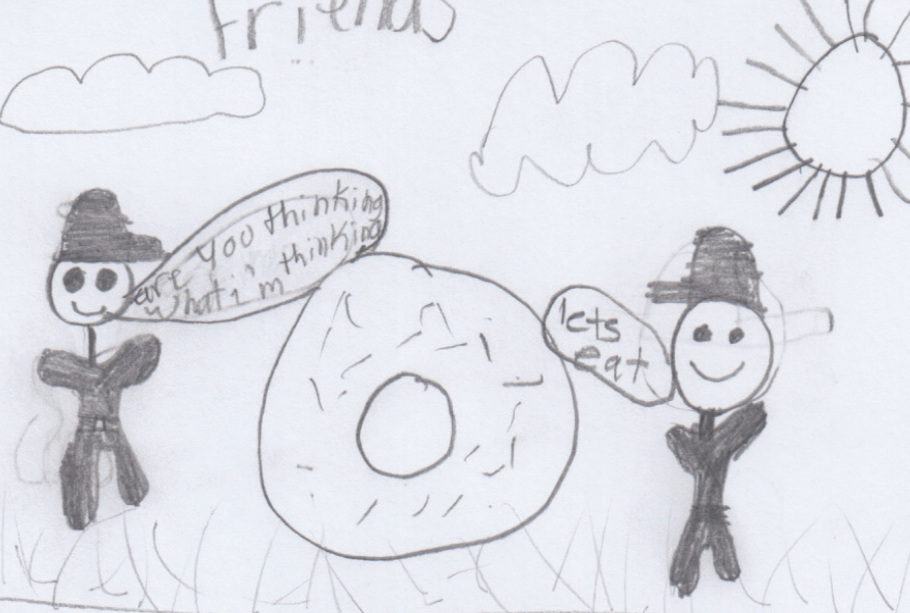




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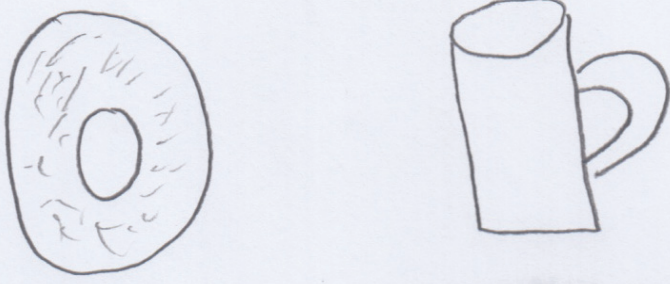


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