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A Uinta County Road and Bridge employee plows a road toward a Chevrolet pickup stuck off County Road 173 past Sulpher Creek Reservoir on Thursday, Feb. 22. The driver of the pickup had a warrant and led local law enforcement on a nearly hourlong chase that started near downtown Evanston. (HERALD PHOTO/Bryon Glathar)

## Hourlong snowy chase ends with apparent suicide

By Bryon Glathar  
Herald Managing Editor

EVANSTON — A man is dead following a nearly hourlong high-speed chase through parts of Evanston and Uinta County. According to the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation, the man, whom authorities have yet to identify, died by suicide following the chase.

“The death occurred during the attempted apprehension of a male sought by law enforcement. At this point in the investigation, evidence indicates the male ... [suspect] appears to have taken his own life,” states a press release issued by DCI.

The incident took place off County Road 173, past Sulpher Creek Reservoir, Thursday.

According to scanner traffic, local officers were searching for a Chevy pickup truck with a camper shell, just

after 10 a.m. One officer reported the suspected vehicle traveling 45 mph down Front Street heading toward Hwy. 150. Speeds reached up to 85 mph, according to scanner traffic, before the suspect turned at the Sulpher Creek Reservoir turnoff. That road, County Road 173, is marked as closed for the winter and has had limited maintenance since fall.

Speeds on 173 weren't as fast due to poor road conditions, but the vehicle reportedly went off road at least twice and was able to maintain control of the vehicle. The vehicle, however, became stuck near Spotted Hawk Road, where local officers and deputies then staged.

Officials notified nearby residents to shelter in place during the incident.

Uinta County Road and Bridge was called in to plow a road to the

**CHASE, A10**

## Roberts wins Wyo state wrestling championship



(Above) Red Devil wrestler Brady Roberts can't contain his excitement following his 3-0 victory over Buffalo's Hazen Camino in Saturday's 175-pound Championship Match at the 3A State Wrestling Championships in Casper. (HERALD PHOTOS/Don Cogger)

(Right) Newly-crowned 175-pound State Champion Brady Roberts goes into the stands to hug his younger brother Bridger, following his 3-0 victory over Buffalo's Hazen Camino.



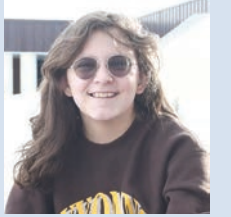
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“In my mind, it was finally time to let it out and to just love every second of that moment. I think me keeping it all business the last four years made my final celebration exciting — and worth the wait.

— Red Devil state champion wrestler Brady Roberts on his rare show of emotion

## City Attorney responds to allegation of intimidation



Evanston City Attorney Mark Harris reads his statement in response to Evanston City Councilmember Jen Hegeman's letter read at the Feb. 6 city council meeting in which she accused Harris of trying to intimidate her. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

By Kayne Pyatt  
Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — During department head comments at the conclusion of the Feb. 20 Evanston City Council meeting, city attorney Mark Harris took the opportunity to read his written response to councilmember Jen Hegeman's remarks made toward him during the Feb. 6, council meeting.

Hegeman had read a statement on Feb. 6 in response to Harris asking her to recuse herself from voting that night on a resolution concerning the historic Wyoming State Hospital buildings.

She said in her statement that Harris' reasons for her recusing herself were speculative and remote and he was attempting to intimidate her.

“Attorneys are called upon to advocate for, counsel and advise our clients. As the Evanston city attorney, by law, this responsibility includes giving advice to the mayor and any member of the city council on legal questions relating to the business of the city, to do all legal work relating to the city's business and perform such other duties as may be required by the mayor or the

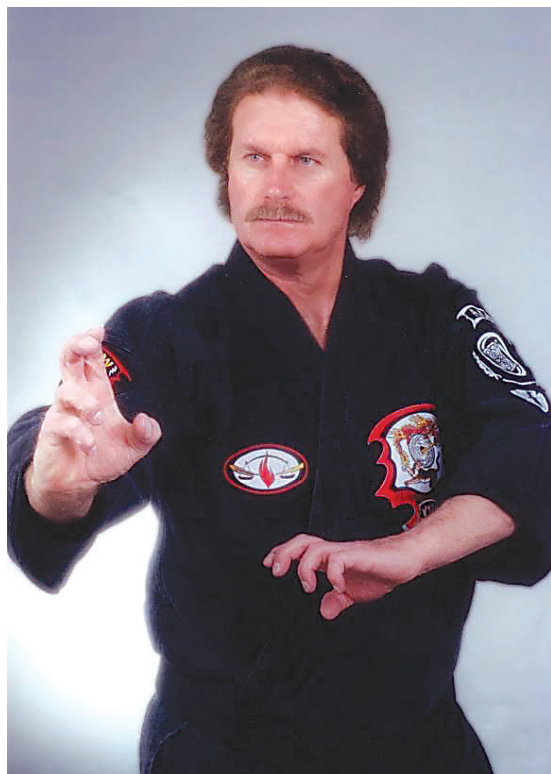
**CITY COUNCIL, A4**

## Mills' legacy lives on

Longtime owner, operator of Dunmar Inn and Legal Tender died last week

By Kayne Pyatt  
Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — Paul Mills, who died Sunday, Feb. 18, left a legacy that will live on long after some may forget his name or what he looked like. That legacy will continue to thrive in all those he trained in the art of Kenpo karate. An enduring legacy will live in his five children and his grandchildren, whom he loved devotedly and taught the values of respect, kindness, humility and the discipline of hard work and perseverance.



**MILLS, A10** Longtime Dunmar Inn owner and operator Paul Mills died on Sunday, Feb. 18. (COURTESY PHOTO)

## New Herald website is live

EVANSTON — Today, on Wednesday, Feb. 28, the *Uinta County Herald's* revamped website at [uintacountyherald.com](http://uintacountyherald.com) went live.

Work on the site has been ongoing in recent months in an effort to bring the best online experience possible to readers in the Uinta County area and abroad.

The *Herald's* editorial staff will now have access to a state-of-the-art content management system to bring a more informational and immersive experience to subscribers. Editors will be able to customize the site and story features as they see fit to deliver local news in the most efficient ways possible to the site's visitors.

As they have in the past, readers will be able to keep up with the top local news and sports stories on the site, as well as police reports, obituaries and opinion pieces.

The revamped site also includes more streamlined methods for those looking to view e-editions

**WEBSITE, A4**

WEATHER



Sunny skies with a high of 35. Low tonight 21.

Full forecast on A2

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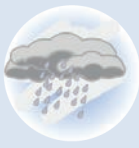
# News

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## Weather forecast



**Thursday:** High of 42; low of 34.  
Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.; Sunset: 6:14 p.m.  
Generally sunny skies with 10-20 mph winds. A few clouds overnight.



**Friday:** High of 42; low of 35.  
Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.; Sunset: 6:15 p.m.  
Variable cloudiness with 20-30 mph winds. Occasional rain and snow at night.



**Saturday:** High of 38; low of 20.  
Sunrise: 6:55 a.m.; Sunset: 6:16 p.m.  
Cloudy and windy with snow showers early and steady snow likely later in the day.



**Sunday:** High of 27; low of 13.  
Sunrise: 6:54 a.m.; Sunset: 6:17 p.m.  
Mostly cloudy with snow showers throughout the day and into the night.

# Senate votes to defund DEI, gender studies at UW

By Hannah Shields  
Wyoming Tribune Eagle  
Via Wyoming News Exchange

**CHEYENNE** — The Wyoming Senate passed an amendment to defund gender studies at the University of Wyoming, while a mirror amendment was rejected down the hall in the House of Representatives on Wednesday.

Sen. Cheri Steinmetz, R-Lingle, introduced Amendment 13 to the Senate budget, which states “the University of Wyoming shall not expend any general funds, federal funds or other funds under its control for any gender studies courses, gender studies academic programs, gender studies co-curricular programs or gender studies extra-curricular programs.”

“This is an old friend of the Senate,” Steinmetz said on the Senate floor, referring to her past attempts to defund gender

studies at UW. “I don’t believe it is the right position for the university to take sides on this issue, to put forth more of an ideology than a program.”

The senator explained the amendment would allow current gender studies courses to be completed at UW before discontinuing the program.

Steinmetz said the existence of gender studies is a concern among her constituents, who would like to see the Legislature “redirect that into more of an unbiased, classical education” at the university.

“This might be an old friend to some, but it’s no friend of mine,” said Sen. Mike Gierau, D-Jackson. “The bedrock of a university ... is freedom of thought.”

Gierau and other senators said this amendment was an act of micromanagement by the Legislature. Sen. Chris Rothfuss, D-Laramie, said he agreed with the Jackson senator, that the lawmakers

had agreed only moments earlier not to micromanage the university’s functions.

“And now we’re debating the content of the courses and what shall or shall not be taught at the university,” Rothfuss said, who is also a lecturer at UW.

“I often find myself in the untenable position of defending something I don’t necessarily agree with,” said Sen. Tara Nethercott, R-Cheyenne.

Nethercott said this was a “grave concern” of hers when she voted for an expansion of an evaluation of the university’s budget — that the Legislature would step out of its lane in its determination of what defines academic freedom.

“That’s not our role. It does set a very dangerous precedent,” Nethercott said.

Sen. Bo Biteman, R-Ranchester, spoke in favor of the amendment, saying

**GENDER STUDIES, A5**

## Skier falls off broken cornice, triggers slide at Targhee resort

**JACKSON (WNE)** — The owner of Grand Targhee Resort called a skier “careless” after the 27-year-old Washington man left the resort boundary and triggered a slab avalanche Wednesday when a cornice broke underneath him near Mary’s Nipple.

Targhee owner Geordie Gillett said the skier was just below the summit when the cornice gave way. He fell about 100 feet into the basin below.

“When he hit, he triggered an avalanche 2 feet deep and 30 feet wide that carried him down over a cliff,” Gillett said.

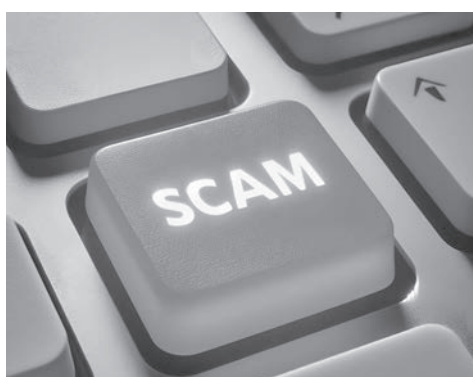
After falling about 50 feet over the second cliff, the man became partially buried. He hit a few spots of luck on the way down: His airway was not obstructed by debris, and an off-duty ski patroller was nearby to dig him out quickly. The Washington skier suffered two broken legs.

The weather was clear enough for the Teton County Search and Rescue helicopter to respond. Targhee ski patrollers were able to prepare the skier for short-haul — a method where rescuers and a patient are transported via a long line beneath the helicopter — to an ambulance at the base of the resort. Gillett said the operation was completed within about 90 minutes of the initial call for service.

Gillett said the man wasn’t wearing a helmet and didn’t have avalanche gear. He added that the avalanche put people recreating in the Steve Baugh Bowl area at risk.

“If this had happened two weeks ago, the likelihood of a bigger avalanche would’ve been prominent,” he said. “This guy’s actions put probably more than 10 people in a dangerous situation.”

Gillett said it’s “unclear” what the skier was trying to do after leaving the backcountry gate. Many signs cautioning cornice danger were ignored, Gillett said.



## U.S. Attorney’s Office warns of recent COVID fraud scam

**CHEYENNE (WNE)** — The United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Wyoming would like to warn members of the public about a recent COVID fraud enforcement scam that has surfaced in other parts of the country.

The victim receives a document or documents warning that he or she is being investigated for fraud under the Paycheck Protection Program (also known as PPP).

The documents state that an arrest warrant has been issued and that, in order to “lift the warrant,” the victim needs to go to a cryptocurrency kiosk to make a designated payment. The documents purport to have been issued by the Department of Justice’s Civil Division-Commercial Litigation Branch.

The public is reminded that requests or demands for payment to third parties in exchange for quashing a warrant are never legitimate. If you or someone you know has been a target of this scam, contact the FBI at 1-800-225-5324 (1-800-CALL-FBI).

## State snowpack levels still well below average

**POWELL (WNE)** — Despite recent

snow events, Wyoming is still significantly below averages in recent years in snow/water equivalent as measured by the state’s automated snow monitoring system, known as SNOTEL.

The reports are operated by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Currently the state’s combined SNOTELs are reading 83% of median with a basin high of 106% (Lower Green Basin in southwest Wyoming) and a basin low of 37% (South Platte Basin in southeast Wyoming).

Last year, the state was at 115%, and at 90% in 2022.

In northwest Wyoming, the Yellowstone Basin lags behind the rest of the region at 63%, while surrounding basins, including the Shoshone, Bighorn and Snake basins in the high 70% and low 80% range.

This time last year, the Yellowstone Basin was at 94% of median, based on a 30-year period from 1991 through 2020. The Wind Basin was near normal at 97% for the best reading in the region.

Most of Northwest Wyoming is reported to be between abnormally dry to severe drought, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The ongoing research is used by the USDA to trigger disaster declarations and agricultural loan eligibility.

Just five years ago in 2019, 82.3% of the U.S. was abnormally wet in spring, the most according to the Standardized Precipitation Index records since 1895.

However, drought conditions began to accelerate in the summer of 2020, reaching a five-year peak in October of 2022, the National Integrated Drought Information System reports.

The SNOTEL network is composed of over 900 automated data collection sites located in remote, high-elevation mountain watersheds in the western U.S. They are used to monitor snowpack, precipitation, temperature and other climatic conditions.

## Town of Saratoga makes it to the top five for the best drinking water in the nation

**SARATOGA (WNE)** — Success never tasted so good.

Saratoga recently competed against all 50 states in the National Rural Water

Association’s Annual Rally in Washington D.C. and finished in the top five at the 25th Annual Great American Water Taste Test.

Saratoga has often made it as a top finisher in the state and earned its way to represent Wyoming in the final five taste-offs.

“One judge might like one taste better than the other,” said Chuck McVey, Supervisor for the Saratoga Water Department, “but as far as changing anything in the system, the system just keeps working and groundwater just keeps getting better every time we use it.”

Emery Penner, public works director, explained how the water department’s system works.

“Our water system is well set,” Penner said. “It is a consistent operation and the groundwater that is produced is pumped into the system. It is not chemically treated except using a little gas chlorine so the product is pretty much the same year after year.”

## Dog taken to animal shelter after owner left her in storage unit

**GILLETTE (WNE)** — A 30-year-old man was ticketed for animal cruelty and voluntarily gave up custody of his dog after leaving her in a storage unit for two days.

A woman and a man called police Saturday morning to report that a dog had been left unattended in a unit at StorAul Storage in the 2200 block of East Warlow Drive, said Police Deputy Chief Brent Wasson.

Officers responded to StorAul, and a manager gave them the name of the man who rented the unit in question.

Police called the man, who said he’d left a 13-year-old female Rhodesian Ridgeback in the storage unit at 5 p.m. Thursday because he had to leave town for a job interview, Wasson said.

He was out of town at the time of the call but allowed officers to cut the lock on his unit. The dog was alive, but it did not have food or water, and the temperature in the unit was below zero, Wasson said.

The dog was taken to the animal shelter.

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# Viewpoints

## Rep. Conrad provides update from Cheyenne

By Rep. Jon Conrad  
HD-19

Last week, we completed the second week of the four-week session.

We did pass the 2025-2026 biennium budget out of the House. We completed third and final reading of the budget bill on Thursday, Feb. 22, over a two-day debate with a vote of 41-21. With the final budget negotiations soon taking place to find compromise between the House and Senate, the numbers are still fluid and far from final.

I do know the final House and Senate positions are far apart, so finding middle ground will be important as conference committees commence. The House's committee's budget saves more than the governor recommended, saving \$310 million in general funds and \$200 million in education savings, while spending \$30 million less than the governor's proposal. Please note:

- Our top priority will be to ensure fiscal accountability and good stewardship of taxpayers' hard-earned dollars.
  - Fiscal conservatism has served our state well through good times and bad, and we mean to uphold that standard.
  - There are many areas where we must invest – property tax relief, Wyoming's energy and mineral industries to meet market demands, infrastructure, and caring for our most vulnerable citizens.
- A few noteworthy third reading amendments to HB0001 follow:
- I voted to move forward an amendment that would only allow the sale of the Kelly Parcel if the Bureau of Land Management's

(BLM) Resource Management Plan (RMP) outcome does not include certain elements in the federal agency's preferred option, Alternative B. This amendment restores the balance in the discussion with the federal government over the future of Southwest Wyoming. This provision passed as did another in the House that would continue grazing and hunting on the land in perpetuity.

• I helped pass a budget amendment that would increase the death benefit for families of fallen Wyoming law enforcement officers. This death benefit for families of fallen police officers was made retroactive to January 1, 2024 and would increase the spousal death benefit for families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Currently, state law awards the spouse 62.5 percent of the officer's salary. The amendment will raise that amount to 90 percent.



Rep. Jon Conrad

### Suicide prevention

Additionally, the week was debate filled and disappointingly, we were not able to hear all the bills that were introduced including three of mine. I remain extremely disappointed that HB0048 Renaming the deaf, dumb and blind account, HB0186-988 hotline-appropriation failed to be heard or not considered for Committee of the Whole (COW) prior to the deadline. It is worth mentioning that 12 pieces of legislation fell victim to senseless debate and filibustering prior.

While I carried HB0186 988 hotline appropriation and successfully got it through

**CONRAD, A5**

## Small Town, Wyoming

By House Speaker Albert Sommers and Senate President Ogden Driskill

The saying goes, "Wyoming is a small town with long streets." This is inherent in the Cowboy State's identity. Our state's small towns make up its collective spirit and are directly tied to our values of independence, resilience, family and stewardship.

Each community in Wyoming is unique and binds us together as friends and neighbors — as Wyomingites. Have you ever been at the airport and ran into someone with a Pokes hat? Even if you don't know the person, we can bet you both know someone in common. This is truly a Wyoming phenomenon.

Wyoming is the 10th largest state by land mass and the least populated, with only 576,851 residents. Municipalities with populations of less than 4,000 are statutorily considered a "town," while those with 4,000 or more residents are classified as "first-class cities." There are 19 "first-class cities" in Wyoming, and 80 "towns" spread across the state.

By comparison, our neighbor to the south, Colorado, is similar in land mass. But it has 273 incorporated municipalities and a population that's 10 times Wyoming's, at 5.8 million people.

It's safe to say, Wyoming is a small town with long streets.

It is for this reason that recent comments made on the floor of the Wyoming House of Representatives gave us pause. When discussing HB-70—Local government distributions, Rep. Bear questioned if small towns need to receive funding from the state. He asked, "Should they exist?"

Our answer is a resounding "Yes. Absolutely. Wyoming needs its small towns."

Wyoming, as a state, is a small town. We are proud of its small-town feel, rural nature,

abundant wildlife and world class energy reserves. Small towns are the pillars of our state. We need small towns for their schools, diners, gas stations, community centers, bowling alleys, bars, grocery stores and churches.

We have challenges attracting businesses and industry without the churn of a large population center, so we must rely on who we are. Wyoming small towns need funding to run their hospitals, libraries, water and sewer systems, to plow streets and to fund those critical defenders of the public's safety — our fire and police departments.

Small towns support those who are doing the work in Wyoming. It's appropriate that money coming from those communities gets back to living in the communities through the funding of local government distributions.

During the biennial budget, distributions have been over \$100 million. Both sales tax and property tax help support local government, and that means our tax policies can have a drastic effect on small town Wyoming, especially reducing property tax.

This state was settled through small towns. Whether it's Upton or Big Piney or all the small towns in between, each town adds an important facet to the character and strength that Wyoming brings to the world. We cannot afford to bend to rhetoric that diminishes who we are. We have lost too many of our small towns already.

Small towns are the heart and soul of Wyoming, and they should be invested in and celebrated, not diminished and discarded.

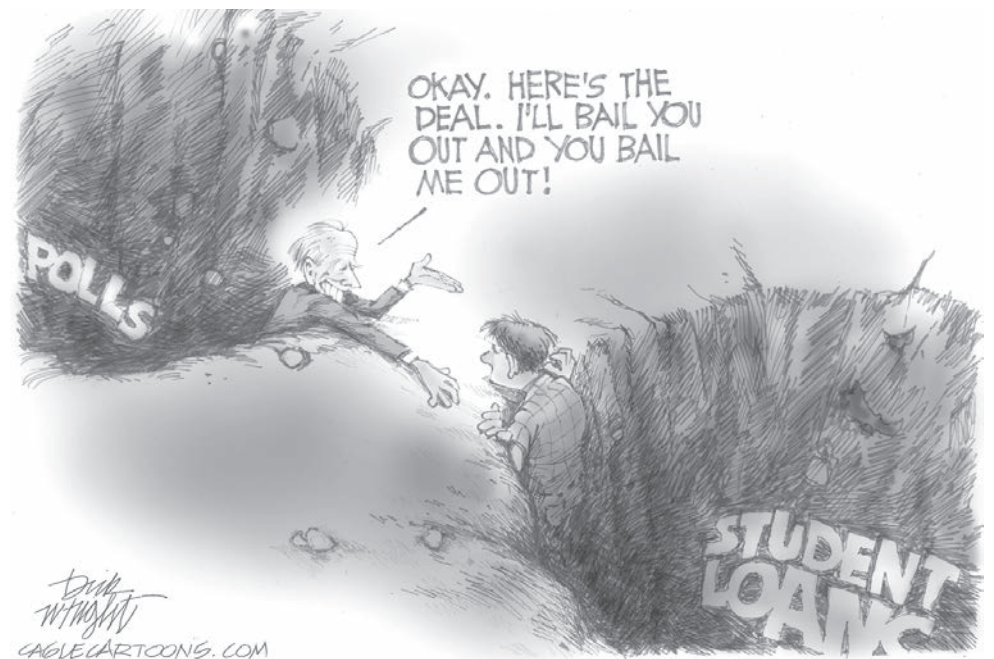
*Albert Sommers is the Speaker of the House and represents a number of small towns as the representative for House District 20. Ogden Driskill is the President of the Senate and represents a number of small towns as the senator for Senate District 01.*



Sen. Ogden Driskill



Rep. Albert Sommers



## Reagan: Hail to our criminal in chief?

The Democrats are trying to put Donald Trump in jail.

The Republicans are trying to put Joe Biden in jail — along with the rest of his extended political crime family.

Both sides think the only way they can win is by putting their opponent in jail.

Is this what our beat up republic has to look forward to as we head for the election in November?

The country is not just going to Hell in a handbasket, it's already there.

I'm watching an invasion of illegal immigrants parading across the open border in Texas and crawling down the hills south of San Diego like a bunch of ants.

They're coming in from China and all over the planet. And they're going straight to sanctuary cities like New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Philly to get their free hotel rooms and free credit cards.

The mayors of those cities are crying and whining about how they can't handle the tens of thousands of illegals who've swamped their social services, spiked their crime rates and blown up their city budgets.

But to quote our supposedly 14th greatest

president, "Come on, man."

It was these same Trump-hating "leaders" of blue cities and blue states and their ilk who created the sanctuaries in the first place.

They just thought they'd never have to pay the fiscal or political bill for their virtue signaling.

Joe Biden has recently begun blaming Trump and the Republicans for the border crisis, but he's the fool who threw the gates to America wide open the day he took the oath of office.

I get it that Congress and the Republicans need to get their acts together on immigration — or anything else important, like \$2 trillion annual budget deficits.

But Trump was in office for four years and we didn't have a massive homeland invasion — or a war overseas. Or 8 percent inflation. Or ... you name it.

So what we're going to get is four more years of either Trump or Biden?

Unless Biden's managers yank him from the mound in the bottom of the ninth for Gavin Newsom, the slick lefthander from

California, it's going to be a rematch of 2020 without as much vote fraud.

We're going to have two old geezers running for office who won't debate each other. They'll just call each other names and hold friendly townhalls with their journalist pals at Fox or CNN.

A minority of us will listen to Fox, Newsmax and our favorite conservative pundits tell us over and over how bad Biden is and how he should be in jail — but never will be.

About half of the country will listen to the deranged liberal media continue to say Trump is the worst president in history and should be doing hard time for whatever fake crimes partisan prosecutors in New York can dream up.

As we know, for the liberal media and Democrats, legal principles don't apply for Trump and all is fair in their forever war to keep Trump out of the White House.

Meanwhile, Biden's America is becoming a third world country.

On the sidewalks of New York, Los Angeles and every major city, it looks like



**MAKING SENSE**  
BY MICHAEL REAGAN

we're already there. Plus, it looks like we now have the perfect leaders for a banana republic — two criminals.

So who do you like in 2024 — Criminal Trump or Criminal Biden?

Based on the damage Biden has done to everything he's touched at home and overseas, and the fact that Old Joe is so clearly diminished in mind and body, Trump should be the overwhelming favorite.

But remember that red wave that everyone predicted was going to sweep America in 2022? On Election Day, it never hit the shore.

So far it looks like this fall it's going to come down to the question, "Who's the least criminal?"

The choice of whom to vote for could be our worst ever, but the right one for me and the country should be simple — Trump, even if he's behind bars.

*Michael Reagan, the son of President Ronald Reagan, is an author, speaker and president of the Reagan Legacy Foundation. Send comments to reagan@caglecartoons.com and follow @reaganworld on Twitter.*

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# Records/News

## obituaries

### Paul B. Mills March 1, 1947 – Feb. 18, 2024



In Memoriam: Mr. Paul B. Mills, 10th-degree Grand Master of AKKI

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Mr. Paul B. Mills, a martial arts luminary, mentor, husband, father and friend, on Sunday, Feb. 18.

Paul, born on March 1, 1947, in Salt Lake City, to Jack "Dub" W. Mills and Zina "Tanny" Whitney Mills, boasted a rich lineage tracing back to Heber C. Kimball and Orson F. Whitney, which filled him with immense pride.

Paul spent his early years growing up in Cedar City, Utah. His adventurous spirit was ignited as he explored and wandered the southern Utah desert. He started seeing the importance of being quick as he caught lizards, snakes and "gila monsters" with old shoe boxes.

After Dub's retirement from the FBI, Paul (age 8) and his family moved back to Evanston, where they helped his grandfather, John L. Mills, develop the Dunmar Inn.

Paul loved competing, especially in basketball, where he played in the city league. Additionally, hunting and fishing became integral parts of his life. Paul was especially fond of this century-old Mills' family tradition that his grandson, Randy, keeps alive today.

Paul learned many valuable lessons from his father's FBI experiences dealing with criminals, such as Bugsy Seigal and others. Dub instilled in him the importance of having the first and fastest moves

in life-threatening situations.

Paul began looking into fast-draw shooting. His desire to hone his skills in fast-draw shooting led him to seek guidance from the late Bob Munden, "The Fastest Gun Alive." After becoming good friends and learning as much as he could, Paul was able to break the world fast-draw record in 1971. Timing and reflexes were the key to this accomplishment, a philosophy he carried throughout his life.

Around this same time, Paul was introduced to martial arts. Under the mentorship of Mr. Ed Parker, Paul began ascending through the ranks and received his first-degree blackbelt in 1981. He became a beacon of knowledge within the IKKA (International Kenpo Karate Association). Paul traveled through Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California, meeting with different instructors and studio owners to share ideas and innovate Kenpo karate.

After the passing of his beloved master, Mr. Ed Parker, Paul and his wife, Deon, created their own association,

the AKKI (American Kenpo Karate International). Mr. Mills started to travel the world and mentored countless students who sought his instruction. His Las Vegas camps at Sam's Town became popular. His leadership played a pivotal role in expanding the AKKI and fostering a close-knit community bond with a shared passion for martial arts.

Paul is survived by his four children, Tabitha, Ryan (Jane), Jesse (Meghann) and Wesley (Stephanie), from his marriage to his first wife, Chrystanne Karn; and his daughter, McKayla (Jase), from his marriage with his cherished wife, Deon Neely Mills; his nine grandchildren, Randy, Zayden, Frankie, Jeffrey, Jacob, Charlie, Juliette, Jaze and Clara; and his great-grandchild, Jayden.

He is preceded in death by his father, Jack Mills; his mother, Zina Mills; his brother, John Mills; and his mother-in-law, Myrna Neely.

Mr. Paul Mills leaves behind a legacy of martial arts prowess, fast draw achievements, and a warm, family-oriented spirit. His teachings of discipline, respect, humility, and kindness continue to inspire. The void left by his passing is deeply felt by all who knew him. May his spirit rest in eternal peace.

Visitation will be from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, March 1, at Davis Middle School, 837 No Name St., in Evanston.

Funeral service will be at noon on Saturday, March 2, also at Davis Middle School.

### Delphine Krausz Gregg Nov. 3, 1937 – Feb. 9, 2024



Delphine Krausz Gregg, 86, passed away in her home on Friday, Feb. 9. She was surrounded by two of her daughters, Diana Sharp and Deborah Goodspeed; and a grandson, Karl Miller; when she passed peacefully in her sleep.

Delphine was born Nov. 3, 1937, the youngest of five daughters born to Edward and Elizabeth (Schuetzle) Krausz of Plevna, Montana. Her grandmother, Johanna Krausz, who had the first hospital in Baker, Montana, in her home, assisted with her birth.

She lived through the era of going to school by horse, no electricity, drought, the dust bowl, the Great Depression, World War II, rationing and hard work. Delphine worked many different jobs in her lifetime. She retired at the age of 84, after being

employed by Walmart for more than 20 years.

Delphine spent her life doing what she loved. She was always caring for other people in one way or another. She enjoyed rockhounding and jewelry making. She loved her free time with her daughters and grandchildren.

Delphine is survived by her daughters, Debbie Goodspeed and Diana Sharp of Evanston; sons, Dalbert

Wiseman and Philip Geib; and grandchildren, Karl Miller and Chase Goodspeed. She leaves numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family would like to give a big thank-you to Delphine's nieces, Linda Wenz Holden and Diane Rittgers, who were very helpful during this difficult time. The family also wants to thank the great staff they worked with from Best Home Health & Hospice for helping make the last of her time here more meaningful and comfortable.

A celebration of life will be planned for spring/summer 2024 in Evanston. A lot of people loved Delphine, so if you would like to be a part of that celebration, please email greggdelfine@gmail.com, and the family will respond once details are decided.

### Randall Keith Milam – Feb. 23, 2024

Randall Keith Milam, 67, of Lyman, passed away Friday, Feb. 23, at the University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City. Interment will be held Thursday, Feb. 29, at 11 a.m., at the Fort Bridger Cemetery.

## Utah Olympic committee secures hotel rooms in Evanston way ahead of 2034 Winter Games

By Kayne Pyatt  
Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — Although the final decision on which city will host of the 2034 Winter Olympics won't come until summer, Utah is in the targeted dialogue stage. France is the other top choice. In the early stages of applying for the games, all of the applicants were competing for either the 2030 or the 2034 games. In November 2023, the International Olympic Commission (IOC) announced the two finalists who are now in the targeted dialogue stage.

"The decision of the IOC to invite Salt Lake City ... into targeted dialogue as the

preferred host for 2034 is a credit to our communities working together to create a welcoming region for sport across our state," Fraser Bullock, president and CEO of the SLC-UT Committee for the Games said in a prepared statement, according to the Park Record, the Park City, Utah, newspaper.

As part of IOC's requirements for securing the games, 24,000 hotel rooms need to be secured. John Sindelar, accommodations director for the Salt Lake City-Utah Committee for the Games, has been negotiating with hotels in the Salt Lake area and in cities around an 80-mile perimeter. So far, he has

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Susie Jetkoski explains why she thinks the city should not have a homeless shelter during the Tuesday, Feb. 20, Evanston City Council meeting. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

### CITY COUNCIL / from A1

city council or by law," Harris said.

Harris explained that he is obligated by law to give that advice to the mayor and council, which includes legal opinions concerning the city's business, and to make recommendations based on the opinions he has formed. He also said that communication between a councilmember and the attorney is privileged and confidential information, according to statute, and is protected from disclosure by an attorney under ethical rules. Advice given to the governing body can only be disclosed if the governing body authorizes it.

"Two weeks ago, two members of this body disclosed a confidential attorney-client communication and advice without the consent of this body," Harris said. "Further, I was the subject of vicious personal attacks regarding my professional ethics, professional integrity and competency in an effort to cancel and prevent me from performing my legal duties. Those attacks failed to conform with the civility rules adopted by this body, specifically Rules 9, 10, 13 and 15."

The council had adopted rules that "encourage councilmembers to disclose and possibly recuse themselves on matters which may have the perception of a conflict where appropriate," Harris said.

He defended his rendering of legal advice as not intimidation, but as only providing advice and counsel required by the duties of his office.

"What occurred during the council meeting of Feb. 6, 2024, went well beyond the reason of good governance and leadership. I will not be intimidated, bullied or prevented from performing my legal duties by attribution of an improper motive without a factual basis and in a public meeting or forum in violation of the very rules adopted by this body," Harris said. "I will not abdicate performing the duties required of me by law just because someone does not like

the message delivered and wants it ignored. To paraphrase [Utah County Herald managing editor] Bryon Glathar, "That is what bullies do."

At the beginning of the meeting, Jen Hegeman asked clerk Diane Harris if she would attach a copy of the statement she read at the Feb. 6 meeting to the official minutes of that meeting.

Councilmember Jesse Lind gave condolences to the family of Paul Mills, who recently passed and the mayor and other council members also stated their condolences.

The council approved the appointments of Lisa Sanborn (replacing Sara Pullins) to the Urban Renewal Agency for three years ending in January 2027; Evan Perkes to the Lodging Tax Board until January 2027, and Brendee Weston (replacing John Davis) on the Lodging Tax Board until January 2027.

Two limited malt beverage permits were approved.

Sexual Assault and Family Violence (SAFV) Task Force Director Jesse Barnes requested one for the Gentlemen's Night – Stand Against Violence event to be held at the Evanston Youth Club on Saturday, March 9, from 6-10 p.m.

The second permit was requested by Eric Pasenelli of Arts Inc. for the Celtic Festival at the Roundhouse and Railyards on Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. both days.

A resolution authorizing the submission of an application by the City of Evanston for a grant from the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program for funds to place a concrete and steel ping pong table, foosball table and a Sycamore chess table in Depot Square and the railyard areas was approved by the council.

Rocco O'Neil, community development director, said, "The deadline for the application is March 5, and we should know by May if we are awarded it."

During public comments, Eric Pasenelli thanked the council for their continued support for the Celtic Festival. Volunteers for the festival can get on the Celtic Festival website to sign up.

Susie Jetkoski also addressed the council.

"I am a retired social worker from the Wyoming State Hospital," she said. "I am totally against getting a homeless shelter in the city. We do not have a soup kitchen or a day program. What will they do all day? Hang around businesses. Drugs and crime will increase. So many of the homeless are mentally ill, and when they are not taking their meds, they can become violent. The police jobs will increase. When I was working at the hospital, most of the people I discharged, I sent to homeless shelters in Idaho or Salt Lake City. Salt Lake will start sending them here if we have a shelter. We don't want a homeless shelter here."

Evanston Mayor Kent Williams thanked her for her comments, and the meeting was adjourned.

### WEBSITE

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# News/Community

## GENDER STUDIES

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this was not a matter of academic freedom, but rather economics.

“This is Wyoming. Are we going to change our mascot to the social justice warriors?” Biteman said. “Because that’s where we’re going with this university.”

Sen. Bob Ide, R-Casper, said the purpose of a university is to prepare students for career paths that will get them jobs.

“A career path in gender studies — I don’t think that really prepares you for any job after college,” Ide said.

Sen. Wendy Schuler, R-Evanston, said it should be up to the university to offer or remove programs based on the number of students enrolled, not the material offered.

The amendment was adopted in the Senate by a vote of 18-13.

Amendment 14 to the Senate budget, also introduced by Steinmetz, defunded the UW Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ODEI), as well as “any diversity, equity and inclusion program, activity or function.”

Sen. Charles Scott, R-Casper, explained his vote in favor of the amendment as a matter of principle and practicality. The senator recited Article 1, Section 2 of the Wyoming Constitution, which reads “In their inherent right to

life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, all members of the human race are equal.”

“The organization is exactly opposite to that principle,” Scott said. “It’s believing that (a) person’s race is what determines their value. They’re trying to do things on that basis, and we have to get rid of them.”

Scott also recalled a university he attended, Harvard, where the president “embarrassed” the college by being unable to stand against anti-semitism on national television.

“This kind of program was the principal agent of introducing that rot,” Scott said. “We’re seeing this rot affecting the University of Wyoming.”

Senate Majority Leader Larry Hicks, R-Baggs, said he agreed with Scott, saying DEI programs divided groups and excluded individuals who did not think like those group members.

“I agree with my colleague — it’s not about diversity, equity and inclusion,” Hicks said. “It’s division, exclusion and intolerance.”

Rothfuss immediately disagreed. The purpose of ODEI is to uplift diversity, equity and inclusion, not divide people, he said. For first-generation college students, the ODEI helps freshmen navigate and find their way in the university.

“It’s daunting. How do we make those students feel they’re a part of the universi-

ty?” Rothfuss said. “That’s what this office works on.”

Rothfuss said it was ironic to assume this office was choosing and picking what should be taught and who should be included, when members of the Legislature were trying to determine exactly that in this amendment.

“There’s no censorship of ideas coming out of this office,” he said.

Sen. Brian Boner, R-Douglas, who was in favor of the amendment, said he feared the direction the university was going and whether his children would have the same educational opportunities at UW that he did.

“I pose a question,” said Sen. Ed Cooper, R-Ten Sleep. “Is there a disconnect between the university and the rest of Wyoming?”

Sen. Troy McKeown, R-Gillette, said he worried about selection of students at universities based on their race, rather than their “meritocracy.” Sen. Lynn Hutchings, R-Cheyenne, said these types of programs seemed to target people such as herself.

“I didn’t need anybody to stand up a program to help me grow up,” said Hutchings, who is Black. “This program, the DEI, has brought more divisiveness in the Black community around the country than anything I’ve ever seen, and I’d like to see it stand down.”

The amendment was adopted on a vote of 20-11.



Speaking about gender studies at the University of Wyoming, Sen. Wendy Schuler, R-Evanston, said it should be up to the university to offer or remove programs based on the number of students enrolled, not the material offered. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Further discussion of the 2025-26 biennium budget and differences between versions coming out of the two chambers will continue into next week.

## CONRAD

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introduction with only one vote (42-19) to meet the 2/3rds required, I was then able to testify in front of House Appropriations Committee. The House Appropriations Committee voted Tuesday to strip 75% of proposed funding from the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline’s trust fund. That left \$10 million. As noted in the previous paragraph the bill died.

One hope is left for the 988 funding and that is House Budget Amendment 33 which is an insurance amendment to ensure funding of the 988 hotline. That amendment states that the state auditor shall transfer \$40 million “from the general fund to the 988 system trust fund.”

“This appropriation shall be reduced by one dollar (\$1) for every one dollar (\$1) up to forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) appropriated to the 988 system trust fund account in 2024 House Bill 0186, as enacted into law,” it states.

House ‘insurance policy’ could keep 988 suicide hotline funding at full \$40M.

### Property Tax reduction efforts

HB0003 Property tax exemption for long-term homeowners (59-3), HB0004 Property tax refund program (62-0) and HB0045 Property tax exemption-residential structures and land (62-0) were all passed by the House. These three bills have been “Received for Introduction” by the Senate; we anxiously await their approval of these critical bills.

HB0203 Property tax reduction and replacement act — was debated extensively on Friday night barely making it out of the First Reading. There are substantial concerns with this bill that requires work prior to agreement. Specifically, the bill would exempt about 97% of Wyoming homeowners from paying property tax in exchange for a 2% sales tax hike.

The debate continues. Please let me know your thoughts.

### By the numbers (not including resolutions)

As of Friday evening, Feb. 23:

- 221 House bills have been introduced
- 132 Senate files have been introduced
- 64 active House bills
- 94 active Senate files
- 158 bills are currently active in the House and Senate

### Coming up

- Friday, March 1, is the interim topic request form deadline, 4 p.m.
- Monday, March 4, is the last day for bills to be reported out of Committee in the second house. It is also the deadline for the budget bill adoption of the JCC report

I look forward to updating you throughout the session, and I greatly need your feedback to ensure your voice is heard. Thank you again for support in advance. Uinta County makes Wyoming great!

# 15 Questions

**Juliana Rasnake**  
Seventh-grader at Davis Middle School

**What do you like most about living in Evanston?**  
I like the history and the people. Obviously Railroad days and Cowboy Days.

**What do you like to do in your free time?**  
I like to read and play video games.

**Who is your hero or role model?**  
Eleanor Roosevelt. I really like the way she transformed the job of First Lady from being just a hostess to a Stateswoman. She was really out there, and I admire that.

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**  
Getting to act in Sagebrush Theatre’s “Wizard of Oz.”

**Where is your favorite place to eat in town?**  
Dragon Wall.

**What is one place you’d like to see but haven’t yet?**  
Salem, Massachusetts.

**Do you have any pets?**  
Two dogs — Pistol and my baby, Bruno.

**What is your favorite holiday?**  
Thanksgiving, because of all the food.

**What’s your favorite subject in school?**  
Depends on the day, but I don’t usually have a preference — they’re all great.

**What is your biggest dream you hope to fulfill?**  
My dream is to go to college at the University of Wyoming.

**What is your favorite genre of music?**  
Indie pop and ’80s rock.

**What is your favorite movie?**  
“Young Frankenstein” by Mel Brooks

**What’s your favorite book?**  
“Wings of Fire” series.

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**If you had a superpower, what would it be?**  
The ability to change my superpower at any given time.

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# Faith/News

## Burnt but not bitter

I think we'd be amazed if we knew how many people are walking around with bitterness, resentment, and unforgiveness in their hearts.

Bitterness often begins with the little things. When people wrong us in some way, it's tempting to store it away in our memory and never forget. Apart from the help of the Holy Spirit, our natural inclination is to "keep score" and want to make people pay for what they've done.

However, this is how a root of bitterness gets planted. First, we get offended, then we allow that offense to fester and grow. Hebrews 12:15 (AMP) says, "See to it that no one falls short of God's grace; that no root of resentment springs up and causes trouble."

You see, regardless of how big or small the offense, God commands us to keep a clean heart so we can continue to grow in Him and experience the freedom He has created us for. Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (NIV).

I recently saw a movie that really impacted me. The main character had been mistreated very badly, but he eventually chose to forgive the person. Even his wife asked him, "How can you forgive?" His answer has stuck with me ever since. He replied: "If you forgive, you only have to do that once. But if you hate, you have to do that every day for the rest of your life."

So, I ask you: Has someone hurt or cheated you? If they have, don't let them continue hurting you every day of your life. When you choose to forgive someone, you are taking your life back!

For years, I used to be controlled by my emotions. If I was upset at Dave about something, I could go days without talking to him. Or if someone rubbed me the wrong way at church, I was really good at holding a grudge.

Of course, I was the one who lost my peace and joy while the other person had no idea I was even upset. But it wasn't only me — my anger and bad attitude also created a toxic atmosphere in my house and affected my family and those around me.

It was a great day when I realized I could do the right thing even when I don't feel like doing it. And when we do, something marvelous happens — our feelings catch up with our decisions.

You see, God desires for us to grow and mature to the place where we're not always led around by our feelings. He desires for us to obey his word and choose to forgive others

even when we're right and even when the other person doesn't seem very sorry.

The truth is, life isn't always fair. But God is fair, and he will make wrong things right if we continue to trust him. If we allow him to, he can take our bad experience and work it out for our good.

Just look at the life of Joseph. Genesis tells us that as a young man, Joseph had great dreams for his life. But his older brothers resented him and sold him into slavery, and he was taken to Egypt.

Now, let's stop right here. If Joseph allowed himself to stay hurt and offended and never forgave his brothers, I don't think anyone would have blamed him. However, Joseph refused to grow bitter and let this stop him. As a result, he found great favor with his master, Potiphar, and was eventually put in charge of his entire household. Years later, Joseph faced another test when Potiphar threw him in jail for a crime he didn't commit. But he still didn't allow bitterness and unforgiveness to take root, and the Lord eventually gave Joseph an opportunity to interpret a dream for Pharaoh, who then promoted him to the highest official in Egypt!

Joseph literally went from the pit to the palace. Then, years later, when a famine struck the land, the Lord used Joseph to save his family and the entire house of Israel.

When Joseph finally came face to face with his brothers, they were petrified because of what they had done to him. But look at what Joseph said: "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good..." (Genesis 50:20 AMP).

Because Joseph was willing to forgive all along the way, God was able to take what was wrong and make it right!

I don't know where you are today. Maybe you've suffered some painful experiences in the past that have left you struggling to forgive. Or maybe little things are slowly chipping away at one of your relationships and bitterness is attempting to take root in your heart.

Whatever it is, the single greatest thing you can do is forgive and trust God to reward you and make things right. I encourage you to pray and ask for God's help even before someone offends you!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part teaching resource *Burnt But Not Bitter*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting [www.joycemeyer.org](http://www.joycemeyer.org).



ENJOYING EVERYDAY LIFE

BY JOYCE MEYER



Uinta County Deputy Clerrk Kim Goble requests the renewal of several liquor licenses during last week's commission meeting in Evanston. (HERALD PHOTO/Amanda Manchester)

## County approves liquor licenses

By Amanda Manchester  
Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — Commission Chair Mark Anderson opened the Tuesday, Feb. 20, Uinta County Commission meeting by discussing the idea of opening the floor to public comment after orders of business were addressed. Anderson said he felt compelled to change the protocol after an incident at the previous commission meeting.

Commissioner Eric South was absent and excused.

Uinta County Clerk Amanda Hutchinson, on behalf of Uinta County Attorney Loretta Howieson Kallas, requested a resolution for special prosecution regarding an upcoming court case, citing a conflict of interest. Hutchinson indicated that an attorney from Sublette County has offered their legal services in the particular case, and the commissioners approved the request.

Deputy County Clerk Kim Goble discussed the renewal of several county-issued liquor licenses. Commissioner Brent Hatch mentioned that some of the licensed locations are currently out-of-business and inquired about their license renewal. Goble stated that such licenses were essentially "on hold." The licenses were renewed.

Goble also requested the extension of hours for all

liquor licenses in the county to 24 hours for July 4 and for Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31 - Sept. 2. The motion was approved.

Anderson segued into explaining two letters of support endorsed by the commissioners. The first letter was sent to the Wyoming Business Council on behalf of the city of Mountain View for an economic development master plan grant application. Anderson cited a likely influx of housing demands due to projects such as the Terra-Power natrium plant, Exxon gas, Grainger and Project West.

The second letter was sent to the state of Wyoming regarding county support for the \$10 million proposed international shooting facility complex. The letter highlights an overview of location offerings.

"We think that Evanston is great because it draws from the Wasatch Front," Hatch said.

Jeff Breining with Uinta County Maintenance addressed the roofing needs for the Uinta County Courthouse Complex and the Extension Office across the street. He said he had received bids for 20-year membrane roofs from two separate companies: European Roofing & Sheet Metal LLC and Broken Arrow.

Breining recommended the former company for the job at the Extension Office, with a bid of \$27,000, and the latter company for the courthouse to the tune of \$143,309, with the understanding that costs could increase if further problems are discovered.

Breining said the materials were already purchased and stockpiled and clarified that both companies would begin both jobs soon, "when the weather breaks." The commissioners approved both projects.

Uinta County Planning and Zoning administrative assistant Darby Noorda presented a proposed website update via Audio Eye Service by Civic Plus. She said the software ensures that online Uinta County services are more visually and cognitively accessible and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

It would utilize artificial intelligence (AI) to scan, but not repair, the website for

violations and report them. Website amendments would be the county's responsibility and include such measures as adjusting fonts and color schemes.

Noorda added that the company offered a discount, and they also offered legal support. Hatch agreed it is important to "keep up with technology," and the motion was approved.

Uinta County Planner Kent Williams asked for a conditional use permit for Spackman Ranch to allow operation of a gravel pit. Williams stated that the land use allows for its "use by right unless a home is within a mile of proposed site."

Williams also explained that it is a historical mine, though not active in recent years. Planning and zoning favorably recommended, and a five-year permit renewal was suggested, though standard permits are renewed annually.

Hatch inquired about the permit renewal process. Williams replied that he usually drives by permitted locations annually, and renewal is guaranteed as long as things appear "still good, still operational."

Hatch asked if nearby neighbors were notified, and Williams confirmed that they had been, and the news was also published in the *Uinta County Herald* and the *Bridger Valley Pioneer*.

Anderson expressed curiosity about any current permits with renewals extending past a year. Williams replied that there were none, and even if the Spackman Ranch gravel pit was extended to a five-year renewal, "it would still be reviewed annually, regardless."

"I don't want to set a precedent," Anderson said. "I think it's favorable to keep it [permit renewal] at one year, pending further discussion."

Williams had additional business regarding the separation and rezoning of the Rendezvous RV Park in Fort Bridger. He said the owners want to separate the park lot from the lot with the home with the intent to sell. The RV park is currently zoned commercial, while the home would need to be rezoned as residential. Three total resolutions were passed, including a finding of facts, map and subdivisions amendments.

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7th Ward	Service Begins	12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

**Ward Meeting @ 14864 Hwy 150 S - 789-3257**

Hilliard Ward	Service Begins	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
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## OLYMPICS / from A4

secured hotels in the rural Utah cities of Nephi, Logan and Tooele, along with Evanston.

"Currently, I have 21,000 rooms promised," Sindelar said. "I have secured rooms in 179 hotels in Utah and two hotels so far in Evanston... Ninety percent of our goal has been met. I will be calling more hotels soon in order to meet our deadline."

The two hotels with rooms secured in Evanston are the Hampton Inn and the Holiday Inn Express, both just off the busy Harrison Drive. The owner of the Holiday Inn Express is located in Utah and signed up his hotels in both Evanston and in Utah, Sindelar said.

The rooms will house journalists, IOC members, national Olympic committees, international sports federations, sponsors and guests. Each block of rooms is reserved for 33 nights, which includes the 17 nights of the games plus 14 nights before and two nights after the Olympics. Sindelar said the rates for the rooms will be the average cost of the room plus an increase for inflation and an Olympic premium.

Sindelard said, though Salt Lake City hasn't yet been designated the official site for the games, in November the IOC deemed it a preferred site for the 2034 Winter Olympic Games, naming France as the preferred candidate for the 2030 Games.

Both Utah and France are required to submit the required paperwork by the end of February, and have all of the government assurances in place by March. If both of these deadlines are met, the IOC is expected to award the 2030 and the 2034 Winter Games in July.

Utah still has all the venues from the 2002 games still functioning and available, which Sindelar said the IOC likes. Utah's venues are still actively being used by the public and for competitors' training. Sindelar said the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation (UOLF) has done a great job of maintaining the venues.

# SCHOOL TIMES



February 2024

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## Word wizards shine: Lyman Intermediate School takes Vocabulary Bowl championship for Wyoming

**SAN MATEO, Calif.** — Vocabulary.com on Feb. 9 announced the fall champions of the 2023 Vocabulary Bowl, a biannual competition that brings together K-12 schools across North America to showcase their vocabulary and literacy skills.

From high school heavyweights to middle school maestros and rising rookies, schools earned points and paved paths to victory by displaying the breadth of their lexicons. More than 380,000 students across 2,100 schools mastered a total of 5,200,000 words throughout the fall in their quest for word domination.

The competition took center stage on Vocabulary.com where schools faced off against their peers to become undisputed champions in one of three divisions and title holders for their respective states.

**The results are in**

Amidst fierce competition, Lyman Intermediate School in Lyman, emerged victorious to become Wyoming's champion, mastering more than 8,400 words!

The results are now official. The Division Winners for the Fall 2023 Season are:

**Division I:**

High School: Etiwanda High School (Rancho Cucamonga, California)

Middle School: Sig Rogich Middle School (Las Vegas, Nevada)

**Division II:**

High School: Saint Benedict's Preparatory School (Newark, New Jersey)

Middle School: Ellen Fletcher Middle School (Palo Alto, California)

**Division III:**

High School: Buckingham Collegiate Charter Academy (Vacaville, California)

Middle School: Morehead City Middle School (Morehead City, North Carolina)

The Division Runners-up are:

**Division I:**

High School: Calvary Christian Academy (Fort Lauderdale, Florida)

Middle School: Millburn Middle School (Millburn, New Jersey)

**Division II:**

High School: The Ursuline School (New Rochelle, New York)

Middle School: Ladera Vista Junior High School (Fullerton, California)

**Division III:**

High School: Arp High School (Arp, Texas)

Middle School: Cherryland Middle School (Elk Rapids, Michigan)



By mastering more than 8,400 vocabulary words, students from Lyman Intermediate School took first place for Wyoming in the 2023 Vocabulary Bowl. (COURTESY PHOTO)

**The U.S. and Canadian Province winners are:**

Hanceville Middle School - Hanceville, Alabama

Minto School - Minto, Alaska

Sierra Verde STEAM Academy - Glendale, Arizona

Newport High School - Newport, Arkansas

Etiwanda High School - Etiwanda, California

Manning School Academics & Arts - Golden, Colorado

Plainville High School - Plainville, Connecticut

Saint John the Beloved School - Wilmington, Delaware

Saint Alban's School - Washington, District of Columbia

Calvary Christian Academy - Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Johnson County High School - Wrightsville, Georgia

Harvest Christian Academy - Barrigada, Guam

Kalani High School - Honolulu, Hawaii

Saint Joseph's School - Boise, Idaho

Oak Lawn Community High School - Oak Lawn, Illinois

Manchester Junior Senior High School - North Manchester, Indiana

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Mayville High School - Mayville, Michigan

Luverne High School - Luverne, Minnesota

Jackson Preparatory School - Flowood, Mississippi

Forsyth High School - Forsyth, Missouri

Lincoln County High School - Eureka, Montana

Marian High School - Omaha, Nebraska

Sig Rogich Middle School - Las Vegas, Nevada

Pelham Memorial School - Pelham, New Hampshire

Saint Benedict's Preparatory School - Newark, New Jersey

Carlsbad Intermediate Schools: PR Leyva - Carlsbad, New Mexico

Fort Hamilton High School - Brooklyn, New York

Southern Alamance High School - Graham, North Carolina

Mott Regent School - Mott, North Dakota

Walnut Hills High School - Cincinnati, Ohio

Owasso Eighth Grade Center - Owasso, Oklahoma

Marist Catholic High School - Eugene, Oregon

Danville Middle School - Danville, Pennsylvania

Classical High School - Providence, Rhode Island

Catawba Ridge High School - Fort Mill, South Carolina

Harrisburg North Middle School - Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Coulter Grove Intermediate School - Maryville, Tennessee

Arp High School - Arp, Texas

Julius E. Sprauve - Saint John, Virgin Islands

Judge Memorial Catholic High School - Salt Lake City, Utah

Enosburg Falls Middle High School - Enosburg Falls, Vermont

Trinity Christian School - Fairfax, Virginia

Alki Middle School - Vancouver, Washington

Scott High School - Madison, West Virginia

De Soto Middle High School - De Soto, Wisconsin

Lyman Intermediate School - Lyman, Wyoming

**Canadian Provincial Winners**

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Notre Dame Regional Secondary School - Vancouver, British Columbia

École Régionale Notre Dame - Notre-Dame-De-Lourdes, Manitoba

Halifax Christian Academy - Halifax, Nova Scotia

College Regina Assumpta - Montreal, Quebec

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Princess Elizabeth School - Welland, Ontario

"With the right support and an engaging environment, anyone can experience the joy of enriching their vocabulary. The Vocabulary Bowl is a unique event that makes it easy for educators to foster an enduring love of literacy and create spaces where learners are eager to develop their vocabulary skills," said Paul Mishkin, CEO of IXL Learning, Vocabulary.com's parent company. "Hosting this competition fills us with pride and we cannot wait to see the remarkable progress schools make in the upcoming Spring season."

**Game on: Join the 2024 Vocabulary Bowl Spring Season**

The Vocabulary Bowl's Spring Season began on February 1. This year, the Bowl will honor champions at all levels, including schools, individual teachers, and newcomers to the competition. While schools compete for glory, top teacher prizes will be awarded to educators who inspire their students to earn the most points.

New Rookie awards will recognize schools and teachers new to the Bowl. Whether you're part of an experienced school team or a teacher on a mission, there's a prize waiting for you.

The competition is open to all accredited K-12 schools in

the United States and Canada. Any qualifying school with an active license will be automatically registered when the Vocabulary Bowl season starts.

Schools and individual teachers can purchase a license to automatically register at any time during the contest period. Students enrolled in classes simply sign in to Vocabulary.com and master as many words as they can through learning activities on the website. There is no limit to the number of words that they can master or the amount of time that they can play.

**How schools use the Vocabulary Bowl to build literacy skills**

Vocabulary.com uses adaptive technology that tailors literacy instruction to students' unique needs. The Vocabulary Bowl gives educators a fun opportunity to personalize instruction, boost literacy skills, and inject competitive spirit into education.

With every activity, students gain points and achievements so that they can level up in the rankings while building their vocabulary. Teachers have used the Bowl to gamify learning by giving extra credit to classroom point leaders every week, presenting monthly awards to students who master the most words, and posting results in parent newsletters to share their learners' successes.

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# Red Devils visit Uinta Meadows kindergarten class



UME had the Red Devils in the house! Ryker Lind and Jay Hill visited Mrs. Johnstone's kindergarten class. They made a sign that was hung at the Evanston High School gym during the Green River home games. (COURTESY PHOTO)

# Students shine at annual spelling bee



The Uinta Meadows Elementary spelling bee was held on Thursday, Feb. 15. The results are as follows and as pictured left to right: Alternate, Natalie Weston; fifth place, Mary Brandley; fourth place, Natalie Passey; third place, Gemma Prete; second place, Nathan Oliver; and first place, Chevelle Bolan. (COURTESY PHOTO)

# How high can you jump?



EHS student-athletes Kai Barker and Rhyen Debenham visited Dr. Moon's first-grade class at UME earlier this month. They got to see who could jump the highest! (COURTESY PHOTO)

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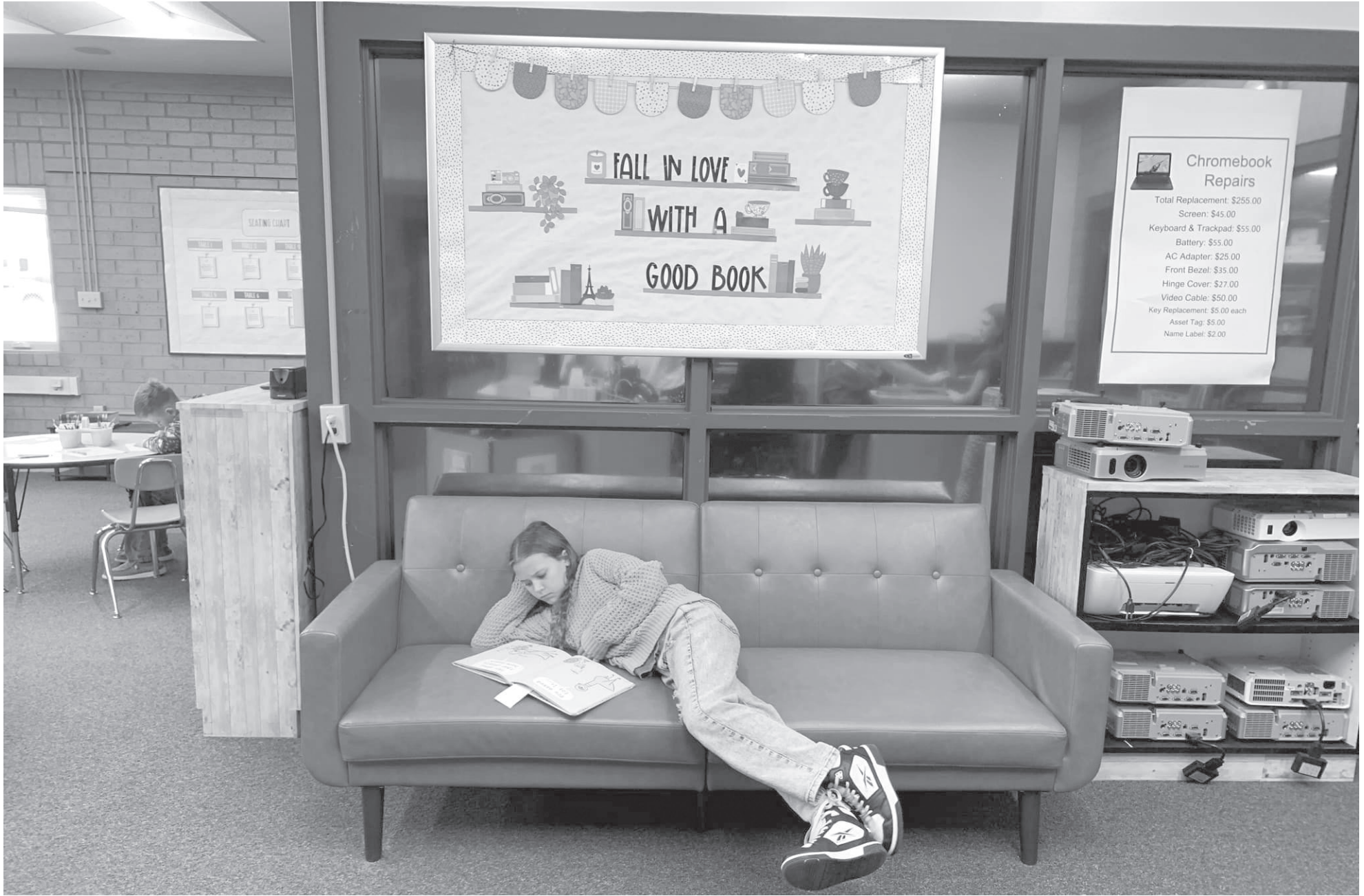


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# Local elementary students celebrate Valentine's Day



Uinta Meadows Elementary student Raegan Rasmussen fell in love with a good book on Valentine's Day. (COURTESY PHOTO)



McKrae Shinkle and Justin Saavedra have been working hard in 3D printing. They made bouquets of flowers for Valentine's Day. (COURTESY PHOTO)



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## MILLS / from A1

Mills was born in Cedar City, Utah, where his father was an agent with the FBI. As a small boy, Paul explored the southern Utah desert catching lizards, snakes, and "gila monsters" in old shoe boxes.

When Paul's father, Jack "DUB" Mills, retired from the FBI, the family moved to Evanston, where Dub helped his father, John L. Mills, develop and manage the Dunmar Inn.

The hotel was started by John Mills, along with the and the Dunnings and the Martins, hence the name Dunmar. John later bought his partners out. In 2006, Paul assumed ownership of the business.

Paul loved stories of the old West and imagined himself as the fastest gun in the west. As he matured into his teens that desire led him to seek out a mentor, the late Bob Munden, who was considered the fastest gun in the west at that time. He became good friends with Munden and practiced his fast-draw techniques. In 1971, Paul beat the world record and became a world champion in fast-draw shooting.

Paul had learned many valuable lessons from his father Dub's experience working for the FBI. Dub instilled in him the importance of having the first and fastest moves in life-threatening situations. When Paul was

still a young boy, Dub would teach him fast draw with his toy gun. This influenced Paul's decision to investigate fast-draw competitions. Timing and reflexes were the key to this accomplishment and extended into his training in Kenpo karate.

During this time of quick-draw shooting, Paul made a western film called, "The Reckoning," modeled after a Hollywood film about Wyatt Earp, starring Kurt Russell. Paul filmed many segments out at Pete's Rock-N-Rye east of Evanston on the old highway. A friend and Kenpo student of Paul's, Dan Selleroli, told the *Herald* that Paul, who portrayed Wyatt Earp in his film production, loved repeating the line from the original movie, "Tell them I'm coming, and hell's coming with me."

Stan Taggart, who owned and managed Pete's at that time, often said that his hearing loss was due to Paul shooting his gun off in the bar while making the film.

In 1966, Paul was attending Weber State College in Ogden, Utah, and began to attend karate classes at the Ed Parker Kenpo Karate Studio under the tutelage of Terry Arnell. Soon, Paul traveled to Pasadena, California, to train with Ed Parker himself. Parker was a famous Kenpo karate instructor who taught Bruce Lee, Elvis Presley and other major Hollywood stars.

Under Parker's tutelage,



Paul Mills, Kenpo karate guru and fast-draw champion, died Sunday, Feb. 18. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Paul soon earned his first-degree black belt. Parker and Mills remained good friends until Parker's death. Parker would often refer to Paul as his "secret weapon." Parker would come often to Evanston to tutor students. During the '60s, Paul and Kay Fackrell were among the first students in the original karate dojo in Evanston.

Paul went on to earn a 10th-degree black belt. He became a mentor and guide, instilling values of discipline, respect, humility and kindness in the countless

students who sought his instruction.

Paul started teaching Kenpo karate in the basement of his home in the 1970s. Selleroli and Mark Keller were two of Paul's first students. Keller went on to become a Kenpo karate instructor himself in 1997 and has practiced the martial art for 40 years.

The *Herald* interviewed Keller and Selleroli, who both spoke fondly of their former teacher and friend. Both said what made Paul different and a better instructor was his attention to detail and precision.

"If you look up the word, 'perfection' in the dictionary," Keller said, "there will be a photo of Paul next to it. However, when it came to being on time, Paul was always late. When anybody would ask where Paul was, we would say he was on Kenpo time."

Selleroli and Keller said Paul would use his students to demonstrate moves and kicks. Paul became known to his students as "The Smiling Guillotine." They said you never wanted to see him get mad because "his face would turn red and the look he would give could suck your soul out."

Selleroli and Keller said they had T-shirts made with a rat in a karate suit on it and the words "Lab Rats" printed on it. They wore the shirts to class and they said Paul laughed and told them to get a bunch made up to sell.

Wes Mills, Paul's son, said, "My grandfather Dub would always say to his kids, 'Pay attention to detail and anticipate the situation.' My dad, Paul, had so much energy, and he channeled it into karate. Even our family vacations centered around karate. We kids would wander the halls of hotels waiting

for Dad to be done with his karate so we could have fun."

Wes said his dad loved to be busy: he planted an entire forest of trees near their home, reloaded ammo, was an avid fisherman and hunter and he loved gathering big rocks. He had a great sense of humor, but you never knew if he was joking or not, Wes said.

When asked how long Paul continued with Kenpo karate, his daughter, Tabitha Mills said, "He never quit. Dad was still doing karate with his hands, two days before he died."

During the more than 50 years Paul practiced and taught Kenpo, he traveled throughout Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California, meeting with different instructors and studio owners to share ideas and innovate Kenpo karate. Countless students benefited from Paul's training and his passion for karate.

After the passing of his beloved master, Ed Parker, Paul and his wife, Deon, created their own association, the American Kenpo Karate International (AKKI). Paul traveled all over the world, mentoring countless students. He held annual karate camps in Las Vegas, which became very popular.

Paul was a true family man and would give each of his children and grandchildren special time and dedication. His love for Christmas was literally celebrated every day. If anyone entered Paul and De's house at any time of the year, they would see Christmas decorations that were never taken down. The Christmas tree lights were turned on every day of the year. Paul wanted his children and grandchildren to think his house was magical.

Paul and his first wife, Chrystanne Karn, had four

children together: Tabitha, Ryan, Jesse and Wesley. The couple later divorced.

In 1994, Paul married Deon Marie Neely and they had a daughter, Mykayla.

Paul is included in a book of essays titled, "The Journey: The Oral Histories of 24 of the most proficient American Kenpoists of Today," which was published in 2001.

In his personal essay, Paul wrote, "I believe that my physical, mental, and spiritual qualities have grown throughout my journey in Kenpo. I feel I have always been a caring person with a strong devout faith. Moreover, I believe that having a loving and close family helps balance out my life and my chosen life's work teaching Kenpo, and I feel blessed by all of my family members who have given me such overwhelming and continuous support throughout my lifetime."

Continuing later in his essay, Paul expressed his appreciation to his wife, Deon. "Her wonderful spirited personality and positive attitude contribute immensely to the success of the AKKI. She is truly the 'Wind Beneath My Wings.'

The following came from Paul's children:

"Remembered for his martial arts and fast-draw achievements, Paul Mills was equally celebrated for his gracious spirit and wisdom. His legacy continues to inspire generations, and the void left by his passing is deeply felt within the AKKI community and beyond. In honoring Paul Mills, the martial arts world mourns the loss of an iconic figure, a mentor and a friend. May his indomitable spirit rest in eternal peace, and may his teachings perpetually guide and inspire us all."



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Local officers and deputies are staged along County Road 173 following a high-speed chase that left a male suspect and his pickup stuck off the road on Thursday. (HERALD PHOTO/Bryon Glathar)

## CHASE / from A1

stranded pickup, and a heavy equipment operator was making headway by around noon Thursday, when the *Herald* was at the scene.

Sometime afterward, however, the suspect reportedly took his own life.

DCI is investigating the incident.

"Wyoming DCI is routinely requested to conduct objective and thorough investigation of law enforcement critical incidents around the state," the press release reads. "These investigations consist of, among other investigative procedures, scene processing, physical evidence and forensic processing, digital evidence analysis, and interviews.

At the conclusion of this investigation, a detailed report will be prepared, internally reviewed, and provided to the Uinta County Attorney's Office for review and charging decisions. All available resources will be made available to the Agents conducting this investigation to ensure the facts of what happened are collected in a timely, accurate and thorough manner.

"Because this is an on-going and open investigation, the names of the involved parties will not be released by DCI at this time. We do not anticipate releasing additional information until the investigation is complete and a prosecutorial review or decision has been made."

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Red Devil wrestler Brady Roberts scores an escape point from Buffalo's Hazen Camino during the 175-pound championship match at the 3A State Wrestling Championships in Casper. Roberts won the State Championship with a 3-0 decision. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)



Red Devil senior Ryder Wilson celebrates after securing a spot on the podium at 132 pounds Friday at the 3A State Wrestling Championships in Casper. Wilson finished fifth overall. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)

## Red Devils, Lady Devils grapplers shine at 3A State

*Roberts wins title at 175 pounds; teams combine for 11 total placers*

**By Don Cogger**  
Herald Sports Editor

For years, trying to get a photo of Evanston High School athlete Brady Roberts celebrating, well, anything, was like trying to capture an image of Bigfoot – you wanted to believe it was possible, you just never knew when the opportunity might present itself.

It's not like the kid didn't have reasons to celebrate. A two-time All-State running back on the gridiron, he'd scored more than a few touchdowns in his day. But after he'd cross the goal line, he'd calmly hand the ball back to the referee and jog back to the sidelines. And with 150 wins on the wrestling mat – aside from an occasional fist pump, you couldn't tell if he'd just won a match, or changed the oil in his truck; his expression was the same.

If you asked him about it, he'd shrug, and flash his infectious grin.

"It's not my style," he'd say.

That all changed Saturday afternoon at the Ford Wyoming Center in Casper. Coming off the mat after win-

ning the 3A State Wrestling Championship at 175 pounds, Roberts could no longer contain his excitement – arms held high, then brought down into a flex, the 2024 State Champion let out a roar four years in the making.

"In my mind, it was finally time to let it out and to just love every second of that moment," Roberts said, laughing. "I think me keeping it all business the last four years made my final celebration exciting, and worth the wait."

This weekend's 3A State Wrestling Championships was full of memorable moments, both good and bad; for some wrestlers, it was the start of what will hopefully become a successful career as a Red Devils wrestler. For others, it was the realization that the clock's run out on what might have been.

When the dust settled Saturday afternoon at the Ford Wyoming Center, the Red Devils finished sixth as a team, with seven wrestlers earning a spot on the podium.

On the girls' side, the Lady Devils finished 17th out of 42 teams, with four wrestlers

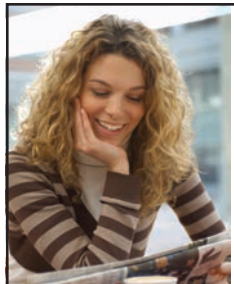


Red Devil Brady Roberts hugs coach Garth Wagstaff after winning the State Championship at 175 pounds. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)



Lady Devil Leah Larkin finished fourth overall in the 125-pound class at the WHSAA Girls State Wrestling Championships in Casper. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)

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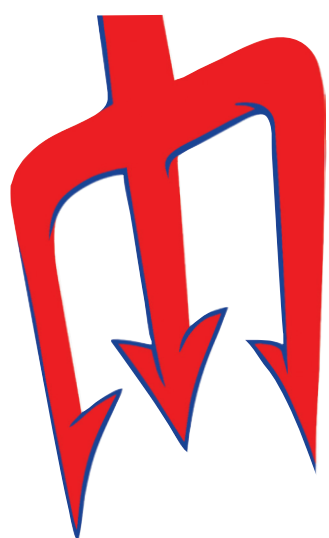


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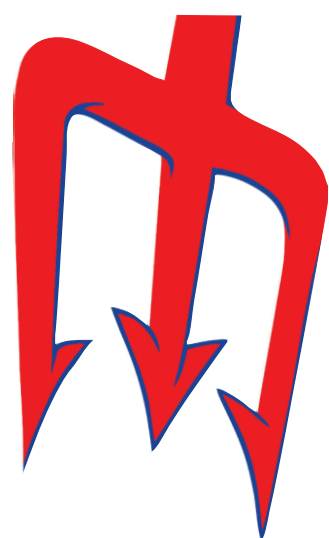
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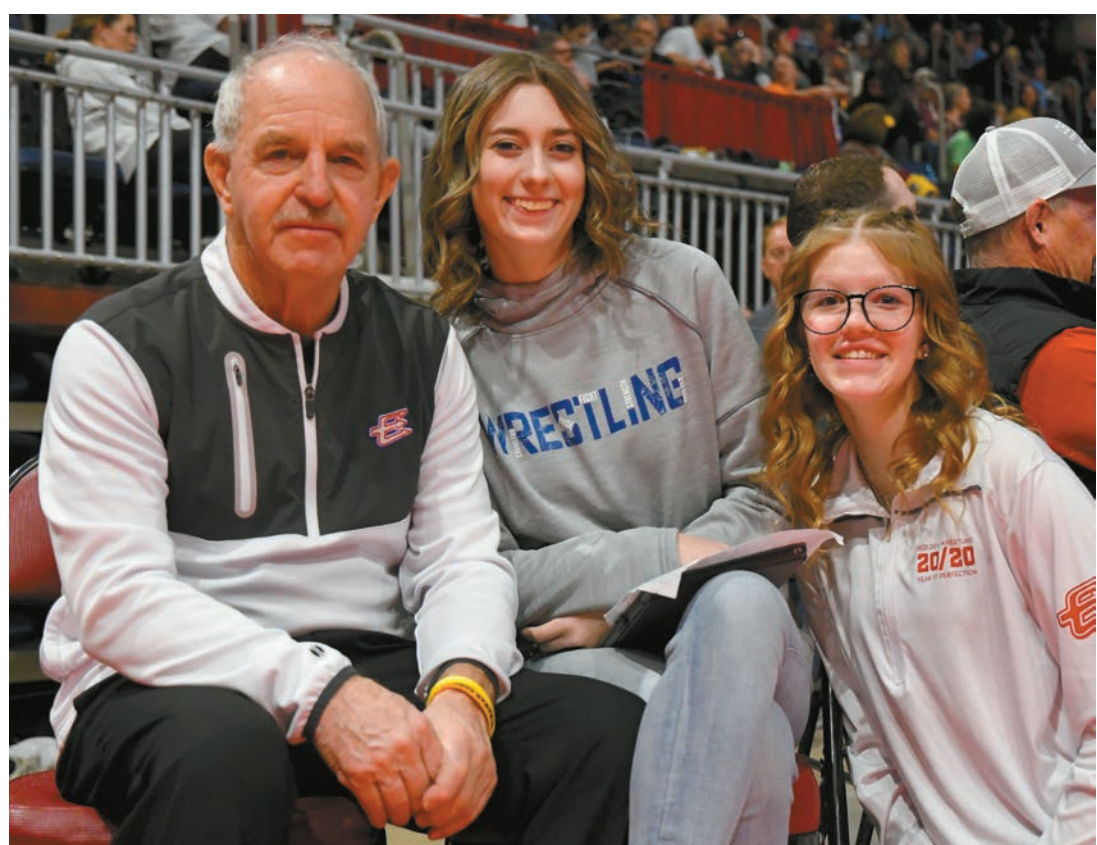
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## Addi Woodward - EHS Wrestling Manager



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Q: How did you get the manager gig, and how long have you been doing it?  
 A: My older sister was a wrestling manager, and she convinced me to do it as well. I started managing in the 7th grade.

Q: Are you involved with any other sports or activities?  
 A: I am not.

Q: What did you enjoy the most about this season that just came to an end?  
 A: This year, we became so much closer as a team, and it felt like it was a family.

Q: What are your hobbies outside of school?  
 A: I love mechanics and motorsports.

Q: Do you have a favorite movie or TV show?  
 A: Grey's Anatomy and Drive to Survive.

Q: Your final state tournament was this past weekend. What will you remember most from it?  
 A: Everyone being super supportive of each other, and just everyone trying to have fun and make memories.

Q: In your opinion, what makes a good teammate?  
 A: I think a good teammate is someone who is willing to help when you need it, but also knows when to ask for help. And someone who respects the members of the team.



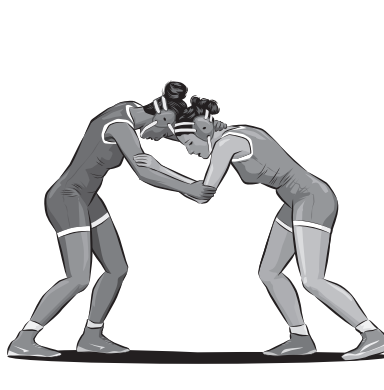
Q: What's it like working with the coaching staff and Rachel?  
 A: Everyone was really amazing. Rachel and I became close friends over the last two years. The coaches are also like friends to me, and have helped me learn a lot of important life skills.

Q: With your little sister now a wrestler, are you the last Woodward wrestling manager?  
 A: Sadly, I am the last Woodward wrestling manager.

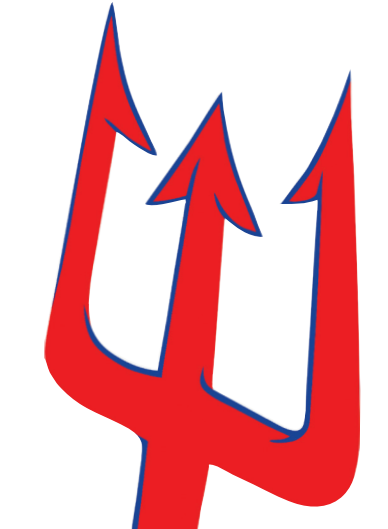
Q: What will you miss most about working with all of these guys?  
 A: I think I'm going to miss the friendships and bonds I've made over the years, and just being around all these amazing people.

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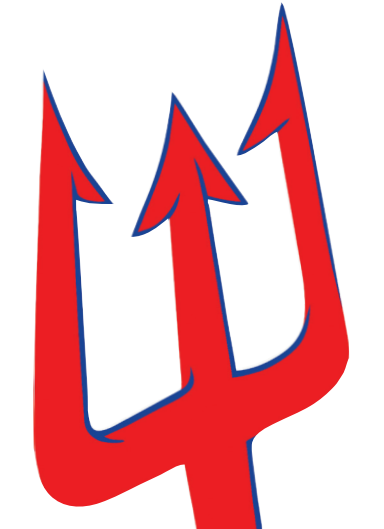
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# Sports

## Cowgirls give inspiring effort closing out Mountain West Championship

### Lyman native sets new school record

**HOUSTON, Texas (Feb. 23, 2024)** – The University of Wyoming women's swimming and diving team, a resilient group who's competing with a heavy heart, wrapped up the Mountain West Championship on Saturday inside the CRWC Natatorium. The program set numerous top-10 times, boasted one individual champion and one relay champion for the week along with four school records.

"Our team is struggling to comprehend the reality of losing three of our friends and teammates so suddenly," head coach Dave Denniston said. "I am proud of the compassion and resilience of every single member of our program along with our coaching staff as we mourn the passing of Charlie Clark, Carson Muir and Luke Slabber. We appreciate the outpouring of support from the University of Wyoming community, the state of Wyoming, the coaches, athletes and members of the Mountain West Conference and swimming and diving programs throughout the nation, as we try to navigate our way through this difficult time."

#### Day Four Recap

Brynlee Busskohl set a new school record with her third-place finish in the 200-yard breaststroke. She clocked in at 2:11.41. Sydney

McKenzie also claimed a third-place finish in the B-final of the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:16.10.

The Cowgirls' 400-yard freestyle relay team ended the night with a third-place finish. The team of Carly Palmer, Kali Franckowiak, Veronika Ozimek, and Tara Joyce set a Cowgirl school record with a time of 3:19.25.

Four Cowgirls scored in the 200-yard backstroke, including Heidi Billings who secured a sixth-place finish with a time of 1:58.18. Kayla Cunningham and Emily Giles finished as the top two swimmers in the B-final. Cunningham claimed the top spot with a time of 1:59.41, with Giles finishing closely behind in a time of 1:59.43. Tessa Bendokas sat atop the C-final with a time of 2:00.59.

Tara Joyce and Carly Palmer took third and fourth place, respectively, in the 100-yard freestyle. Joyce's time of 48.99 moves her into second all-time amongst Cowgirls, while Palmer's 49.38 positions her at fourth all-time. Veronika Ozimek finished the 100 freestyle in a 51.35 with a sixth-place finish in the C-final.

Nettie Knapton placed sixth with a score of 255.90 in platform diving. Knapton beat her previous score of

250.20 for fifth-best in school history. Alicia Gonzalez, took 16th, and Natalie Six checked in at No. 24, as both collected points for the Cowgirls on the platforms.

#### Day Three Recap

Tara Joyce earned a Mountain West Championship with a school record time of 1:46.11 in the 200 freestyle, as she won the event by a body length to win the second title of the championship for the Brown and Gold with UW winning the 800-freestyle relay on the opening day with a school record time.

The Cowgirls opened the third night of competition with a fourth-place finish in the 200-freestyle relay. The group of Joyce, Veronika Ozimek, Kali Franckowiak and Lauren Schwartz clocked in with a time of 1:31.99.

Kayla Cunningham finished with a mark of 4:18.76 in the 400 individual medley to finish ninth. She cut 2.44 off her time from the preliminaries. Her time in the event was the third-fastest time in program history. Heidi Billings finished 12th in the event at 4:21.62, a mark that ranks fifth in school history.

Carly Palmer finished fifth in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:00.49, a mark that ranks second in school history behind Mara



Dealing with tragedy, the UW women's swimming and diving team rallies with an inspiring effort. (UW MEDIA-ATHLETICS)

Harutjunjan time set in 2016. Bryn Busskohl finished fifth in the race at 1:01.31 for sixth in school history, she cut nearly a half second off her prelim time.

Emily Giles finished ninth in the 100-backstroke with a time of 54.68 for seventh in school history. Billings finished 13th with a time of 55.52.

Tessa Bendokas scored points for the Cowgirls in the 100-fly, as she finished 13th

in the 100-fly with a time of 55.21.

#### Day Two Recap

The Cowgirls had a number of career-best marks, and a few top-10 finishes on Thursday. Alicia Gonzalez led the way, checking in with a final tally of 317.75 in the 3-meter to place fourth.

Palmer also placed in the top five. She took fifth in the 200-yard IM after clocking in at 2:02.05.

Joyce placed in the top

10, taking ninth in the 500-yard freestyle. She boasted a time of 4:49.59, nearly five seconds faster than her previous best.

Cunningham checked in at 13th in the 200 Individual medley. She recorded a career-best time of 2:02.74.

Busskohl rounded out the Cowgirls that finished in the top 20. She logged a career-best time in the 200 Individual medley, going a 2:03.36.

## Pokes can't slow down hot shooting Broncos in home loss on Saturday

### Pokes back home on Tuesday

**LARAMIE, Wyo.** – The Wyoming Cowboys could not slow down the hot shooting Boise State Broncos in a 92-72 loss on Saturday evening inside the Arena-Auditorium in Laramie. The Broncos shot 67 percent from the field in the opening half, as the Pokes fall to 13-14 on the season and 6-8 in conference play.

"We lost to a very good team, and we knew that coming in," UW head coach Jeff Linder said. "When there are 140 possessions in a game, and it is the team that plays with the best effort that is going to win. For the guys moving forward we must have the ability to sit down and get some stops. To guard at this level is just a matter of guarding your guy. But we know it doesn't get any easier. We are disappointed, but we must move forward."

The Pokes shot 50 percent from the field, but the Broncos finished at 54 percent for the contest. Boise knocked down 10 three pointers in the game with six from the Cowboys. Boise State held a 43-19 advantage on the glass.

The Cowboys were led offensively by Sam Griffin with his 16 points has now scored in double-figures in 22 games this season. Mason Walters added 15 points for his 12th game in double-figures this season. Kael Combs added 12 points for his first career game in double-figures. Cam Manyawu added eight points

and nine rebounds.

The Broncos hit their first three shots of the contest to take a 6-2 lead in the first 90 seconds of the contest. The Pokes would later get back-to-back-to-back buckets to tie the game at 9-9 at the 15:50 mark thanks to a three pointer from Griffin.

A corner three-pointer by the Broncos and layup made it a 19-12 game in the first seven-plus minutes, as Boise State went 8-of-10 from the field. Another three-pointer by the Broncos made it a 26-16 game nearly halfway through the first half.

The Pokes would cut the Bronco lead to five-points on a Wenzel three-pointer for a 32-27 contest with under seven minutes left in the opening frame. Griffin made it a two-point game with a three to cap a 6-0 run with five minutes left in the half.

Boise State went on a 7-0 run to make it a 39-32 game. Max Rice hit a three-pointer and Tyson Degenhart added an and-one play for a 45-34 lead with just over two minutes left in the half. Boise State would take a 51-36 lead into the break.

Walters scored six points in the first 80 seconds of the second half for a 54-42 contest. But the Broncos would push the lead to 17-points at 59-42 two minutes later.

Boise State would hit five-straight field goals and make it a 69-45 game with under 14



UW Cowboy Kael Combs puts up a shot during Saturday's 92-72 loss to Boise State at Arena-Auditorium. The Pokes hosted UNLV on Tuesday. (UW MEDIA-ATHLETICS)

minutes left.

The Broncos would push the lead to as much as 28 points. Combs added a pair of buckets highlighted by a slam

for a 77-53 game with nine minutes left. Walters added a triple for a 77-58 game.

Boise State would build the lead up once again and

took the contest 92-72.

The Broncos were led by Degenhart with 22 points going 8-of-10 from the field. Omar Stanley added 19

points.

The Cowboys return to action on Tuesday hosting UNLV in the Arena-Auditorium for a 7 p.m.

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## March 3

**Breakfast Fundraiser**  
9 a.m. to noon  
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### Wednesday, Feb. 28 Jumpstart Evanston

Jumpstart Evanston will host Growing Your Business, Sixth Session: Growing Your Business Class. It will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Portland Rose Room of the Evanston Roundhouse on Wednesday, Feb. 28. No charge.

### Thursday, Feb. 29 "Seuss on the Loose"

Evanston Child Development Center (ECDC) presents "Seuss on the Loose" in the infant/toddler building from 6-7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, March 3 Breakfast Fundraiser

The Eagles Auxiliary will host its monthly breakfast on the first Sunday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon at 921

Front St. in Evanston. The public is welcome. Cost is \$10 per plate, \$4 for ages 10 and under. All proceeds go to local charity.

### Monday, March 4 Diaper Bank

United Way of Southwest Wyoming will host its community diaper bank the first Monday of every month. It will be open from noon to 5 p.m. at Uinta BOCES No. 1, room 103. Anyone can participate; there is no income guideline to qualify. Must be a parent or legal guardian of a child.

### Monday, March 4 Grief Share

Grief Share will meet on Monday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Uinta BOCES No. 1, room 142. There is

a \$25 fee for the workbook. Scholarships are available. Jones at 307-679-6284 or Jill Bass at 307-677-1399 for more information.

### Tuesday, March 5 Private Pesticide Applicator Program

The University of Wyoming Extension Office will offer a private pesticide applicator program for those in need of licenses. The four-hour educational program will provide an overview of certification requirements, pertinent regulations, pesticide safety and handling, proper disposal practices and more. All participants are required to bring government-issued ID, such as a driver's license, to their session. Upon completion of the program, applications are submitted to the

Wyoming Department of Agriculture for approval and issuance of licenses. Located at 228 9th St. in Evanston on Tuesday, March 5, from noon-4 p.m. Contact McKenna Julian at 307-783-0570 for more information.

### Tuesday, March 5 City Council Meeting

The Evanston City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at the Evanston City Hall.

### Wednesday, March 8 Jumpstart Evanston

Jumpstart Evanston will host Growing Your Business: Business Plan Submission Deadline. It will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Portland Rose Room of the Evanston Roundhouse on Wednesday, March 8. No charge.

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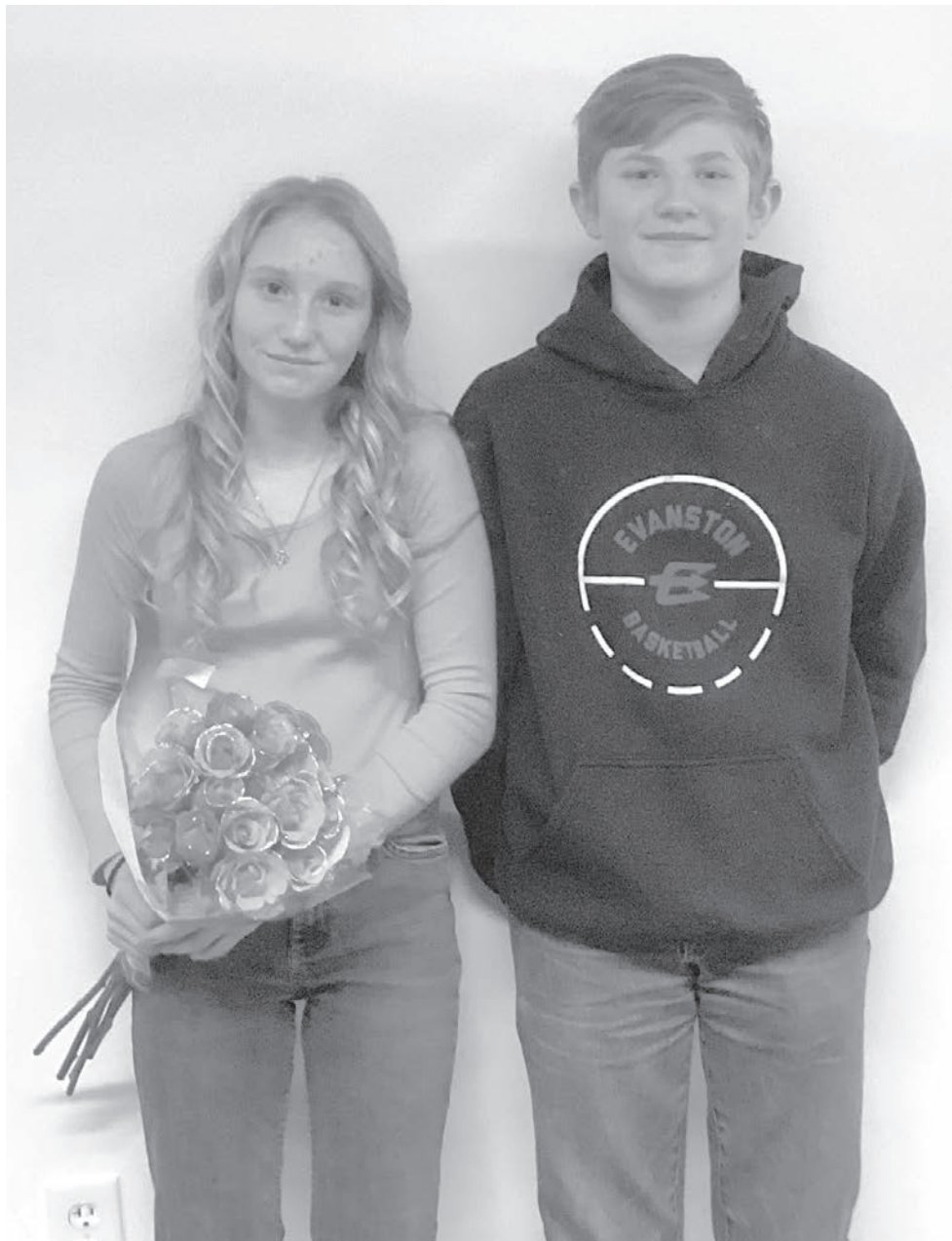
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# MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORTER



Hadley Huffaker and Weston Brown traded Valentine's Day gifts this year, and they both gave thoughtful gifts. (COURTESY PHOTO)

## Students celebrate Valentine's Day

**By Ashlynn Hill, Tayvri Mills and Nichole Collings**  
Middle School Reporters

EVANSTON — Valentine's Day is a wonderful day to spend with your spouse and loved ones. This day is a great way to show your love for one another. People all over the world celebrate Valentine's Day. Little kids up to old people can celebrate this day in many different ways, like with their classmates in a classroom or in school with some friends.

This year, one seventh-grade pair, Hadley Huffaker and Weston Brown, were valentines. Most people just get each other a box of chocolates or a stuffed animal, but not this pair. They put in a lot of thought for this year's

Valentine's Day, and you may be shocked to find out what they got from each other.

Brown took the time and effort to make the perfect Valentine's Day gift. He glitterized every petal on Hadley's favorite flowers. He also got her chocolate and her favorite drink.

Now for boys, it's really hard to find the perfect Valentine, but Hadley definitely made sure to pick out all the right things for him! She made a photo book filled with pictures of them and a nice little note inside of it. She also got him a bracelet and, if you look very closely at it in the light, you can see a picture of them together at the movies.

To conclude, Valentine's Day is a great day to go home and let your loved ones know they are loved.

## History of Valentine's Day

**By Nora Smith**  
Middle School Reporter

EVANSTON — Valentine's Day is known to be a very beautiful and lovely holiday, but not very many people know about its history. Valentine's Day history really has nothing to do with love.

Valentine's Day wasn't a romantic holiday until the 14th century. The holiday started as a religious holiday, with a big feast. Valentine's Day is in February because of the "lovebirds" of the early spring. "Love-

birds" are actual birds, one of the smallest breeds of parrots. When doves mate, they mate forever, and because of this, doves were the symbol for Valentine's Day, thus the term "lovey-dovey."

The very first Valentine's Day celebration happened in France. Valentine's Day dates back to ancient Rome, where a mid-February festival known as Lupercalia was celebrated to honor the god of love.

Did you know that consumers buy more than 58 million pounds of chocolate

and candy for Valentine's Day and spend about \$25.9 billion. Teachers get more Valentines than anyone else, followed by children, wives and mothers.

Oregon and Arizona both became states on Valentine's Day. And, to no one's surprise, the red heart emoji was one of the most-used emojis of 2023. Passing out Valentines has been a 600-year-old tradition.

But it's not the perfect day for all couples. Surprisingly, about one in 14 people break up with someone on Valentine's Day.

## Meet master cook Callister

**By Sylvia Zuehlsdorff, Brailynn Stokes and Clara Hunolt**  
Middle School Reporters

EVANSTON — Miss Katrina Callister is a family and consumer science (FACS) teacher at Evanston Middle School. Miss Callister is very talented and is a very kind and funny woman. She is a very good cook. We asked her several questions and this is what she had to say:

Q: What is your favorite candy?

A: Swedish Fish.

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Green.

Q: What are your favorite sports?

A: Mathcounts and volleyball.

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: Sewing, cooking, biking and reading.

Q: What is your favorite thing to cook?

A: Dessert (cheesecake).

Q: How old were you



Evanston Middle School family and consumer science teacher Katrina Callister was interviewed for this month's Middle School Reporter. (COURTESY PHOTO)

when you started teaching?

A: 23.

Q: What's your favorite animal?

A: Leopards, sheep and baby cows.

As you can see, Miss Callister is a very talented young woman. She has many hobbies, and she is great at all of them. Students at EMS are lucky to have such a great FACS teacher.

## The fantastic Mr. Fox

**By Millie Guild, Nessa Hughes and Rosie Tippett**  
Middle School Reporters

EVANSTON — Marquis Rennard, a computer science teacher at Evanston Middle School, was interviewed by EMS reporters.

Mr. Rennard has a very interesting name; in French, Rennard means "fox."

Mr. Rennard is known at EMS as "Mr. Fox," and he widely embraces the label. His room is decorated in anything fox-related.

This article is dedicated to the fantastic Mr. Fox.

Q: What's your favorite



EMS computer science teacher Marquis Rennard is commonly known as "Mr. Fox," because Rennard means "fox" in French. (COURTESY PHOTO)

candy?

A: Fifth Avenue.

Q: When's your birthday?

A: March 4.

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Seafoam green.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: Volleyball.

Q: What is your favorite thing to eat?

A: Chicken fettuccine alfredo.

Q: How old were you when you started teaching?

A: 16 in summer schools.

Q: What is your French background?

A: My great-grandparents (x4) were originally from France (I think).

As you can see, Mr. Fox is very talented and well liked all throughout EMS.

## From DMS: Orrs enjoying nearly 50 years of marriage

**By Ashlee M. Rae**  
Middle School Reporter

EVANSTON — Most people know that special someone; the one you think of each morning and every night; the one that seems almost too perfect to be made for you and no one else in the same way. A beautiful example of this is Arthur Jim Orr III and Inger Synnove (Karlstrom) Orr.

Happily married for 48 years, the two have much to say about love. On Jan. 5, 1976, at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, the two met in a religious meeting. For them, it was instant — love at first sight.

They started dating and married shortly after in the Los Angeles Temple. They moved to Upland, California, and raised six beautiful children there. They now have 17 grandchildren, whom they love dearly.

Many people would like to know about the secret to making it work so well and for so long. They value healthy boundaries and can connect and compromise well. Occasional fights still happen, but they never come



Arthur Jim Orr III and Inger Synnove Karlstrom Orr were married 48 years ago in the Los Angeles Temple. (COURTESY PHOTO)

between them because they are mature in how they handle it.

Instead of holding grudges and becoming bitter and resentful, they talk through it, together.

"A good marriage is a contest of generosity," Jim said.

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Written sealed bids will be accepted by the City at Public Works at 61 Allegiance Circle or 33 Allegiance Circle, Evanston, Wyoming, on the same day Wednesday, March 13, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bids will not be accepted after 3:00 p.m. this day. Bids will be publicly opened on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 10:00 am at Public Works, 33 Allegiance Circle.

City Council will award bids on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at City Council meeting. Payment for awarded bid items will be March 20th - March 28th, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, March 29th, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please make payment at Evanston City Hall, 1200 Main Street. Bring receipt to Public Works to pick-up awarded bid item.

The City of Evanston reserves the right to reject any or all bids if in the best interest of the City of Evanston. All items must be paid for at City Hall, 1200 Main Street, and picked up by Friday, March 29th, by 1:00 p.m.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### INVITATION TO BID – (CRF2024)

The board of Uinta County Commissioners is accepting sealed bids for the price per ton for supplying and delivering of liquid Magnesium Chloride and the use of portable frac tanks (20,000 gallon min capacity) for dust suppression on Uinta County roads for the 2024 year.

Sealed bids will be accepted by Uinta County Clerk's Office, PO Box 810, or 225 9th St Evanston, WY 82930 until 11:00 a.m. on March 13, 2024. All eligible bids having been received prior to this date and time will be publicly opened and read at 11:00 a.m. on March 13, 2024. The envelope must be marked as "MAGNESIUM CHLORIDE SEALED BID (CRF2024)".

Bid documents can be picked up at the Uinta County Clerk's office. Primary contact for this project is Saralee Gross, Uinta County Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant (307) 782-3254. Bid prices must be good for the 2024 construction season. In reviewing the bids received, Uinta County reserves the right to reject, for any reason whatsoever, any and all bids, and to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid. Uinta County will not be bound to accept the low bid, but rather the bid that is in the best interest of Uinta County.

UINTA COUNTY, WYOMING

PUBLISHED: Feb 21, 28 and March 6, 2024

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## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE UINTA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Evanston, Wyoming  
February 20, 2024

The Uinta County Commissioners met in regular session on February 20, 2024 in the commission chambers, 225 9th Street, Evanston. Chairman Mark Anderson convened meeting at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Brent Hatch was present, Commissioner Eric South was excused. Also present: Amanda Hutchinson, County Clerk, and Andy Kopp, Sheriff.

### Agenda

Motion Hatch, second Anderson to approve the agenda amended to include Kim Goble with liquor license renewals, Amanda Hutchinson with a resolution, and Darby Noorda presenting for Gary Welling. 2 yes votes, passed.

### Special Prosecution

Motion Hatch, second Anderson to approve Resolution 24-02 authorizing Clayton M. Melinkovich with the Sublette County Attorney's Office to act as special prosecutor in Uinta County in a case with local conflict of interest as requested by Amanda Hutchinson, County Clerk on behalf of the County Attorney's Office. 2 yes votes, passed.

### Liquor License Renewals

Motion Anderson, second Hatch to approve the following Liquor License Renewals through April 2, 2025 as presented by Kim Goble, Chief Deputy County Clerk: American Legion #36, Gold Buckle, Down Home Eatery, Fort Bridger Cash Store, Pete's Rock N Rye Club, Travel Centers of America, The Green Onion Bar & Liquor Store, Uinta Lanes, and Wyoming Downs. Extended hours for alcohol sales on July 4, August 31, September 1, and 2, 2024 was also approved. 2 yes votes, passed.

### Support Letters

Motion Hatch, second Anderson to authorize the Commissioners to sign a letter in support of a grant application for Mountain View to create a Master Plan to help confront the challenges and opportunities that will result from the Terra Nuclear Power Plant, and the expansions of the Genesis Alkali Mine and the Exxon Gas Plant. 2 yes votes, passed.

Motion Anderson, second Hatch to authorize the Commissioner's to sign a letter to the Wyoming State Shooting Complex Task Force in support of developing an International Shooting Complex on the property next to the Bear River State Park in Evanston. 2 yes votes, passed.

### Contracts

Motion Hatch, second Anderson to award the bid to re-roof the Uinta County Extension Office to European Roofing for \$27,000 as requested by Jeff Breining, Maintenance. 2 yes votes, passed

Motion Hatch, second Anderson to award the bid to re-roof the Uinta County Courthouse upper roof to Broken Arrow for \$143,309 as requested by Breining. 2 yes votes, passed

### Audio Eye Service

Motion Hatch, second Anderson to approve a quote from CivicPlus for Custom AudioEye which is a program to monitor ADA Compliance on the County's website for \$3,600 the first year, and \$4,725 for the 2nd year as requested by Darby Noorda, Planning. 2 yes votes, passed.

### Spackman Ranch CUP

Kent Williams, Planner, opened a public hearing to allow for comments regarding a CUP (Conditional Use Permit) for Spackman Ranch LLC to operate a Gravel Pit and Screen on property owned by the applicant in Section 9, T14N, R115W. No one spoke in favor, No one spoke in opposition. Motion Anderson, second Hatch to authorize CUP 24-01 pending the change of the renewal term to 1 year. 2 yes votes, passed.

### Rendezvous Subdivision Plat A and Plat B

Kent Williams, Planner, opened a public hearing to allow for comments on the Rendezvous Subdivision Plat A for a parcel of land located in Part of Lot 1, Block 7, Part of Lots 3 and 4, Block 8 and Part of Vacated Manley Street, of the Carter's Addition to Fort Bridger. Located in the SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 33 T16N, R115W. Fred Coles, Wasatch Surveying, spoke in favor, no one spoke in opposition. Motion Anderson, second Hatch to approve Resolution 24-03 authorizing a map amendment from Commercial to Residential, and to approve Resolution 24-04 authorizing the Rendezvous Subdivision Plat A. 2 yes votes, passed.

Motion Hatch, second Anderson to approve Resolution 24-05 authorizing the Rendezvous Subdivision Plat B. 2 yes votes, passed.

### Minutes

Motion Hatch, second Anderson to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024 meeting. 2 yes votes, passed.

### Tax Roll Corrections

Motion Hatch, second Anderson to approve the following tax roll corrections: Hilcorp Energy Company for \$7,896.32 from tax year 2021. 2 yes votes, passed.

### Vouchers

Motion Hatch, second Anderson to approve warrants 450826 through 460938. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Ace Disposal, Inc., \$105.58, Garbage Disposal; Alliance Laundry Equipment, \$31.98, Parts; All West Communications, \$2,799.67, Phone/Internet Service; All West Communications, \$2,799.67, Professional Services; Ameda Inc., \$518.95, Supplies; Auto Zone, \$85.63, Parts; Axis Forensic Toxicology, Inc, \$282.00, Forensic Lab; Benedict Ace Hardware, \$25.86, Supplies; Benedict Trading Company, \$80.59, Hardware/Supplies; BMO Financial Group (Assessor), \$70.75, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Attorney), \$621.98, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Communications), \$2,515.17, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Commissary), \$226.03, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Commissioners), \$244.96, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Drug Court), \$490.81, Credit Card; BMO Financial Group (EmgMngt), \$185.00, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Extension), \$1,272.03, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Grounds), \$691.45, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (IT), \$424.35, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Landfill), \$316.63, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Maintenance), \$5,238.15, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Museum), \$183.26, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Public Health), \$3,718.60, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Planning), \$1,292.72, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Road&Bridge), \$547.39, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Sheriff), \$2,227.23, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Treasurer), \$115.09, Credit Cards; Bob Barker Company, Inc., \$1,500.24, Prisoner Supplies; Evanston Youth Club for Boys & Girl, \$1,634.55, Registration Fees; Bridgerland Carquest, \$37.18, Auto Parts; Bridger Valley Electric, \$3,995.90, Utilities; Bridger Valley Joint Powers Board, \$106.00, Utilities; Bridger Valley Pioneer, \$178.44, Advertising; Wex Bank/Cardwell (Attorney), \$60.08, Fuel; Wex Bank/Cardwell (PH), \$61.17, Fuel; Wex Bank/Cardwell (RBW), \$38.91, Fuel; Cazin's, \$309.07, Hardware/Landscaping; Century Link, \$2,711.74, Telephone; Charm-Tex, Inc., \$1,203.60, Supplies; City Of Evanston (Utilities), \$2,212.42, Utilities; Codale Electric Supply Inc, \$358.30, Parts; Covolo Auto Farm Service, \$2,330.73, Auto Parts; Covolo, Vicki, \$500.00, Rental Assistance; Delta Dental Plan Of Wyo, \$50.35, Dental Insurance; Evanston Uinta JPB Airport, \$25,643.75, Support Funds; Evanston Uinta Joint Powers Bd, \$505.94, Rent; Fastcase Inc, \$500.00, Law Books; Fast Stop, \$613.81, Fuel; FleetPride Truck & Trailer Parts, \$136.76, Parts; Forsgren Associates, \$6,393.75, Engineering; Francom, D Mckay, DDS, \$122.40, Medical; Fremont County Coroner's Office, \$7,650.00, Professional Services; Freeway Tire, \$822.28, Tires; Grass Valley a Business Trust, \$800.00, Rental Assistance; Hewlett-Packard Financial Services, \$83,546.99, Computer Equipment; High Country Behavioral Health, \$11,899.52, Professional Services; Hornet Security Inc, \$500.00, Professional Services; IBS, Inc, \$21.21, Parts; Inberg-Miller Engineers, \$28,744.87, Professional Services; Independent Software Solutions Inc, \$95.00, Print Server; Intermountain Lock And Supply Co, \$158.79, Security; John Deere Financial (Maint), \$352.92, Hardware/Maintenance; J Solutions LLC, \$1,843.40, Supplies; Kallas Automotive, \$1,222.52, Auto Parts; Legacy Equipment Company, \$590.30, Equipment; Merck & Co., Inc., \$1,708.47, Medical Supplies; Motorola Solutions, Inc., \$2,123.42, Parts; Mountain West Truck Center, \$568.57, Equipment Parts; Mountain West Business Solutions, \$314.58, Copier Maintenance; National Benefit Services LLC, \$135.05, Cafeteria Plan; Noble Medical, Inc., \$2,691.12, Supplies; Norco, Inc., \$32.68, Parts; Walton Industries LLC DBA, \$295.00, Windshield; Office Products Dealer Inc, \$1,241.07, Office Supplies; Pace, Mike, \$49.47, Reimbursement; Quadient Inc, \$30.00, Supplies; Quality Propane, Inc., \$622.24, Propane; Dominion Energy, \$20,406.74, Utilities; Quill Corp, \$116.49, Office Supplies; Real Kleen Janitorial (DBA), \$476.65, Janitorial; RelaDyne West LLC, \$10,909.28, Fuel; Rocky Mountain Power (Utilities), \$475.26, Electricity; Safford, Kendra, \$54.37, Reimbursement; SAFV Task Force, Inc., \$740.16, Support Funds; Sanofi Pasteur, \$5,552.58, Medical Supplies; Scotts Auto Body & Glass, \$694.15, Vehicle Repairs; Sterling Medical LLC, \$180.00, Medical Services; SUMMIT FOOD SERVICES, LLC, \$10,621.07, Food Contract Services; T-7 Inc Propane Services, \$3,245.24, Propane; The Masters Touch, \$7,320.89, Professional Services; Town Of Lyman, \$138.00, Utilities; Town Of Mt View, \$476.95, Utilities; Kennon C Tubbs MD LLC, \$8,000.00, Prisoner Medical; Turf Equipment & Agronomics LLC, \$137.73, Equipment; Disability IN Uinta County, \$1,417.86, Training; UINTA COUNTY TREASURER (HEALTH PLAN, \$1,058.61, Uinta County Health Plan; Uinta Engineering & Surveying, Inc., \$2,585.00, Professional Services; Uinta Co Herald, \$602.79, Advertising/Subscription; Uinta County Museum, \$157.52, Support Funds; Uinta Co Treasurer (Postage), \$1,807.74, Postage; Uinta Recycling Inc, \$2,733.33, Support Funds; Uinta County Treasurer, \$861.04, Petty Cash; Union Telephone Company, \$23.72, Cell/Telephone; Vector Disease Control Int, LLC, \$25,000.00, Aerial Spraying; Vreeland, Jack, \$890.00, Legal Services; VSP OF WYOMING, \$13.34, Vision Insurance; Wyoming Assoc/Rural Water Systems, \$790.00, Membership; Wazitech Technical Solutions, \$6,740.50, Professional Services; Wells Fargo Financial Leasing, \$2,468.00, Copier Lease; Thomson Reuters/West Payment Center, \$946.51, Law Library; Westar Printing, \$473.00, Printing; Wheeler Machinery Co, \$757.91, Equipment Parts; Wyo Dept of Health/Preventive, \$249.00, Testing; Wyoming Waste Services - Rock, \$337.37, Garbage Disposal. 2 yes votes, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.  
David Mark Anderson, Chairman  
BOARD OF UINTA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Attest: Amanda Hutchinson  
UINTA COUNTY CLERK

PUBLISHED: February 28, 2024

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### PUBLICATION OF WARRANTS

UINTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE, STATE OF WYOMING, PUBLICATION OF WARRANTS ISSUED AMOUNT TO \$500.00 OR MORE, FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2024.

ACE RECYCLING & DISPOSAL 1,766.73; ALL WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC 6,851.55; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING 584.00 ACT 6,800.00; CLASS COMPOSER 799.00; CUMMINS ROCKY MOUNTAIN LLC 2,416.94; WEX BANK/FLEET SERVICES 1,403.13; INTERFORM 1,586.89; KALLAS NAPA AUTO PARTS 9,489.34; KONE 1,260.00; KUTA SOFTWARE 1,016.00; STAR AUTISM SUPPORT 8,250.00; TETON SCIENCE SCHOOLS 20,656.16; FIRST BANKCARD 94,401.34; WASHINGTON NATIONAL INURANCE CO 7,397.21; WY RETIREMENT SYSTEM 459,324.41; CITY OF EVANSTON 7,141.63; COAL CREEK LAW LLP 2,743.58; DOMINION ENERGY 67,715.65; LEAF 610.51; PHILLIPS LAW, LLC 2,650.00; PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER 3,020.00; AMERICAN CHILLER MECHANICAL SERVICE 1,922.09; ATKINSON SOUND 7,728.00; AUTOMATED MECHANICAL 15,373.40; C.D.'S ELECTRIC 1,755.38; CASPER COLLEGE 2,239.57; CENTRAL WYOMING COUNSELING CENTER 181,876.00; KAYLA KNAPERKE 531.37; DOCUSIGN, INC 3,277.50; EZE EXCHANGE 1,425.00; EMPIRE ACTIVE / JO + JAX 579.20; FLINN SCIENTIFIC 565.21; KARI FREDRICKSON COMS. 506.25; HENSCHIED, BRANDON 33,200.00; IVIE LEAGUE LEARNING INC. 2,000.00; LAWRENCE'S 929.00; LENOVO (UNITED STATES) INC. 20,650.00; LUNSFORD, JUDY G 1,152.28; MARZANO RESEARCH LLC 6,710.00; MORNING-SIDE ACADEMY 57,480.00; NORTHWEST LIFT & EQUIPMENT LLC 907,885.00; PULSERA PROJECT, THE 1,654.00; RIVERTON HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 750.00; SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS 1,383.09; SMITH POWER PRODUCTS, INC 1,368.80; TONI J STUDIOS 1,275.00; UINTA COUNTY HERALD 977.80; WATER OF LIFE 4,087.00; WY HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION 2,824.00; WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 4,500.00; WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2,361.55; NATIONAL BENEFIT SERVICES, LLC 17,164.98; EPARS DEPARTMENT-REMITTANCE SERVICES 4,131.05; UINTA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 585.50; ORCHARD TRUST 5,873.85; WYOMING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION 4,152.72; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 16,902.46; HENGESTEG, ARNE 500.00; MOON, AUSTIN 500.00; ROBINETTE, NICHOLE 500.00; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING 4,217.00; TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION IN EDUCATION 17,350.00; BLACKS FORK PHYSICAL THERAPY 2,100.00; REGION V BOCES 107,093.00; C.D.'S ELECTRIC 556.65; COOK, STEPHEN B. 735.00; CREST 61,170.55; DISABILITY.IN UINTA COUNTY 525.00; INTERFORM 3,229.20; KAJEET, INC. 4,142.85; MOUNTAIN MUSIC OF WY, LLC 758.70; PYE BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, LLC 1,747.50; RELADYNE WEST LLC 32,713.09; TEACHING STRATEGIES LLC 3,190.00; TREERING WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS, INC. 1,536.50; VARSITY INK, LLC 839.00; WESTAR PRINTING 1,290.96; WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE, INC. 1,800.00; AFLAC PREMIUM HOLDING 1,127.35; BENEFICIAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 685.82; DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF WY 46,163.65; EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND 630,723.28; HARTFORD 6,866.14; THE HARTFORD 7,878.52; THE HARTFORD

INSURANCE CO 1,229.52; HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE CO 11,356.12; NATIONAL BENEFIT SERVICES, LLC 838.60; NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS 832.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN 7,490.16; WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES 16,842.43; AMERICAN FENCE COMPANY 19,000.00; BEACON METALS./REX WILLIAMS DIVISION 10,214.84.38; C & L COATINGS OF UTAH 28,100.00; C.D.'S ELECTRIC 882.25; CENGAGE LEARNING INC 1,746.35; INDUSTRIAL PIPE & WELDING LLC 196,809.36; STATELINE METALS OF WYOMING 16,763.88; STERLING MEDICAL LLC 1,999.00; STEVE WEISS MUSIC 562.00; NATIONAL BENEFIT SERVICES, LLC 17,164.98; EPARS DEPARTMENT-REMITTANCE SERVICES 4,421.07; UINTA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 520.38; WYOMING CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT 860.34; ORCHARD TRUST 6,748.24; WYOMING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION 4,152.72; CALLISTER, KATRINA 500.00; ROBINSON, TERRY 655.65; VERIZON WIRELESS 1,291.31; WALMART COMMUNITY/GEICB 3,467.40; FIRST BANKCARD 86,245.79; AFLAC PREMIUM HOLDING 1,177.53; BENEFICIAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 685.82; DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF WY 45,999.80; EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND 631,741.04; THE HARTFORD 7,782.13; THE HARTFORD INSURANCE CO 1,225.44; NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS 848.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN 7,545.78; WASHINGTON NATIONAL INURANCE CO 7,397.21; WY RETIREMENT SYSTEM 407,797.38; WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES 15,032.62; EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND 630,453.04; CAZIN'S 1,990.60; INTERSTATE BATTERIES 931.80; J W PEPPER & SONS INC. 560.96; KIMBALL MIDWEST 594.12; MOUNTAIN ALARM FIRE 1,570.55; REAL KLEEN JANITORIAL 3,993.95; UNIVERSAL ATHLETICS LLC 7,509.67; WESTERN WYOMING BEVERAGES 1,649.05; APPLE INC 999.00; FLEETPRIDE 1,394.50; FRONTLINE TECHNOLOGY GROUP LLC 4,754.22; GREAT MINDS, PBC 7,800.00; INTERFORM 2,338.64; LENOVO (UNITED STATES) INC. 1,210.00; REAL KLEEN JANITORIAL 2,261.40; SOLARWINDS, INC 697.94; SOLUTION TREE 5,200.00; WESTERN WYOMING BEVERAGES 785.20; 806 TECHNOLOGIES 550.00; BRYSON SALES & SERVICE, INC. 541.76; SMARTSENSE BY DIGI 750.00; KALLAS NAPA AUTO PARTS 580.99; KONE 1,021.30; MOUNTAIN WEST BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 790.00; NORCO INC 1,634.71; RELADYNE WEST LLC 10,948.61; WESTERN WYOMING BEVERAGES 838.75; NICHOLAS & COMPANY 67,797.73;

I, W. DAN WHEELER, CLERK, UINTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE, STATE OF WYOMING, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE WITHIN FOREGOING TO BE CORRECT.  
PUBLISHED: February 28, 2024

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### FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a Promissory Note (the "Note") dated February 2, 2004, executed and delivered by John S. Salter ("Mortgagor") to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, and a real estate Mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagor, to said Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded on February 2, 2004, at Reception No. 118035, in Book 815, at Page 506 in the public records in the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Uinta County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage was assigned for value as follows:  
Assignee: HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2004-OP1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates  
Assignment dated: November 7, 2019  
Assignment recorded: November 12, 2019  
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 1078197, in Book 1087, at Page 709-709

All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Uinta County, Wyoming.

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

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage as of February 28, 2024 being the total sum of \$64,903.17, plus interest, costs expended, late charges, and attorneys' fees accruing thereafter through the date of sale;

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2004-OP1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, 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 Uinta County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on March 27, 2024 at the information desk at the Uinta County Courthouse located at 225 9th Street, Evanston, WY 82930, for application on the above described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

Part of Lots 6 and 7 in Block 23 of the Original Town of Evanston, Uinta County, Wyoming, filed August 10, 1870 on file in the Office of the Uinta County Clerk, bounded and described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Westerly corner of Lot 6, which is the intersection of the Southeasterly line of 11th Street and the North-easterly line of Sage Street in said town and running thence in a Southeasterly direction and along the Northeasterly line of Sage Street, 70 feet to the intersection of said Northeasterly line of Sage Street and Line A as described in Book 63, Page 595, Uinta County, Wyoming records, thence at right angles in a Northeasterly direction and along said Line A, 80 feet, thence at right angle and in a North-westerly direction and along a line parallel to said Northeasterly line of Sage Street, 70 feet to the Northwesterly line of said Lot; thence at right angle and along said last mentioned line 80 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

The intention being to describe a tract of land fronting 70 feet on Sage Street and fronting 80 feet on 11th Street of said Town.

More Correctly Described As:  
Part of Lots 6 and 7 in Block 23 of the Original Town of Evanston, Uinta County, Wyoming, filed August 19, 1870 on file in the Office of the Uinta County Clerk, bounded and described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Westerly corner of Lot 6, which is the intersection of the Southeasterly line of 11th Street and the North-easterly line of Sage Street in said town and running thence in a Southeasterly direction and along the Northeasterly line of Sage Street, 70 feet to the intersection of said Northeasterly line of Sage Street and Line A as described in Book 63, Page 595, Uinta County, Wyoming records, thence at right angles in a Northeasterly direction and along said Line A, 80 feet, thence at right angle and in a North-westerly direction and along a line parallel to said Northeasterly line of Sage Street, 70 feet to the Northwesterly line of said Lot; thence at right angle and along said last mentioned line 80 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

The intention being to describe a tract of land fronting 70 feet on Sage Street and fronting 80 feet on 11th Street of said Town.

With an address of 1048 Sage Street, Evanston, WY 82930 (the undersigned disclaims liability for any error in the address).

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

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

Dated: February 22, 2024  
HSBC Bank USA, National Association,  
as Trustee for ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust,  
Series 2004-OP1, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates  
By: Katelyn Krabbenhoff  
Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.  
376 East 400 South, Suite 300  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111  
801-355-2886  
HWM File # WY21449  
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# Sports

Uinta and Rich counties' sports source ~ Sports score or tip? Call us at (307) 789-6560 or email sports@uintacountyherald.com.



Red Devil 126-pounder Kolby Hamilton finished fifth at the 3A State Wrestling Championships in Casper over the weekend. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)

## WRESTLERS/ from B1

placing in the Top 6.

"I thought we wrestled well – our kids scrapped, and competed well," said EHS head coach Garth Wagstaff. "I was proud of their efforts, most definitely."

### Red Devils

Evanston had a productive Day 1 of the 3A State Wrestling Tournament Friday, with three Red Devils – Cole Robinette (165 pounds), Brady Roberts (175 pounds) and Aiden Liechty (190 pounds) – wrestling their way into the semifinals of their respective weight classes.

Roberts and Liechty advanced to Saturday's finals, though five other Red Devils battled their way through the consolation bracket to earn a spot on the podium – Kolby Hamilton (126 pounds, 5th place), Ryder Wilson (132 pounds, 5th place), Jaxon Haider (150 pounds, 5th place), Keith Shelton (120 pounds, 6th place) and Cole Robinette (165 pounds, 6th place).

Green River won the 3A team title with a score of 242, followed by Pinedale in second, with 212. Cody was third with 171 points, while Powell (147.5) and Rawlins (147) rounded out the top five. Evanston was sixth, with 119 points.

Roberts squared off with Buffalo's Hazen Camino in the 175-pound championship final, winning a 3-0 decision. The match was scoreless going into the third round, when Roberts – starting from the bottom – was able to earn a point for an escape, then two points for a double-leg takedown with under a minute left.

"I knew that Hazen Camino was a good wrestler, and he earned his way into the finals, so it would be tough," Roberts said. "But in my mind, I had worked too hard to let another wrestler decide whether or not I reach that lifelong goal. I had no fear throughout that match – no matter the score or the time left – because I knew I would find a way to win."

It's been six years since the Red Devils have had a state champion, according to Wagstaff, and the longtime coach said he couldn't think of anyone more deserving.

"Brady wrestled well, he wrestled in control – sometimes you get into those big matches, you start to do things you don't normally do," Wagstaff said. "But he stayed on course, and did what he's done all year. It was good to see it all come together for him at the end."

Liechty opened the tournament at 190 pounds with a pin over Douglas' Louis Smith and a 10-3 decision over Lander's Tress Pickerd. In the semifinals, Liechty pinned Riverton's Jordan May, a stunning upset that propelled the Red Devil senior into the finals.

Squaring off against Lyman's Morgan Hatch for the 190-pound title, Liechty came up short to the defending state champion, losing by pin. It was a bittersweet end to an

outstanding season.

"It was great to see Aiden make it all the way to the finals," Wagstaff said. "I know it didn't end the way he wanted it to, but he wrestled well to get there – he did the things he needed to put himself in that position. You always want to end on a win, but to make it that far was a good accomplishment – there's a lot of guys who would have traded places with him in a heartbeat."

Wrestling in his final state tournament at 132 pounds, Wilson opened with a pin of Lyman's Kasen Hill, then lost a 4-3 decision to Torrington's Barrett Eichenberger in the quarterfinals. Back-to-back wins in the consolation rounds advanced Wilson to the consolation semis; he won a 10-2 major decision over Casey Matthews (Newcastle) to finish fifth.

"Ryder's a great wrestler – he's pound-for-pound one of our strongest kids, and he just needed to put it all together," Wagstaff said. "This last month, he did exactly that – he put it all together. When he's got his speed and action going, he's fun to watch – he's here one minute, and gone the next. Once he figured that out, figured out his strengths, he really wrestled solid for us. And he was always thinking about what was best for the team, he'd wrestle wherever we needed him to."

After losing his opening-round match at 150 pounds, Jaxon Haider rattled off three straight wins, including a pin over Wheatland's Mauriccio Grimaldo and 14-10 decision over Powell's Jeremy Harms. A loss to Cody's Micah Grant in the consolation semis dropped Haider to the fifth-place match, where he shut out Torrington's Brendan Woodard 7-0 to finish fifth.

"Jaxon was one win away from qualifying for state last year, and ever since then, he went to work," Wagstaff explained. "He was here everyday in the summer, he took part in everything we offered – he made the decision that he wanted to finish his career the right way. The kid he beat to place beat us last week at Regionals – for him to get that win, see that big smile, you just gotta love it."

At 126 pounds, Kolby Hamilton shook off a loss in the quarterfinals to win back-to-back matches in the consolation rounds. Following a loss in the consolation semis, Hamilton won a 10-4 decision over Cody's Kort Sorensen to claim fifth place.

After losing his opening-round match at 120 pounds, Keith Shelton rattled off three straight pins in the consolation rounds, including a pin over Green River's Weston Green. Back-to-back losses in the consolation semis and the fifth-place match earned Shelton a sixth-place medal.

At 165 pounds, senior Cole Robinette started the weekend strong, earning a spot in the semifinals with pins over Worland's Kaden Sanchel and Buffalo's Michael Torrich. Robinette lost

momentum in the semis, finding himself on the wrong side of an 11-1 major decision to Green River's James Herwaldt; he would eventually take sixth place for the tournament.

"Cole is always a go-getter – you never know what you're gonna get with Cole, but it's going to be 100%, no matter what," Wagstaff said. "For him to be able to get on the podium, he put in a lot of work and effort. That was great to see."

Other Red Devil wrestlers who competed at state included Tayson Moon at 106 pounds (1-2), Cael Stokes at 106 pounds (0-2), Zander Tippetts at 113 pounds (0-2), Ryker Frongner at 120 pounds (1-2), Timber Fitch at 126 pounds (0-2), Caden Marler at 138 pounds (2-2), Brauns Sims at 144 pounds (2-2), Kyson Hamilton at 144 pounds (2-2), Bridger Roberts at 157 pounds (2-2), Luke Guild at 165 (2-2) and Sergio Lozano (0-2).

### Lady Devils

Year two of sanctioned girls' wrestling in the state of Wyoming proved to be just as popular as year one, and with the WHSAA Girls State Wrestling Championships integrated with the boys' event this year, the Ford Wyoming Center was at near-capacity for all three days of competition.

Much like the Ron Thon Tournament in Riverton, the state tournament featured an all-class bracket, featuring 42 teams from around the state. The Evanston High School girls' wrestling team had a solid tournament, placing 17th overall as a team, with four of its wrestlers earning a spot on the podium.

Star Valley won the team title with 163 points, followed by Pinedale with 107 points and Sheridan with 106 points. Kemmerer was fourth with 96 points, while Wind River rounded out the Top 5 with 95 points. Evanston finished 17th, with 49 points.

Leah Larkin was the top Lady Devils finisher, placing fourth at 125 pounds. Larkin



Red Devil senior Jaxon Haider finished fifth in the 150-pound class at the 3A State Wrestling Championships in Casper. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)



Lady Devil Sidney Liechty finished sixth in the 105-pound class at the WHSAA Girls State Wrestling Championships in Casper. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)

opened the tournament with a pin over Haylie Altman (Thunder Basin), then followed that with a 7-4 decision over Rylee Anderson (Worland). After a loss in the semifinals, Larkin bounced back to pin Jordan Nielsen (Lander Valley), setting up a showdown for third place against Lyman's Eliza Clegg. Clegg won the match, with Larkin settling for fourth place.

At 130 pounds, Johana Saavedra opened the tournament with pins over Paige Tongate (Rock Springs), and

Carlee Roth (Thunder Basin). After a loss in the semifinals and consolation semis, Saavedra ended the tournament on a high note, winning a 10-3 decision over Carolina Rodriguez (Central) to finish fifth.

After receiving a bye to open the tournament, Seriah Lamb lost her quarterfinals match, but bounced back in the consolation rounds with a pin over Bailey Howe (Buffalo). After a loss in the consolation semis, Lamb won an 8-4 decision over Ella Kalenberg (Campbell

County) to finish fifth.

At 115 pounds, Sidney Liechty started off her tournament strong, with pins over Allison Kissack (Kelly Walsh) and Kaiana Garlough. A loss to Lilly Quintanilla (Thermopolis) in the semifinals dropped Liechty to the semifinals, where she struggled in her final two matches; the scrappy sophomore eventually finished sixth.

Other Lady Devils who competed at state included Harlee MacDonald at 170 pounds, and Lexi Matthews at 235 pounds.



Red Devil 190-pounder Aiden Liechty takes control of Riverton's Jordan May in the semifinals of the 3A State Wrestling Championships in Casper. Liechty finished second overall for the tournament. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)



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