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'Pioneers of the Future,' and connecting to the past



Derrill and Anita Carpenter were the Parade Grand Marshals of the 2024 Pioneer Days celebration.

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LYMAN — The 2024 Bridger Valley Pioneer Days Celebration kicked off last Saturday with a 5K run followed by a parade down Lyman's Main Street.

In addition, there were family fun runs and short runs for kids, all geared to this year's theme, 'Pioneers of the Future.'

The celebration is tied into the LDS' Church settling in the Salt Lake Valley in the 1800's.

The crowd gathered early along Lyman's Main Street to wait for

the parade. Laughter, talk, kids playing under blue skies with patchy white clouds and a light gentle breeze. While waiting, the emcee, Thayne Peterson, played music to entertain the crowd and gave a run-down of what was going to happen throughout the day.

Music drifted across the air, then the sirens announced the start of the parade. The color guard presented both the National Stars and Stripes and the Wyoming State Flag. Kate Walker sang 'The Star Spangled Banner,' and the crowd said the Pledge of Allegiance.

The parade featured the 2024

Pioneer Days Parade Grand Marshal, Derrill and Anita Carpenter, long time area ranchers. They still live on the ranch Derrill's dad bought in 1926.

The 2024 Pioneer Days Rodeo Grand Marshal Farrell Alleman was also featured in the parade.

The year's rodeo queen Riley Eardley led the Pioneer Days Rodeo royalty through the parade. The royalty reigned over the rodeos held for the celebration.

Following the parade, the crowd went to the Fort Bridger State Park to enjoy the Pioneer Days barbecue, see historic demonstrations such as blacksmithing, gunfights

2024 Bridger Valley Pioneer Days Celebration



This was one of the floats in the Pioneer Days parade last Saturday in Lyman.

PIONEER PHOTO/Virginia Giorgis

and for the children to play games of the early pioneer days.

Then it was rodeo time with final event of the day back in Lyman for the rodeo finals. It featured

the top six places from the rodeo Friday night and played to a packed crowd.

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Man sentenced up to 48 years for child porn

By HAYDEN GODFREY
Uinta County Herald
Via Wyoming News Exchange

EVANSTON — A Mountain View man will spend 33-48 years in prison after being found guilty of 25 counts of sexual exploitation of children and one count of second-degree sexual abuse of a minor.

Steven Mitchell was sentenced in Third District Court on July 19.

The DCI's Computer Crime Team began investigating Mitchell's online activity in May 2023, following a cybertip from MeWe, a social media platform, according to a sworn affidavit.

After receiving the tip, Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Daniel Allison of the Southwest Enforcement Team and Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force executed search warrants granting access to Mitchell's person, devices, residence, Microsoft and MeWe accounts.

On Nov. 22, 2023, Mitchell was detained and interviewed at the Uinta County Sheriff's Office substation in Mountain View. During the arrest, agents seized his cellphone, two computers and three thumb drives. Mitchell told agents he had "communicated with like-minded individuals" on MeWe, Facebook Messenger and Telegram, an instant messaging service, according to Allison's affidavit.

Mitchell said he "enjoyed the communications and photographs."

Initially, he claimed the images he had taken from Google were difficult to identify as child pornography.

When Allison said most of the seized images apparently featured toddlers and prepubescent children, Mitchell "denied knowing if the children were under 18



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Steven Mitchell



WEATHER



Sunny skies today with highs near 92 and lows tonight around 55

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Dana Stone, MV resident, named to the Wyoming Firefighters Hall of Fame

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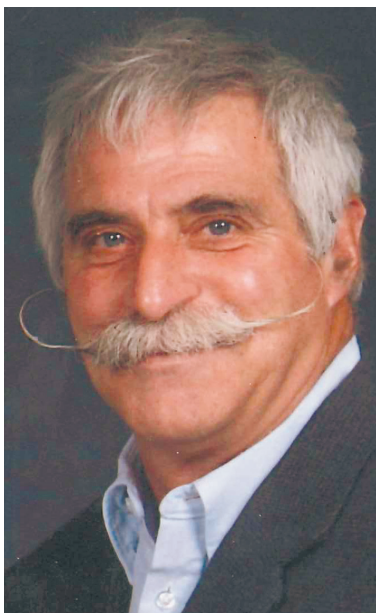
CHEYENNE — Dana Stone, Mountain View resident, is being inducted into the Wyoming Firefighters Hall of Fame for the 2024 inductees.

Stone is one of seven men statewide who have been tapped for this honor this year. The induction ceremony will be Aug. 17, 10 30 a.m., at the Wyoming Fire Academy in Riverton. It will be held in conjunction with the Wyoming Fallen Firefighters Memorial at 1 p.m.

The Wyoming Fire Service Hall of Fame celebrates Wyoming Firefighters who have demonstrated significant contribution and service to their local communities and the fire service in Wyoming.

As for the induction into the Hall of Fame, Stone said it was a great honor to be considered for the Hall of Fame and to be inducted into it.

The other six inductees include Arthur "Ray" Bergquist, Wyoming State Forestry; Ken Sutton, Jackson Hole Fire/EMS/Teton County; Lynda Berckefeldt, Wyoming State Forestry; Mark Young, Casper Fire-EMS/Wyoming State Fire Marshal; Ray Weidenhalt, Wyoming



Dana Stone worked for the Wyoming State Forestry until his retirement. He still serves on the Rocky Mountain Management Team. COURTESY PHOTO

State Forestry (posthumously); and Steve Haines, Johnson County Fire.

Stone was nominated by the Uinta County Fire Department for a culmination of a lifetime - 32 years- working in the firefighting industry. Stone was contacted last week a day after he had left Mountain View on July 23, for a management meeting in Boise, Idaho. The Pioneer was able to catch up with Stone at a massive fire

site at Baker City, Oregon, the following day. He was working with the food management crew at the lightning cause fire which had grown to 288,690 acres and was 49% contained on Sunday, July 28.

Stone has spent a lifetime working in the firefighting industry. He said he started in Colorado working for the Colorado State Forestry and clocked time on the frontline of fire suppression. He said the first time he was on the fireline was in 1978. He said he worked in Colorado for some time and then decided to try other jobs.

He then applied to Wyoming State Forestry after getting married in 1981. That began his years' long commitment to Wyoming and in Bridger Valley.

Stone worked for District 4 for the Service and was part of the onsite management teams, but it also included some time on the fireline. Stone worked for Wyoming State Forestry from 1981 until he retired in 2021. He still serves on the Rocky Mountain management team, which includes Wyoming, Colorado, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas.. Stone also said his fire qualifications were all current so

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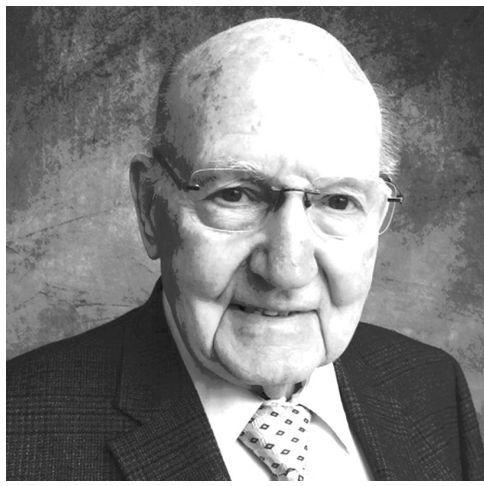
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Around the Valley

Bruce Harvey/90 years young Sands through the hourglass of time...



Former resident Bruce Harvey will celebrate his 90th birthday next week.

Born Aug. 6, 1934, in Mountain View, Bruce married Dian Harvey on July 2, 1963, in Salt Lake City. They have five children who all live in Salt Lake City. They also have 12 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Bruce is the son of Claire Lamond Harvey and Edna Fern W. Harvey. Bruce is deaf and attended the Utah School for the Deaf. Bruce retired in 1999. He was the former news pressman for the Herald from 1954 to 1955.

Brenn Hill concert a highlight of the Pioneer Days Rodeo

“We rode the Glory Trail my friend / That leads right straight to God / Still searchin’ everywhere west / To find a ridin’ job.” — Brenn Hill

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LYMAN — Valley residents were treated to a concert by American singer and songwriter Brenn Hill last week on Thursday, July 25, on a grassy expanse near the pavilion at the Lyman Town Park.

Hill has perfected his performance over many years with songs he writes which reflects a love for and knowledge of the West. Hill was named the named the 2004 Academy of Western Artists Male Vocalist of the Year. He also has performed

in Madison Square Garden in New York. Hill specializes in country and cowboy music.

While waiting for the concert to begin, people gathered on the grass and the area was filled with talk and laughter. A light breeze and some wispy clouds gentled the heat from the sun.

Hill was introduced by Joe V. Hickey, Pioneer Days Rodeo chair, and the crowd focused on the stage, complete with saddles, bridles, rifles and pistols of a before-Custer era.

Although Hill entertained by singing “Ghost Riders in the Sky” and other songs,



Bren Hill lifts his voice in cowboy music last Thursday, July 25, at the 2024 Pioneer Days Celebration. PIONEERPHOTO/VirginiaGiorgis

he also sang a song from his 2024 album “Horses of War.” This song traced the horses, which soldiers had used in battle “through the conflicts of history,” — tracing battles from Napoleon Bonaparte,

Cornwallis, the 16-hand high horse of George Washington, Crazy Horse at the Battle of Big Horn against Custer and

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Gas prices fall 1.5 cents in Wyo.

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Average gasoline prices in Wyoming have fallen 1.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.28 per gallon Monday, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 494 stations in Wyoming.

The lowest price in Bridger Valley Thursday prior to the Pioneer’s press time was \$3.39 for a gallon of gas and \$3.65 for diesel.

Prices in Wyoming are 6.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 45.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 1.2 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.78 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the lowest price in Wyoming was \$2.95 Monday, while the highest was \$4.39 — a difference of \$1.44 per gallon.

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he could still go on firelines.

The management teams, according to Stone, are responsible for setting up the camp sites, providing the meals and more for the firefighters when they are fighting a fire.

In fact, at Baker City, Oregon, Stone was on site and helping with the food division for the firefighters. When asked how long, he would be there, Stone said he had no idea as the fire had just started and was already over 135,000 acres. A report a couple of days later had the fire at 288,690 acres.



A lasting tribute for those who have given all at the Wyoming Firefighters Memorial who died in the line of duty. The memorial is inscribed with 62 names.

COURTESY PHOTO/Wyoming State Fire Marshal Office

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years old,” the affidavit states.

After being questioned about multiple facets of the investigation, Mitchell reportedly said the agents “had him” and apologized. He continued to apologize, saying he needed counseling.

He told agents how he obtained and shared the files, and claimed he had locked his wife out of his computer and phone.

Mitchell said he had been in contact with someone on Telegram, from whom he had obtained multiple pornographic videos. In an attempt to receive more videos, Mitchell sent the other user clothed images of a young relative, claiming in messages to have “done ‘this and that’” to her.

He reportedly claimed he had assaulted the girl.

During an interview by child

forensic interviewer Joel Greene, the young girl said she had visited Mitchell during the summer of 2023 and that during that visit, Mitchell had invited her into the back bedroom of his house where he kept his computer.

Mitchell allegedly scrolled through his Facebook account and his niece saw multiple pictures of women in “see-through clothing.”

Greene identified this as grooming behavior.

The girl also claimed Mitchell had reached his hand through her bra, fondling her while she “froze.” She said Mitchell had touched her inappropriately multiple times that summer, but said she did not recall every time it had happened.

Mitchell allegedly stated he knew what he had done was illegal and

wrong, telling agents they had done him a favor and that he thought he might have an addictive personality.

Agents searched his phone, finding approximately 150 files of child pornography.

Forensic analysis of Mitchell’s phone uncovered over 129 pornographic photos and videos, 67 being videos between two seconds and five minutes long between Dec. 14 and Dec. 18 of 2023, Allison observed multiple messages between Mitchell and another user, many of which contained pornographic attachments.

The affidavit concluded that Mitchell had distributed at least seven images and three videos, and had recreated at least three videos and two photos by photographing or recording his computer screen.

NEWS NOTES

Mountain View Library

Story Time, Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Mountain View Library is about Ice Cream and sharing.

The book for this free preschool session is, “Should I Share My Ice Cream?” This will help children to see if they should share.

The fun activity will include an ice cream craft

What’s ice cream’s favorite book? “The Da Vinci Cone.”

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Opinions

The Kamala conundrum

By JOE GUZZARDI

Throughout her career, Kamala Harris has benefited from the support of friends in high places. Michelle and Barack Obama's recent endorsement of Harris for president is just the latest example.

Looking back, Harris' political ascendancy is directly tied to her two-year dalliance with Willie Brown in the 1990s while he was Speaker of the California Assembly. The speakership is one of the state's most powerful positions, which controls the legislative flow of bills that either do or don't reach the governor's desk. Married but separated, Brown was twice Harris' age; he was 60 while she was just 29.

Brown appointed Harris to two coveted state panels, but his most valuable favors were to connect Harris to the Democrat party's elites and deep-pocketed donors. Brown also actively promoted Harris' campaigns, first for San Francisco attorney general, then California's attorney general, and finally the U.S. Senate in 2016.

Immediately after her victory in one-party California, the always-friendly media began touting her as 2020 presidential timber. Harris' announcement that she would compete for the presidential nomination originally generated enthusiasm, but the excitement soon fizzled out; Harris' campaign was a complete bust. Her abrasive personality created constant staff turnover, and Harris dropped out without winning a single delegate. She blamed her failure on the lack of financial resources, which translates to an inability to convince donors she would be a winner.

Harris is in the midst of a lovefest with the media which is

furiously withholding the truth about her radical left record which, according to GovTrack, earned her the dubious most liberal senator title — further left than even Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren. Shortly after Harris entered the 2024 presidential race by default, GovTrack took its ranking down, one of the many coverups that will mark her presidential quest.

GovTrack's trickery aside, the Internet is packed with her radical statements that include endorsing the American Families Plan, a nearly \$2 trillion pre-K childcare package, and being an original co-sponsor of the Green New Deal. She also offered free four-

year public college education for low-and middle income American students, continued funding for the unwinnable Ukraine-Russia war, pushed Medicare for all including illegal aliens, supported decriminalizing illegal immigration and maintaining sanctuary cities' status, and called for an end to the death penalty.

While she likes to portray herself as tough on crime, four months after Harris was sworn in as California's attorney general in 2004, gang member David Hill shot and killed police Officer Isaac Espinoza. Harris declined to charge the shooter with a capital offense, thus sparing him from the death penalty. Her decision rankled California's political leadership,

including California's senior Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who called for Hill's execution.

Harris, a San Francisco progressive, will have to do some slick talking to wiggle out of her advocacy for those costly and unpopular political proposals. On immigration and the border, however, Harris has no escape route.

To make Harris more palatable to middle-of-the-road voters, her supporters insist she was never the "border czar." They falsely claim Biden tasked her with identifying the root causes for the invasion. As the old political axiom goes, when candidates are explaining, they are

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Should politics stop at the water's edge?

By LEE H. HAMILTON

The United States faced fundamental decisions about foreign policy after World War II. Germany and Japan had been defeated, but the Soviet Union had emerged as a new threat. Mao Zedong's forces were on the move in China. Would we engage or step away?

That was the situation when Sen. Arthur Vandenberg coined one of the most enduring aphorisms in American foreign affairs: "Politics stops at the water's edge."

Vandenberg, a Michigan Republican who chaired the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee,

worked with the administration of Democratic President Harry Truman to forge a bipartisan consensus that included support for the Marshall Plan, NATO and the Truman Doctrine, which held that the U.S. would intervene when its allies were threatened. Those actions helped keep us safe and secure for generations.

Today, the idea that foreign policy might be off limits to politics can seem unrealistic, even quaint. Partisanship seems to pervade our lives, from the media we consume to the cars we drive to the food we eat. Our politics influence our

views of basic reality: for example, the U.S. economy is objectively stronger than it's been in decades, but many Republicans insist it's broken.

Vandenberg's aphorism both reflected and shaped reality for years. During the Cold War, both parties were reliably anticommunist and opposed to Soviet aggression, although Republicans may have been more hawkish in their rhetoric. Both parties favored alliances and engagement with our allies. Over time, the idea that politics should stop at the water's edge developed a secondary meaning: that politicians shouldn't air their partisan disputes when traveling overseas. The idea was that presenting a united front to our

allies and adversaries would make America stronger.

We often think of the Vietnam War as dividing the country, but those divisions weren't strictly partisan. The 1964 Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, authorizing escalation of the war, passed unanimously in the House and with only two negative votes in the Senate. In the 1968 presidential election, voters saw little difference between Republican Richard Nixon and Democrat Hubert Humphrey in how they would handle Vietnam.

Americans usually unite in times of crisis and war. After 9/11, only one member of Congress

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Dawn of the mushroom hunters

By ALEXANDRA PASKHAVER

Modern man is nothing. We all should pick up spears, don fur pelts, and go forth to hunt mushrooms.

At least, that's what my friend Carrie says. Well, I call her a friend, but real friends wouldn't say "prehistoric times" with such

a syrupy tone.

And real friends wouldn't go mushroom hunting and force me to come along.

She said fresh-picked tasted better than store-bought. She said it was a way to commune with nature. She said I should pick up a spear, don a fur pelt, et cetera.

I don't have anything against

buying mushrooms. But I draw the line at picking my own.

The trouble with mushrooms is that there are about 570 different varieties and 569.5 of them are poisonous. And the last half is only edible if you cook it the right way.

It's not like I haven't heard of mushroom hunting. My parents used to live in the Soviet Union, where people gathered mushrooms to supplement their diets.

The trouble was that if you lived near Chernobyl, the mushrooms tended to run away from you.

Between being poisoned and spending the day slogging through dangerous forests where the mushrooms prowl, the experience didn't strike me as particularly worth having.

So I said no. I can barely find what I'm looking for in a grocery store. And in a forest, mushrooms don't come with labels and neat plastic packaging.

My friend was undeterred. She had a book on edible varieties of fungi. She had done this before.

She also had a spear. So I went. There's no arguing with prehistor-

ic people.

We tramped around in the soggy undergrowth of my local park, where nature communed all over my shoes. Carrie was radiant.

"Look at this gorgeous portobello," she said, pointing.

I gave it the trained stare of the mushroom hunter. "I don't know," I said. "It looks like a potato to me."

"Don't be stupid," she snapped. "Mushrooms aren't potatoes."

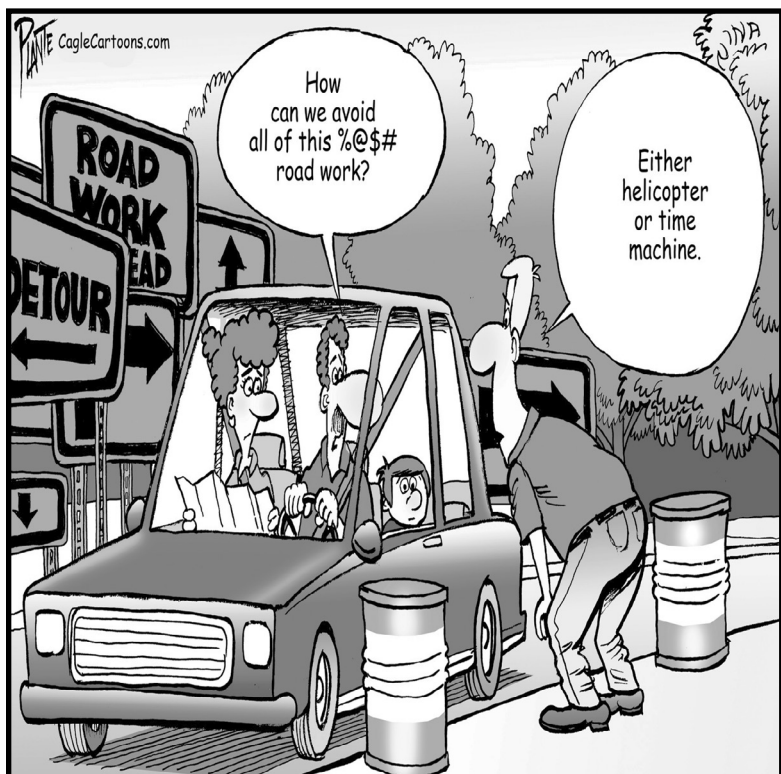
I didn't argue the point.

Eventually I thought I'd feel less guilty about refusing a potentially lethal dinner if I didn't actually gather the things that would be on my plate. So I decided to just hold the basket.

Carrie had no such qualms. She scooped up mushroom after mushroom and tossed them toward me. I squelched after her and tried to avoid getting hit by bits of flying fungi.

Finally we went back to her place. She hurried about the kitchen, cooking the mushrooms, while I communed with a sofa.

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Carpenter Media Group (CMG) and News Media Corporation (NMC) announced plans recently for CMG to manage, and with an option to acquire, NMC.

Bridger Valley Pioneer is owned by News Media Corporation and is now part of the management agreement with Carpenter Media Group.

Longtime NMC leaders J.J. Tompkins and Billy McMacken will assume leadership roles with CMG, and the transition will begin immediately.

News Media Corporation was founded in 1975 by John C. Tompkins. John began his career as a paperboy at The Hammond Times, where his father was the publisher. Eager to learn, he continued to work his way through every department at The Times with Howard Publications. At the age of twenty-one, Tompkins purchased his first newspaper, The Rochelle News-Leader, in rural Illinois.

Under John Tompkins' leadership, News Media grew to over seventy publications across ten states. NMC serves communities of roughly 5,000-50,000 population; in isolated rural trade

centers, focusing mainly on weekly newspapers. It has always been News Media's top priority to provide quality local journalism to the unique communities it serves. NMC currently has twenty-five publications located in Illinois, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Arizona

"We have worked with JJ and his father, John, over the years. We have a long friendship and deep respect for the company they built and its exceptional team of community media professionals," said CMG Chairman Todd Carpenter. "We look forward to building on the foundations put down by John and others as we develop the products, people and communities served."

"This is a unique opportunity to partner with Todd Carpenter and CMG," JJ Tompkins said. "The Tompkins family has always deeply respected Todd and has a friendship spanning multiple generations and family companies. We have a unique history and

friendship, which began with my father many years ago, and will continue into the future and for the next phase of News Media Corporation."

"We are thrilled about this partnership with Carpenter Media Group and its potential for the future success of our family's legacy and the communities we serve. As a company deeply rooted in people, we are confident that this partnership will uphold our values and lead us to a bright future," Tompkins added.

CMG owns and manages over 200 community and metro media titles in the U.S. and Canada and is dedicated to preserving and building community journalism and marketing services to develop and improve each community served.

NMC and the Tompkins family was represented by John Cribb of Cribb, Cope & Potts. CCP is a leading merger and acquisition firm with offices in Montana, California and Arkansas.

Senate declared July 27 National Day of the American Cowboy

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a tribute to the hardworking men and women who shaped the traditions of the American West, the United States Senate declared July 27, 2024, the National Day of the American Cowboy.

The bipartisan resolution, which the Senate passed unanimously, was introduced by U.S. Senators John Barrasso and Cynthia Lummis, both R-Wyo., along with their colleagues in the Senate.

Started in 2005 by U.S. Senator Craig Thomas, the National Day of the American Cowboy traditionally coincides each year with Cheyenne Frontier Days. The resolution honors the culture, traditions and values of the American Cowboy way of life that are still alive today.

"In Wyoming, we live each day by the Cowboy Code. We honor a life of honesty, hard work, and integrity," said Senator Barrasso. "The American cowboy symbolizes the spirit, values and traditions the people of Wyoming cherish most. Each year, I look forward to celebrating this special day with our American cowboys and cowgirls in Wyoming."

"The American cowboy has been a well-known and longstanding symbol of honesty, grit and determination across the country," said Senator Lummis. "On National Day of the American Cowboy, we celebrate the significant impact cowboys and cowgirls have had on our nation by honoring the enduring traditions the Cowboy State continues to hold so dear."

Other co-sponsors of the resolution include U.S. Senators John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Jim Risch (R-Idaho), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), John Thune (R-S.D.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), and Ted Cruz (R-Texas).

Secretary of state announces investigation into ActBlue

CHEYENNE (WNE) — In the wake of nationwide money laundering and identity theft allegations against Democratic fundraising organization ActBlue, Secretary of State Chuck Gray announced an investigation into ActBlue Wyoming, a political action committee registered with the Wyoming Secretary of State's Office.

ActBlue has been accused of

stealing people's identities to conceal illegal donations, such as donations from foreign actors, according to a news release from Gray's office. As the chief election officer for the state of Wyoming, Gray is tasked with ensuring the integrity of Wyoming elections. ActBlue Wyoming is required to file statements of contributions and expenditures with the Wyoming Secretary of State's Office

under the penalty of perjury. Filing a false statement is a violation of the Wyoming Election Code.

Any Wyoming citizen who has reason to believe a political action committee stole their identity or falsely reported a donation using their name is encouraged to report this to the Wyoming Secretary of State's Office at elections@wyo.gov or 307-777-5860.

No king cobras were released near Casper

CASPER (WNE) — A widely circulated Facebook post from the account "Casper Planet" published recently claiming a truck carrying king cobras overturned near Casper is untrue.

The account posting the story, is AI generated according to online de-

tection tool GPTZero, labels itself as satire in the page description.

Despite the label, the post — which has garnered more than 11,000 shares and 10,000 comments — was taken at face value by many unfamiliar with the page's typical content.

Casper Planet posted a follow-up, "all the imaginary king cobras reported on Interstate 25 have been successfully captured."

Another post include "Wyoming Man Knocks Out Grizzly Bear, Nurses It Back to Health, and Rides It Home."

UINTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

July 22 – July 29, 2024

Editor's Note: Information in this report is compiled from a daily activity log and arrest record.

Arrests:

- Jay R. Abernathy, 31, Mountain View, was arrested on a warrant on July 22, for an out of Uinta County incident.
- Meagan A. Breaux, 38, Mountain View, was arrested on July 23, for interference with police, unlawful contact/rude/insolent or angry touches without bodily harm.
- Ethan S. Geller, 20, Laramie, was arrested on a warrant on July 22, for an out of Uinta County incident.
- Marcus C. Grisham, 25, Evanston, was arrested on a warrant on July 24, for a DWUS.

• Johnathan J. Matney, 38, Salt Lake City, Utah; was arrested on a warrant on July 25, for possession of a controlled substance.

• Brandie N. Reihner, 31, Las Vegas, Nev.; was arrested on a warrant on July 25, for a misdemeanor probation revocation.

The Sheriff's Office responded to 128 incidents in this period. They included three offenses not listed, two alarms, nine ambulance or medical assists, three animal problems, nine agency assists, three citizen disputes, one citizen assist, four civil process services, one dead body, two domestic violence incidents, three fires, one indecent exposure, 24 information reports, one each keeping the peace/Evanston and lost or found property/Mountain View, three Livestock problems, seven prisoner transports, one public service programs, one each redacted entry, suicide, traffic accident/property damage and theft/property/other/Wyoming Downs; 34 VIN inspections, five wanted persons and seven welfare checks.

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Senior Citizens Menu

Monday, August 12

Patty Melt on Rye Bread, Chips, 3 Bean Salad, Pickle Spear, Watermelon Slice

Tuesday, August 13

Boneless BBQ Pork Ribs, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, WW Roll, Jello & Fruit

Wednesday, August 14

Porcupine Meatballs, Baked Potato, California Veg., WW Roll, Pudding

Thursday, August 15

Mild Buffalo Chicken Wings, Mac & Cheese, Asparagus, WW Roll, Cookie

Friday, August 16

Baked Crusted Cod, Rice Pilaf, Steamed Broccoli, WW Roll, Canteloupe

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Congresswoman Hageman scheduled Evanston town hall

WASHINGTON D.C. — Congresswoman Harriet Hageman will hold a town hall in Evanston on Sunday, Aug. 11, 1-2 p.m., at the Beeman-Cashin Building, 35 10th Street, Evanston.

This will be the Uinta Town Hall meeting and is one of three in while she will hold the first part of August. The other two are Aug. 6 in Jackson and Aug. 7 in Pinedale. According to her press release, this marks the 40th through 42nd town halls since she was sworn-in to Congress.

"I promised to host a town hall in every county, every year, and I am continuing to honor that promise in 2024, just as I did in 2023. There is a lot to discuss — the disastrous Rock Springs RMP, an ever-growing Biden-Harris border invasion that has

allowed over 11 million illegals to enter our country, rulemaking abuses by federal bureaucrats, the administration's war on energy, delisting of the GYE Grizzly Bear and many important bills that I have sponsored recently. I look forward to visiting with everyone and updating Wyomingites on my work. As always, I welcome ideas and feedback and look forward to seeing everyone soon," said Hageman.

Representative Hageman will begin with a recap of the latest developments in Congress, with audience question and answer period to follow. Media planning to attend should RSVP to Chris.Berardi@mail.house.gov — and kindly hold their questions until the press availability period at the conclusion of the event.

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News

THIS WEEK IN WYOMING HISTORY

July 28 – 1953, the legendary outlaw Butch Cassidy's sister, Lula Parker Betenson, published a book titled "Butch Cassidy, My Brother." In the book, Betenson claimed that Cassidy, whose real name was Robert LeRoy Parker, did not die in a shootout in Bolivia as some believed, but instead returned to the United States and lived out his life in secrecy. The book sparked renewed interest in the life and legacy of Butch Cassidy.

July 29 – 1900, the first professional rodeo competition was held in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Today, the Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo is one of the largest and most popular in the world, drawing visitors from around the globe.

July 30 – 1869, the first census of the Wyoming Territory was completed.

July 31 – 1870, Wyoming held its first ever general election with women voting alongside men. Wyoming granted women the right to vote on Dec. 10, 1869.

– **1914**, 25 Yellowstone coaches were robbed.

Aug. 1 – 1890, Wyoming officially became a state, becoming the 44th state in the nation.

– **1985**, the worst flood in Wyoming's history occurred in Cheyenne when the town was struck by a severe thunderstorm. Property loss was \$65 million in 1985 dollars. Twelve deaths and 70 injuries occurred, with particularly horrific flooding occurring in downtown Cheyenne. The event happened in the evening and people were caught unawares.

Aug. 2. – 1887, Rowell Hodge receives a patent for barbed wire, an invention that would make fencing the range practical.

Aug. 3 – 1804, the Lewis and Clark Expedition explored the area of present-day Wyoming near the North Platte River and traded with a group of Pawnee Indians for much-needed supplies.

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losing. The indisputable fact remains Harris never went to the border, had unproductive meetings with Northern Triangle leaders, and stood by to watch illegal immigration overwhelm major U.S. metropolises with murder, mayhem and fentanyl deaths.

The root cause for illegal aliens' journey north is Biden's and Harris' refusal to enforce immigration law.

Even conservative media has done a dismal job reporting on the criminality inherent in open borders. To allow and encourage illegal immigration, as Biden and Harris have, violates the Constitution and is an impeachable offense. During the three and a half years of keeping the border open to a global influx of illegal aliens and rewarding them with work permission and other perks, Biden, Harris and Department of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas have initiated America's demographic overhaul which would continue with a four-year Harris term.

Harris recommends that, to solve the

border fiasco, illegal aliens residing in the U.S. be given "a meaningful path to citizenship" – an amnesty which would mean more chain migration. Princeton University scholars calculated that when immigrants become citizens, they petition on average three family members to join them in the U.S. They will either grow their existing families or start new ones, which means more urban sprawl, more natural resources depleted, and more competition for affirmative benefits.

Polling consistently shows that immigration is voters' top concern. Harris' election would mean four more years of the same open borders and the associated violent crime that has plagued the nation since Biden entered the White House.

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WEATHER

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 92. Calm wind becoming north around 6 mph in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. North wind 5 to 7 mph becoming light and variable after midnight.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 92. Calm wind becoming east around 6 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 87.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Monday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Tuesday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of showers.



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Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Wednesday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, chance of rain, with a low around 54.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 81.

Thursday: Clear, with a low around 53.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Aug. 2 is the 215th day of the year in the Gregorian calendar as this is a leap year; 151 days remain until the end of the year.

• **1610** – During Henry Hudson's search for the Northwest Passage, he sails into what is now known as Hudson Bay.

• **1776** – The signing of the United States Declaration of Independence took place. It was signed by 56 people.

• **1790** – The first U.S. Census is conducted. The population was 3,939,214 including 697,624 slaves

• **1939** – Albert Einstein and Leo Szilard write a letter to Franklin D. Roosevelt, urging him to begin the Manhattan Project to develop a nuclear weapon.

• **1943** – World War II: The Motor Torpedo Boat PT-109 is rammed by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri and sinks at Solomon islands. Lt. John F. Kennedy, future U.S. president, saves all but two of his crew.

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more. His song said the warhorses give so much as "...the horse runs against the gun..."

A song bringing back memories to long-time residents was the one of Rock Spring Deputy Ed Cantrell back when Rock Springs was bustling from crime and corruption. Cantrell, a man who had an exceptionally fast quick-draw, took out a man arrested for drugs at the Silver Dollar Bar. Both

men were with another deputy in a car in front of the bar, and Cantrell thought the drug dealer was going to pull a gun so he shot. Cantrell was tried for the killing deemed innocent, and Cantrell was credited with helping bring down the drug cartel in Rock Springs.

Hill sang many songs over the course of the evening with songs of praise for Wyoming, the West and said they could "keep

the dusty plains of Texas," the life of the cowboy and buckaroo saying the buckaroos' lives were "hell on your women and harder on your horse" and the desire of one last ride.

Hill lives with his wife and three children in Hooper, Utah.

The concert was sponsored by Union Wireless. Hickey expressed a thanks for Union's sponsorship over the years.

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voted against authorizing the use of force against those who were responsible. Early support for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq was bipartisan, although support from both parties cooled as the wars dragged on.

Of course, political parties have always differed on how to conduct foreign policy. At the country's founding, the Federalists favored international trade while the Jeffersonians focused on internal affairs. Even in 1948, when Vandenberg was working with Truman, some Republicans were accusing the president of being soft on communism.

Today, the foreign policy divides seem substantially wider. A key example is Ukraine, where Democrats are far more likely than Republicans to support military aid. Congressional Republicans aligned with former President Donald Trump blocked \$60 billion for Ukraine for months before it was finally approved in April.

Other international issues also expose partisan fault lines. According to surveys by the Pew Research Center, most Democrats say our leaders should prioritize climate

change while very few Republicans agree. Republicans are more likely than Democrats to say we should focus on supporting Israel, limiting immigration and blocking the flow of illegal drugs into the country.

These disagreements are normal and healthy, and they should lead to vigorous debate. If America is going to serve as an example of democracy to the world, we need to show that we can disagree and do so publicly. The political process, which will always include partisanship, is the way we settle our differences.

But hopefully we can agree that our national interest should come before party interests. Vandenberg's maxim is worth remembering, even if we don't always follow it.

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For all her claims about the prehistoric, Carrie had a gas stove like anybody else.

She filled my plate with mushrooms and a few items that had probably spent years tightly enclosed in neat plastic packaging. We both sat down to eat.

Carrie had only taken mushrooms for herself. Her prehistoric dinner smelled delicious, and I bet it tasted great. Or maybe it's the other way around.

She finished her portion before I properly started mine. "Well, what do you think?"

she asked.

I moved the mushrooms to the side of my dish and tried to take a bite of Kraft Mac And Cheese. The cheese had glued my fork to the plate. "Oh, you know," I said, struggling to wrench it free. The fork made an ominous cracking sound. "I prefer the modern stuff."

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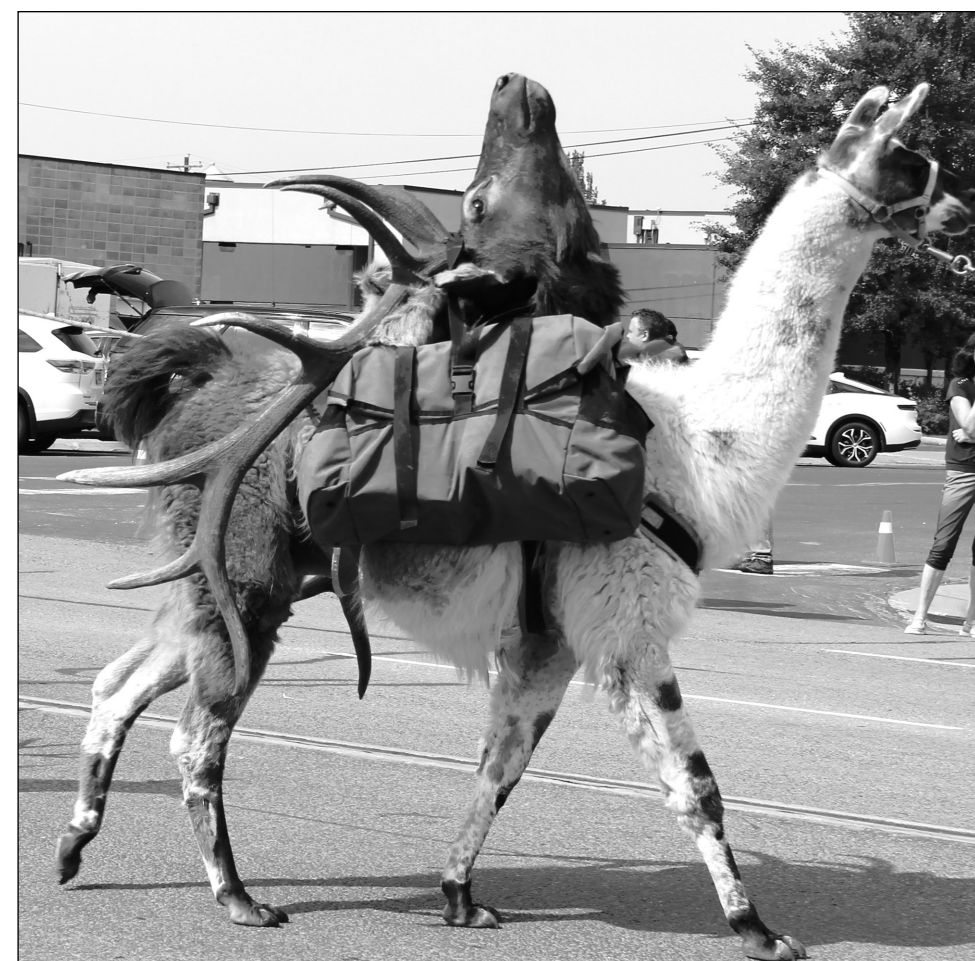


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Bridger Valley July 27, 2024



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Action in the arena.

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PIONEER Sports



Pioneer Days Ranch Rodeos spotlights life on ranches

2024 Rodeos celebration kicked off July 22

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LYMAN — The 2024 Pioneer Days Ranch rodeos celebrated its 25th anniversary with a focus on this year's theme, "Ensuring Our Future" as this year's rodeos were visual candy for spectators.

The theme plays on the continuing role of ranches and their families as they continue to be an important factor in the American West.

As for the rodeo itself, the rodeo has been part of the Pioneer Days celebration for many years. However, 25 years ago, the rodeo was changed into a ranch rodeo, a rodeo, which features actual events that happen on ranches, from bucking horses to kids games.

The final rodeo Saturday, July 27, was delivered a glitch by Mother Nature, according to rodeo chair Joe Hickey. A warning came in of the rain and lightning storm coming in from the west. With only a few events left in the rodeo, everything was shut down for about 45 minutes until the storm moved on east. Then the final events, which included team doctoring and the women's goat milking events and saddle bronc riding were held.

The finals rodeo coincided with Saturday, July 27, being declared by the National Day of the American Cowboy by the U.S. Senate. According to the declaration the day is "a tribute to the hardworking men and women who shaped the traditions of the American West...The resolution honors the culture, traditions and values of the American Cowboy way of life that are still

alive today."

Action in the rodeo arena last week in Lyman featured competition for cowboys and cowgirls of all ages. And as all cowboys know, the cowgirls also prove to be tough on the horse and in the arena, reflecting how ranching families work their ranches.

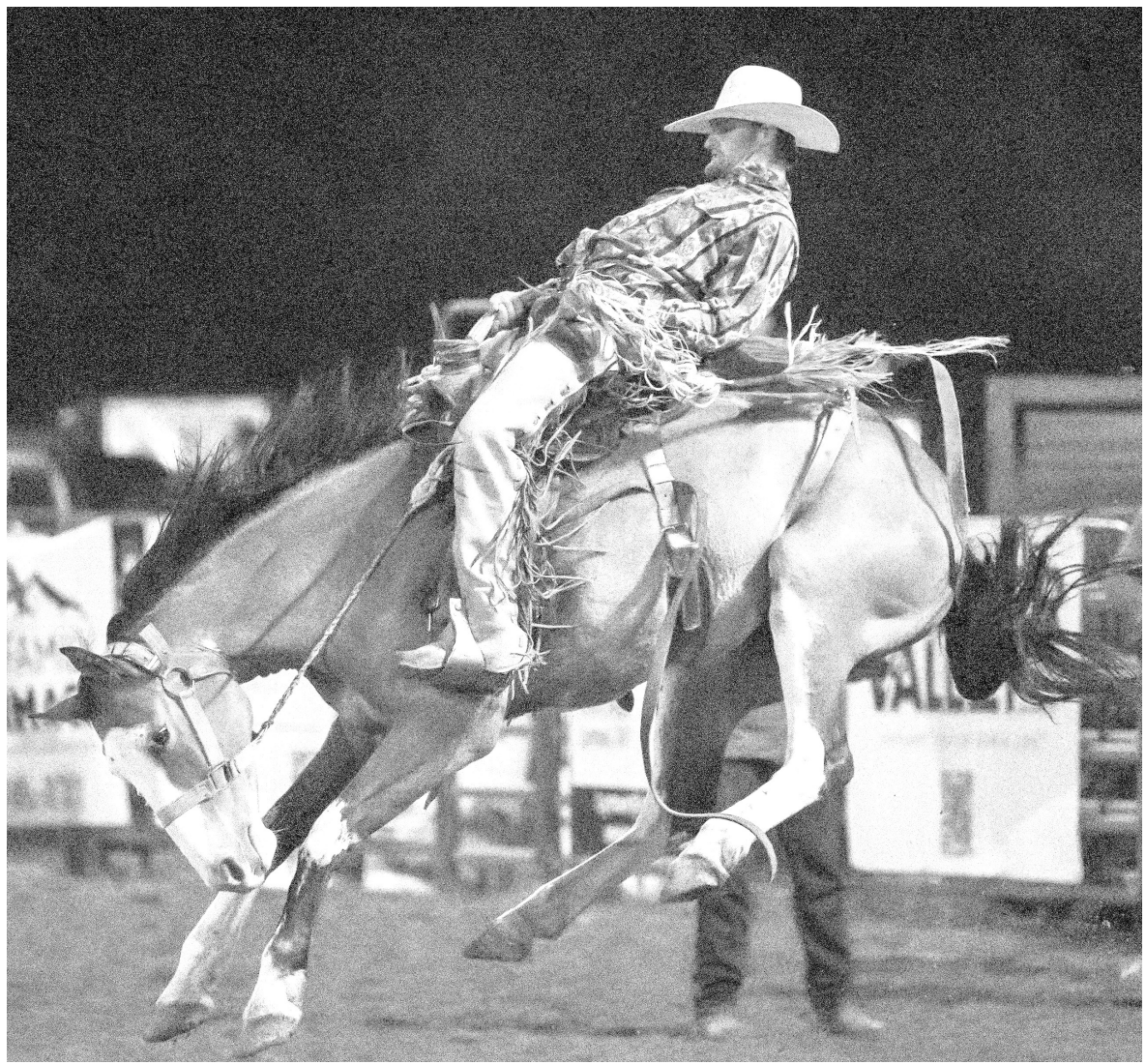
The Grand Marshal for this year's Pioneer rodeos was Farrell Alleman, a long-time Bridger Valley insurance representative who has participated in events around the Valley and helped many years behind the scenes at the rodeos. Hickey said over the week's rodeo events there were about 3,000 spectators.

The rodeo extravaganza kicked off last Monday, July 22, with the queen and royalty contest. Reagen Eardley took the honors this year as the Rodeo Queen. Audry King was the first attendant. Abigale Hooten was named Jr. Queen. Her first attendant was Vivian Dille and second attendant was Tegan Harris. Ellie Mae Mackey earned the Princess title. She was attended by Loraine France and Daisy Hickey, first and second respectively. These girls reigned over this year's rodeo activities.

The girls were judged on their horsemanship, appearance and impromptu questions.

All Around Cowboy Honors was claimed by Jed Olson and All Around Cowgirl Honors was claimed by Jennifer Hickey. The Novice All Around honors was a three-way tie by Joni Ellis, Addison Hickey and TeGann Powell.

As all cowboys know, the cowgirls also prove to be tough on the horse and in the arena, reflecting how ranching families work their ranches.



Riding for the time and the money in the pot of the saddle bronc division of the finals rodeo last Saturday night in Lyman. COURTESY PHOTO/Eric Wyatt

Tuesday night's activities featured barrel racing and team roping. Rodeo chair Hickey said there were 47 barrel racers and 325 team roping teams who competed at this event.

Wednesday night's action, July 24, was the Junior Rodeo, open to four age groups: pee-wee, youth, juniors and seniors. Events will include things like dummy roping, barrels, poles, steer riding, team roping heading and heeling, breakaway roping and more. Hickey said there were 425 entries in the junior rodeo.

The qualifying ranch rodeo was held Friday, July 26, and featured events in which cowboys went head-to-head against each other on ranches. This year's rodeo also featured the rescue race in which a person stands on a barrel, a rider rides by and plucks the person off the barrel and races back to the finish line.

A multitude of events were included such as team doctoring, a triathlon (breakaway roping, turn a barrel and goat tying), sorting and branding and a hide race. The top six competitors in each event earned a spot at the finals rodeo last Saturday night.

The finals rodeo also featured the ladies goat milking event, team doctoring and stock saddle bronc riding. For the saddle bronc pot, Henderson's Meat donated \$500 to be added to the pot,

which consisted of that and all of the entry fees for the saddle bronc riding. Hickey said there were more stock bronc riders this year than ever before.

The Rodeo Corporation, which spearheads the Pioneer Days Rodeo, has operated the rodeo for over 25 years. Hickey said the rodeo committee always appreciates the behind-the-scenes help and credited these people, over 100, who help with the rodeo being organized and put on year-after-year.

Hickey expressed multiple times 'thank you' to the volunteers and everyone who helps in any way. He said the corporation was dependent on the volunteers who freely give their time and other donations to make sure the rodeos are put on for the Pioneer Day celebration.



Edging into the turn as they round the barrel during the barrel racing event last week on Tuesday for the Pioneer Days Rodeo. COURTESY PHOTO/Eric Wyatt



Riding for the rescue at the Pioneer Days Rodeo last week. COURTESY PHOTO/Eric Wyatt

2024 Pioneer Days Ranch Rodeo results

- Open Team Doctoring**
1st-Blace Martin, Dylan Martin, Quinn Martin
2nd-Tucker Pace, Garrett Thackery, Chaz Shafer
3rd-Jerimyah Johnson, Matt Broadbent, KoDale Powell
- Novice Team Doctoring**
1st-Carl Hickey, Jennifer Hickey, Addison Hickey
2nd-Jed Olson, Oaklee Olson, Lillie Hickey
3rd-DeEtte Anderson, KoDale Powell, TeGann Powell
- Triathlon**
1st-Cal France
2nd-DeEtte Anderson
3rd-Lorraine France
- Open Team Branding**
1st-Quinn Martin, Blace Martin, Annamarie Martin, Dylan Martin
2nd-Jed Olson, Oakley Olson, Zac Schofield, Robert Asay
3rd-Carl Hickey, Jennifer Hickey, Jed Olson, Justin Antonino
- Novice Team Branding**
1st-Logan Luper, Hazer Branham, Hann Luper, Maddi Luper
2nd-Logan Ellis, Britney Esterholdt, Kesley Ellis, Skyer Ellis
3rd-Justin Antonino, Rylee Antonino, Taylor

- Antonino, Hailee Antonino
- Open Team Sorting**
1st-Casey Wegener, Savannah Wegener, Tony Grieves
2nd-Jed Olson, Zac Schofield, Robert Asay
3rd-Marley Slagowski, JD Slagowski, Cameron Potter
- Novice Team Sorting**
1st-Brady Christensen, Jill Wilkins, Audrey King
2nd-Stu Hickman, Grace Whiting, Wade Whiting
3rd-Levi Esterholdt, Britney Esterholdt, Kesley Ellis
- Rescue Race**
1st-Justin Ellis, Layni Ellis
2nd-Justin Ellis, Joni Ellis
3rd-Carl Hickey, Tyree Hickey
- Hide Race**
1st-Tim Redmon, Kahl Redmon, Ian Redmon
2nd-Tim Redmon, Claire Redmon, Isabell Redmon
3rd-Justin, Rylee, and Taylor Antonino
- Stock Saddle Bronc**
1st-Chaz Shafer
2nd-Weston Mavity
3rd-Nathan Adams and Jaden Cornia
- All-Around Champions**
All-Around Cowboy- Jed Olson

- All-Around Cowgirl-Jennifer Hickey
Novice All-Around/3 way tie
Joni Ellis
Addison Hickey
TeGann Powell
- Junior Rodeo Results:**
- Pewee ages 7 and under**
Pewee Barrels
1st-Daisy Hickey
2nd-Kaisly Kennedy
3rd-Daizee Potter
- Pewee Dummy Roping**
1st-Tryan Hoffman
2nd-Colte Potter
3rd-Kanin Kennedy
- Pewee Goat Ribbon Pull**
1st-Warren France
2nd-Cal Fredrickson
3rd-Daizee Potter
- Pewee Poles**
1st-Kaisley Kennedy
2nd-Daisy Hickey
3rd-Sutton Merritt
- Youth ages 8-10**
Youth Barrels
1st-Ebby Okarma
2nd-Lorraine France

- 3rd-Hawkins Hoffman
- Youth Boys Goat tying**
1st-Stockton Douglas
2nd-Colte Potter
3rd-Waylon Potter
- Youth Girls Goat tying**
1st-Denali Keetch
2nd-Kashlee Hill
3rd-Lorraine France
- Youth Dummy Roping**
1st-Hawkins Hoffman
2nd-Rainey Potter
3rd-Layfe Slagowski
- Youth Poles**
1st-Ebby Okarma
2nd-Lorraine France
3rd-Denali Keetch
- Youth Steer Daubing**
1st-Lorraine France
2nd-Danali Keetch
3rd-Daisy Hickey
- Youth Steer Riding**
1st-Colte Potter
2nd-Hawkins Hoffman
3rd-Travis Stiles
- Junior ages 11-14**
Jr. Barrels
1st-Oaklee Olson
2nd-Charly Potter

- 3rd-Chaislee Leavitt
- Jr. Boys Goat Tying**
1st-Bodrie Merritt
2nd-TeGann Powell
3rd-Chase Westerberg
- Jr. Girls Goat Tying**
1st-Chaislee Leavitt
2nd-Oaklee Hoffman
3rd-Bailey Douglas
- Jr. Breakaway**
1st-Stetson Douglas
2nd-TeGann Powell
3rd-Oaklee Hoffman
- Jr. Chute Dogging**
1st-TeGann Powell
2nd-Bodrie Merritt
3rd-Hunter Cornia
- Jr. Pole bending**
1st-Oaklee Hoffman
2nd-Ridlee Ream
3rd-Keianna Lester
- Jr. Ribbon Roping**
1st-Stetson Douglas & Bailey Douglas
2nd-Orrin Hickey & Oaklee Olson
3rd-TeGann Powell & Ridlee Ream

Sports/Outdoors

➤ 2024 Pioneer Days Rodeo Royalty



Pictured are Reagen Eardley, left back, who was named the 2024 Pioneer Days Rodeo Queen. She is pictured with Audry King, the queen's first attendant; Abigale Hooten who was named Jr. Queen; her first attendant Vivian Dille and second attendant Tegan Harris; Princess Ellie Mae Mackey; her first attendant Loraine France and second attendant Daisy Hickey.

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RODEO RESULTS, continued from page A7



Jr. Steer Riding

- 1st Orrin Hickey
- 2nd Weston Maxfield
- 3rd-Oaklee Olson

Jr. Heading

- 1st-Stetson Douglas
- 2nd-Oaklee Olson
- 3rd-Bauer Keetch

Jr. Heeling

- 1st-TeGann Powell
- 2nd -Bauer Keetch
- 3rd-Bodrie Merritt

Senior Ages 15-18

Sr. Barrels

- 1st-Haily Jo. Ream
- 2nd- Kendra Huntington
- 3rd- Lexie Snyder

Sr. Breakaway

- 1st-McKinlee Covolo
- 2nd-Sage Cooley
- 3rd-Zoey Robison

Sr. Chute Dogging

- 1st-KoDale Powell
- 2nd-Kutler Keetch
- 3rd-Brix Hooten

Sr. Goat Tying

- 1st-Annalene France
- 2nd-Sage Cooley
- 3rd-McKinlee Covolo

Sr. Poles

- 1st-Haily Jo Ream
- 2nd-Sage Cooley
- 3rd-McKinlee Covolo

Sr. Ribbon Roping

- 1st- Cal France & Addison Hickey
- 2nd- Casey Walker & Jamie Walker
- 3rd-KoDale Powell & Haily Jo

Ream

Sr. Steer Riding

- 1st Hunter Maxfield
- 2nd-KoDale Powell
- 3rd-Gavin Huntington

Sr. Heading

- 1st-Logan Lovernidge
- 2nd-KoDale Powell
- 3rd-Annalene France

Sr. Heeling

- 1st-Teague Goodman
- 2nd-Casey Walker
- 3rd-Lillie Hickey

Sr. Tie-Down

- 1st- Cal France
- 2nd-Casey Walker
- 3rd-KoDale Powell

Junior Rodeo Champions

Pewee All-Arounds

- Cowgirl-Daisy Hickey
- Cowboy-Warren France

Youth All-Arounds

- Cowgirl-Loraine France
- Cowboy-Hawkins Hoffman

Junior All-Arounds

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Poacher convicted for illegal elk hunting in Wyoming

CODY (WNE) — In a significant victory against wildlife poaching, Kevin Ackerlund from Cody was convicted on July 17 for illegally hunting and killing two bull elk in Park County, Wyoming.

Ackerlund, 45, was found guilty of multiple offenses related to illegal elk hunting.

The case came to light on Nov. 25, 2023, when Andy Johnson from Trail Creek Ranch reported suspicious hunting activities to G&F Warden Travis Crane. Ackerlund had been hunting in elk area 54 but was found to have killed a bull elk in the neighboring area 53 without the proper license.

The G&F investigation revealed Ackerlund had shot a bull elk on Nov.18, 2023, in the Pat O'Hara Basin (elk area 54) and left it due to its poor condition. He then killed another bull elk on Nov. 24, 2023, in elk area 53. Professional guides Jordan Martoglio and Jake Skeen confirmed the illegal activities, leading to a detailed inves-

tigation by Warden Crane.

Crane's investigation included reviewing Ackerlund's vehicle records and his cell phone.

A search warrant executed on Dec. 5, 2023, at Ackerlund's residence uncovered the elk's head, antlers, a rifle, an elk cape and blood swabs from his pickup truck. Forensic analysis confirmed the elk samples matched those found at the crime scenes.

Coded text messages regarding the kills, along with photographs of dead bull elk, were crucial in establishing Ackerlund's illegal activities. The photos, which had been deleted but recovered from the phone's trash folder, depicted the elk he had killed.

Ackerlund was charged with three misdemeanors: entering private property without permission, wanton destruction of a big game animal and taking a bull elk without a license. He was sentenced to pay \$6,220 in fines and restitution, and his hunting privileges were suspended for three years.



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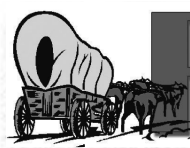


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PUBLISHED: July 26, August 2, 2024 24146

PUBLIC NOTICES HEARING

The Town of Lyman Planning and Zoning will hold a public hearing on August 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. This hearing is regarding a request from Gary Laramie to have 35 - 40 horses at time for foaling, breeding, and training of horses at 402 E. Owen.
The Town of Lyman Planning and Zoning will hold a public hearing on August 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Lyman Town Hall. This hearing is regarding a request from Francis Hadden to have 2-3 horses, 2-3 times a month for his daughter's rodeos at 408 E. Walnut.
PUBLISHED: August 2, 2024 24150

STATE OF WYOMING COUNTY OF UINTA IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME) THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT) Civil Action) CHANGE OF: Heather Dawn Young, Petitioner) Case No. 2024-CV-59

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Heather Dawn Young has filed a Petition for Name Change in the Wyoming District Court for the Third District, 225 9th Street, Evanston, WY 82930, the object and prayer of which is to change to name of the above-named person from Heather Dawn Young to Heather Dawn Day. Any objection must be filed with the District Court within 30 days following last date of publication of this Notice or the Petition may be granted.
Dated July 10, 2024
By Clerk of District Court /s/ A. VanWeerd, Deputy
PUBLISHED: July 26, Aug 2, 9, 16, 2024 24140

UINTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 PUBLICATION OF WARRANTS

Pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 21-3-110(A) of Wyoming Education Code, following are warrants over \$500.00 approved by Uinta County School District #6, Lyman, Wyoming, JULY 2024 208, WYOMING WOOD FLOORS LLS, 10220.92; 204, FIRST BANK OF MT. VIEW, 18157.34; 207, WYOMING WOOD FLOORS LLS, 40883.67; 205, RMC FLOORING, 73552.4; 362, VISION SERVICE PLAN, 1523.51; 365, VISION SERVICE PLAN, 1523.51; 361, DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF WYOMING, 11892.4; 364, DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF WYOMING, 13319.8; 363, WSBAT, 146953.35; 1202, MCGRAW-HILL SCHOOL EDUCATION, 4668.78; 1203, SCHOOL DIST#6 GENERAL FUND, 62531.66; 9249, TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC., 510; 9237, LEMICH LAW CENTER, 542.53; 9241, NORCO, 636.86; 8042, NATIONAL BENEFIT SERVICES, LLC, 641.67; 9218, BENEDICT'S ACE HARDWARE, 666.22; 8128, SCHOOL DIST#6SS, 792.06; 9243, READING TRUCK, 836.61; 9256, WYOMING WASTE SERVICE, 894.41; 9259, TK WINDOW AND DOOR, 920; 9242, PARKER POE, 939.88; 9224, COAL CREEK LAW, 965.99; 9225, CODALE ELECTRIC, 1035; 9254, WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, 1120.11; 8115, GREAT-WEST TRUST COMPANY, 1150; 8049, THE HARTFORD, 1195.6; 8044, SCHOOL DIST #6 HOUSING, 1200; 8056, WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM #2, 1233.51; 9245, RED CASTLE PHYSICAL THERAPY LLC, 1300; 9221, BRIDGER VALLEY MOTOR, 1305.28; 9219, "BLUEMEL, BRUCE", 1330.02; 8050, The Lincoln National Life Insurance Compa, 1470.5; 8133, WYO DEPT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES, 1573.27; 9255, WYOMING SCHOOL-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP, 1724; 8054, WYOMING EDUCATIONAL ASSOC., 1842.82; 8053, WYO DEPT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES, 1964.32; 9216, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, 2001.53; 9253, WH-SAA, 2100; 9250, UNION TELEPHONE COMPANY, 2146.97; 9234, FIRST BANKCARD, 2230.06; 8129, SCHOOL DIST#6 EMPLOYEE GROUP, 2711.09; 9233, FIRST BANK OF MT. VIEW, 3486.77; 9252, WEX BANK FLEET, 3498.43; 9257, XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES, 3539.24; 9258, WHSAA, 3780; 9244, REAL KLEEN JANITORIAL & REPAIR, 4280; 8118, SCHOOL DIST#6 MEDICARE, 4704.98; 8126, NON-NEGOTIABLE, 5052.53; 8040, GREAT-WEST TRUST COMPANY, 6052.9; 9235, HILLTOP NATIONAL BANK, 6974.06; 9229, DOMINION ENERGY, 8918.64; 9238, MENLO, INC., 8997.73; 9248, TOWN OF LYMAN, 10988.85; 8121, SCHOOL DIST#6 PAYROLL TAXES, 11190.24; 8045, SCHOOL DIST#6 MEDICARE, 12592.22; 8119, SCHOOL DIST#6SS, 20117.98; 9220, BRIDGER VALLEY ELECTRIC, 21664.91; 8048, SCHOOL DIST#6 PAYROLL TAXES, 29284.51; 8120, SCHOOL DIST#6 EMPLOYEE GROUP, 36397.57; 8046, SCHOOL DIST#6SS, 53842.98; 8055, WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM, 82247.62; 8047, SCHOOL DIST#6 EMPLOYEE GROUP, 124724.28; 8117, NON-NEGOTIABLE, 137961.87; 57, GORILLA BOX, 8598.11; 620, SCHOOL DIST#6 GENERAL FUND, 20600.11; 140, UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, 745; 139, WESTERN WYOMING COLLEGE, 1245; 624, SCHOOL DIST#6 GENERAL FUND, 13162.6; 1364, FIRST BANKCARD, 13884.071; JASON LAMBERTI, TREASURER, UINTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #6, LYMAN, WYOMING, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE HEREBY TO BE CORRECT. /S/ JASON LAMBERTI, UCSD #6.
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Sports

‘Better on the hoof’

Wyoming enjoys bigger, faster, stronger start to fall camp after productive offseason

By RYAN THORBURN
Pokes Insider

LARAMIE — For the first time in a decade, Craig Bohl was not on the field for the start of fall camp at Wyoming.

If the program’s long-time head coach were in attendance he would have said: “We look better on the hoof.”

The 2024 Cowboys are bigger, faster and stronger than last year’s team, which closed out the Bohl era with nine wins.

Eric Donoval, UW’s director of sports performance for football, said offensive players added a combined 437 pounds and defensive players added a combined 346 pounds since the veterans returned in January for the winter strength and conditioning program. After arriving on campus in June the incoming freshmen added a combined 105 pounds.

During summer workouts nine different players reached 22 mph on their GPS trackers, 27 eclipsed 21 mph and 46 hit 20 mph.

“I’m happy with the football team,” first-year head coach Jay Sawvel said after Wednesday’s practice, which was split between War Memorial Stadium and the Indoor Practice Facility. “One of the things we talked about was practice one of fall camp we had to be a better football team than what we were practice 14 or 15 of spring ball. I felt today we were in that regard.”

“There were a lot of good things, so we didn’t have to start over and take six practices to get back on track. That’s a big key.”

All eyes during the



COURTESY PHOTO/UW Cowboy Football

practice, which Sawvel opened to the media, were on starting quarterback Evan Svoboda. There are lofty internal expectations for the 6-foot-5, 245-pound junior as the new No. 17 leads new offensive coordinator Jay Johnson’s attack.

“It went pretty well,” Svoboda said during the post-practice stretch before conducting a series of interviews with local reporters. “Shaking a little rust off.”

Svoboda has some dynamic weapons to utilize this fall, led by tight end John Michael Gyllenborg, who checked into camp at 247 pounds and is expected to be targeted more after finishing with 13 catches for 360 yards and three touchdowns last season.

“He’s revving,” starting running back Harrison Waylee, who has added 15 pounds of muscle to his frame since last season, said of Svoboda. “He just wants it all, he’s ready to

play, ready to lead. I understand people are comparing him to Josh Allen, but he’s his own person. He’s going to go out there and show everyone what he can do. ...

“I think John Mike is a robot. He’s freakishly strong, he’s the perfect size, NFL caliber and, wow, he’s going to be really good. I’m glad he’s somebody that is on our team and not somebody else’s team.”

Waylee and wide receivers Alex Brown, Chris Durr Jr., Tyler King, Will Pelissier and Jaylen Sargent are members of UW’s 22 mph club.

Sawvel noted that hiring UW legend Jovon Bouknight as an offensive analyst to assist wide receivers coach Mike Grant allows the staff to have well-trained eyes on the skill players when the team is doing double-reps on two different fields.

“I do know watching (Donoval) and the early runs that these guys

are rolling,” Bouknight said on the One Wyoming Podcast. “These guys are upbeat, they’re doing extra work, you can see it on the side. These guys are putting in the time, they’re investing the time to be great. Somewhere along the line, I imagine it started with Coach Bohl, but Coach Sawvel is doing the right things, man. He’s got these guys believing, he’s got these guys invested and obviously they have phenomenal resources there that complement them.

“I think this team is going to be really, really good. That’s not just me saying it, that’s me being from different programs and just seeing what it looks like right before fall camp. And it looks really good.”

Dawaiian McNeely, who missed the entire 2023 season with a

torn ACL, participated in Wednesday’s practice. Sawvel said the bruising senior running back will not be rushed back with Waylee, Jamari Ferrell and Sam Scott all returning and the addition of explosive North Carolina transfer DJ Jones.

“Dawaiian has come along to a good place right now,” Sawvel said. “I know he’s a really good football player and I know he’s a guy that can help us. But we’ve also got Harrison, DJ, Jamari, Sam Scott.”

UW’s defense also had a highly productive offseason with some established players making significant gains in the weight room.

Defensive tackle Jordan Bertagnole, a preseason all-Mountain West team selection, is at 295 pounds after starting the 2023 season at 287 pounds. Junior defensive ends Sabastian Harsh (251 pounds)

and Braden Siders (252 pounds) are up a combined 26 pounds since last season when they played through nagging injuries. Senior safety Wyatt Ekeler is up from 197 to 210 pounds.

“I think a big component is the structured top-down accountability with meals and treatment and all those kind of things,” Donoval said. “Skipping meals, I can probably count on one hand the amount of missed meals we had throughout the whole summer. The nutrition side certainly helps aid what we do.”

Right now, the only number Sawvel cares about is practice No. 2.

“We just go one day at a time, so when we go out there (Thursday) we’ve got to play better, execute cleaner, play faster, be able to do it the whole length of the practice,” Sawvel said. “Then the same thing on Friday and the same thing on Saturday.”

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