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Gov. Mark Gordon speaks to journalists during the Wyoming Press Association annual convention in January. Gordon said last week that he's pleased with TerraPower's recent decision to source uranium from South Africa for its Kemmerer facility. (FILE PHOTO/Don Cogger)

Gordon applauds TerraPower's uranium sourcing announcement

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Gov. Mark Gordon congratulated TerraPower for its announcement Wednesday of efforts to secure a consistent source of non-Russian high-assay low-enriched uranium (HALEU) as a positive strategy for Wyoming and the nation.

Last summer, following an extensive process involving four finalist communities, TerraPower broke ground on Natrium — its first commercial-scale nuclear plant, in Kemmerer, near an existing coal facility.

According to TerraPower's release, securing access to HALEU "... serves as one of many investments TerraPower has in the Natrium reactor and energy storage system being developed in Kemmerer."

"Recognizing domestic production of uranium is not yet at capacity, TerraPower's procurement of non-Russian uranium is a welcome and smart move that will benefit the plant in Kemmerer, our state, and our country," Gordon said in a news release. "I applaud TerraPower's commitment to continue to pursue Wyoming uranium opportunities. A consistent source of HALEU is vital for the new generation of small modular nuclear facilities and domestic security."

"It's important we avail ourselves of a balanced all-of-the-above, multi-source energy portfolio to meet rising demand here in Wyoming, in the West and nationwide," Gordon said.

Wyoming's maternity care erosion continues with Evanston closure

Evanston Regional Hospital will stop labor and delivery services on Dec. 30, citing declining demand. It will be the fourth Wyoming unit to close in the last decade.

By Katie Klingsporn
WyoFile.com

At five months pregnant, Kemmerer mom Alyssa Vasey had her birth all planned out. When the time came, she was going to make the nearly one-hour drive to Evanston, where her trusted OB-GYN practices, and give birth in the hospital's labor and delivery ward.

But then on Tuesday, a friend tagged her in a Facebook post about the Evanston hospital's birthing center closing. She initially balked.

"I thought it was just gossip," she said.

She called her doctor's office, however, and the receptionist confirmed the news. The Evanston Memorial Hospital also officially announced the closure Tuesday.

The news left Vasey, a mother of two small children, with few choices and little direction about how to proceed. Kemmerer's hospital shuttered its maternity ward two years ago. She could have a home birth with a midwife, but she and her husband are nervous about the possibility of complications and a consequent LifeFlight or ambulance ride from their remote Kemmerer home. Another choice is to drive to Utah, where there



Evanston Regional Hospital will close its labor and delivery unit on Dec. 30, which will impact pregnant women and families in southwest Wyoming. (COURTESY PHOTO/Evanston Regional Hospital)

are plentiful options, but with her due date falling in early March, the likelihood of bad weather is high, which could lead to closed roads or dangerous conditions, not to mention the costs involved with traveling for prenatal and delivery.

"There's a few options that we've been discussing, but it just seems like they're all bad options," she said. "It's hard to make a good choice when none of the choices are adequate."

The closure is the latest development in the decade-long erosion of maternity care in the state, where delivery units have shuttered, hospitals have struggled to attract and retain sufficient staff and diminishing care puts pregnant people and their babies at risk as they travel longer distances to find services. The erosion also poses existential threats to communities, as adequate health care is crucial

to attracting young families to rural towns, state leaders say. Though lawmakers and health care professionals have been searching for solutions, no single answer has emerged.

"It's really complicated. There is no silver bullet," said Jen Simon, who founded the Wyoming Women's Action Network. "But also, if we want to continue to have strong communities and even a strong economy, that really is predicated on having healthy pregnancies and people knowing where they can go for care — people having options to have babies in the state."

Declining demand

Evanston Memorial Hospital will become the fourth Wyoming facility since 2014 to close down its labor and delivery unit — leaving a service gap in the state's southwest corner. In its Tuesday announcement, the hospital

cited declining demand. It will discontinue the unit on Dec. 30.

"While this decision was difficult, we remain committed to meeting the needs of our patients," hospital CEO Cheri Willard said in a press release. "Over the years, we've experienced a steady decline in demand, with an average of six deliveries per month. Patients are choosing to give birth at nearby facilities, and we want to meet those evolving needs in our community."

Volume matters when it comes to hospitals' bottom lines, Josh Hannes, vice president of the Wyoming Hospital Association, told WyoFile in 2023. In obstetrics, hospitals staff for capacity, "which entails a certain amount of cost whether you deliver one baby a month or 1,000 babies a month," he said. "You still

CLOSURE, A3



The U.S. Forest Service will work over the next three to five years to improve access and revitalize a 180-mile trail network on Commissary Ridge in the Bridger-Teton National Forest. (COURTESY PHOTO/Adam Calkins)

Local 180-mile trail network to be revitalized

By Rana Jones
Gazette Reporter

In a push to improve access to the overlooked southern Wyoming Range, the U.S. Forest Service has begun efforts to revitalize a 180-mile trail network on Commissary Ridge in the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Kemmerer District Ranger Adam Calkins, who is leading the project, said the initiative aims to

reverse decades of neglect due to budget and staffing limitations.

These trails, overgrown and degraded by erosion and fallen trees, have seen little maintenance over the past 20 years. But soon, hikers, hunters, anglers and equestrians alike will enjoy upgraded trails and enhanced access.

The Forest Service mapped trail conditions and pinpointed areas most in need of repair. Calkins said about 80%

of the trail system has been inventoried and they are now using that data to build a trail masterplan.

"Feedback from the public is very important," he said.

Calkins, who lives in Kemmerer, emphasized his commitment to the area, noting that his children go to school here and the community is very important to

NETWORK, A12

Council talks codes, airport improvements, downtown development

By Rana Jones
Gazette Reporter

The Kemmerer City Council met on Monday, Oct. 28, to address several community issues, including updates to the city's animal code, upcoming airport improvements and a proposal for downtown development.

The council resumed ongoing discussions about potential changes to the city code regulating animals and fowls, with a particular focus on poultry kept on private properties. The need for updates to Chapter 5 of the code has been under consideration, spurred by difficulties in enforcement.

Kemmerer City Attorney Dean Stout addressed the challenges of enforcing chicken ownership rules, especially when households own multiple birds.

"Code enforcement with poultry is challenging because of the difficulty to identify ownership," Stout said. "When there are up to a dozen chickens per household, it is more challenging to enforce."

While some council members voiced that current codes specifically addressing chickens were sufficient, others felt modifications were necessary.

COUNCIL, A3

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Today: Windy with a few clouds from time to time. Gusts could exceed 30 mph at times.

Tonight: Partly cloudy.

High: 27 **Low:** 8
Chance of Precip: 25%

For a full weather outlook, see page A2.



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Community

Book Nook

Thank a vet for their service

By Shawnee Moore
Cokeville Branch Library

Veterans Day is officially observed on November 11, regardless of the day of the week that it falls on. Many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a day for honoring and remembering military personnel who died while serving their country.

Veterans Day is a day to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military. Veterans Day is intended to thank living veterans for their service.

An unknown World War I soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in 1921. This site became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans. Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor.

These memorials all took place on November 11, giving recognition to the



ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., Nov. 11, 1918. (The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.) The day became known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later. The first celebration using the term Veterans

Day occurred in Birmingham Alabama in 1947. Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized "National Veterans Day," which included a parade and festivities to honor all veterans.

U.S Rep. Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, congress passed the bill that President Eisenhower signed proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.

Raymond Weeks received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Reagan in November 1982. His local parade and ceremonies are now an annual event celebrated nationwide.

Cokeville has a Veterans Day celebration every year where the elementary school puts on a program and slideshow honoring our local veterans. Afterward they are invited to a luncheon provided by the school. I enjoy attending this program every year and look forward to honoring our local veterans as well as all those who served our country.

Weather outlook

Wednesday: Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. A mostly clear sky overnight.
High: 30 Low: 7 Chance of Precip: 10%

Thursday: Sunny skies with 5-10 mph winds throughout the day will give way to a mostly clear sky at night.
High: 31 Low: 9 Chance of Precip: 5%

Friday: Mainly sunny with 10-15 mph winds. Clear skies at night.
High: 38 Low: 16 Chance of Precip: 5%

Saturday: Plentiful sunshine with 10-15 mph winds. A few clouds from time to time overnight.
High: 39 Low: 20 Chance of Precip: 5%

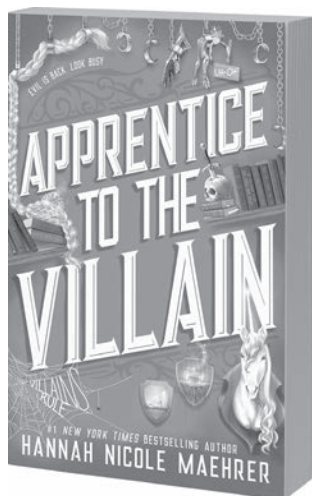
SENIOR CENTER MENU

- Thursday, Nov. 7** – Ribs, applesauce, cornbread, muffins, potato salad, coleslaw, one percent milk.
- Friday, Nov 8** – Cod sandwich, chips, carrots, strawberry shortcake, one percent milk.
- Monday, Nov. 11** – Pork chops, apple sauce, potatoes, mixed veggies, roll, margarine, one percent milk.
- Tuesday, Nov 12** – Sloppy joes, pickles, chips, coleslaw, cookie, one percent milk.
- Wednesday, Nov. 13** – Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, roll, margarine, garden salad, dressing, ice cream and cake, one percent milk.

Kemmerer Senior Center is located at 105 J. C. Penney Dr., Kemmerer. Please call before 9:00 a.m. for home delivered meals. Senior meals are \$4; non-senior meals are \$6. Call 877-3806 with questions. All meals are subject to change. Every other Thursday the senior center sells cinnamon rolls, eat in or take out for \$5. Oct. 31 will be the next day for cinnamon rolls.

Book review: 'Apprentice to the Villain'

By Alicen Rapier
Thayne Branch Library



What lengths would one go to in order to save a loved one? Scale buildings, embark on an epic quest, or consume a potion that induces a death-like state, relying on someone they may not fully trust to revive them in time? What if engaging in espionage is necessary? Does one deserve love and a favorable conclusion despite their villainous nature?

These are just a few of the questions we hope to answer in Hannah Nicole Meahrer's modern love story set in medieval times — the second book in the Villain series, "Apprentice to the Villain."

In book one we are introduced to our heroine, Evie Sage, who stumbles into a job working for the town villain. She is ecstatic about this because she thinks the villain is just so hot! At the end of book one, the villain is captured by the king, and Evie is determined to rescue

him! Of course this means there is a big rescue to be planned and executed.

Book two delves into the rescue of the villain. Does it go well? Debatable. Awry? Definitely! Readers get an insight into our villain, how he became the villain, and question if he really is a villain?

Political intrigue builds as the villain and king go toe to toe with each other. The villain is determined to

stop a prophecy that would destroy the kingdom, but the king is just as determined to make it come about.

Evie demonstrates her strength of character and belief in people through her choices and actions to stop the prophecy from happening. Evie and the villain's playful, witty banter is enough to make you laugh out loud and groan in frustration.

The dynamics of the villain's office from the HR to the interns being tortured is hilarious! Evie learns how family, whether blood related or chosen, impacts us all for good and bad. Then finally, how as humans, we crave to be loved and needed.

This book is light-heart-

ed, fun, and fantastical to read! The characters are relatable and the story moves at a quick pace. Almost anything your imagination could come up with happens in this book, including dragons, magic, and talking animals and objects. Will Evie and the villain acknowledge their feelings for one another?

What does Evie's dead-but-not-dead mother have to do with saving the kingdom? Is our villain really the villain? In truth, is Evie becoming the villain of our story?

Come discover the answers to these questions, and take on the epic quest of reading this series by checking it out from the library or the Libby app!

Wyoming Judicial Branch warns against jury duty scams

CHEYENNE (WNE) — The Wyoming Judicial Branch is alerting residents about an increase in jury duty scams reported in Wyoming.

These scams are similar to those occurring in other parts of the country.

Scammers are targeting citizens by impersonating law enforcement officers or court officials, claiming that people have missed jury duty and now face arrest unless they pay a fine immediately.

These fraudulent calls often use high-pressure tactics and

SCAMS, A6

LaBarge Area Churches

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
171 LaBarge Street
386-2201
Sunday School..... 11:20 a.m.
Priesthood and R. S. 10:30 a.m.
Sacrament Meeting 12:20 p.m.
Youth Classes (Primary and Nursery) 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays:
Young Men 7 p.m.
Young Women 7 p.m.
Everyone is invited to attend each week

The Potter's House
On Calpet Road
386-2420
Co-Pastors
Tony and Gwenette Portera
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening
Home Fellowship..... 6 p.m.

Fellowship Baptist Church
Located on Main Street
120 West 3rd Ave (along HWY 189)
386-9252
Pastor Paul Nittler
Adult & Children's Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
coffee and nursery provided
Youth Meeting groups for ages K thru 12
1st and last Wednesday of each month
(dinner provided)..... 6:30 p.m

LaBarge Catholic Church
373 N. Wildcat (SOS Building)
(307) 877-4573
Rev. Dave Erickson
2nd and 4th Sundays
Mass 11:30 a.m.

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Kemmerer, Diamondville and Opal Area Churches

Berta Penney Memorial United Methodist Church
Sage and Garnet Streets
307-800-2087
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Starting on November 3, 2024.

Valley Evangelical Free Church
Sage and Sapphire Streets
877-9305
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church and Nursery provided

Living Water Community Church
619 Pearl Street
307-248-0852
Pastor Alan Bella
Sunday..... 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
Sage and Opal Streets
727-7095
Rev. Jonathan Lange
Sunday School..... 8:00 a.m.
Divine Services..... 9:00 a.m.
Matins Services..... Wed.-9:00 a.m.

Grace Baptist Church
Independent Fundamental Baptist
905 Pine Avenue
871-3214
Pastor Richard Hartman
Sunday School 9:45
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Prayer & Bible study
Wednesday evenings 7 p.m.

Opal Baptist Church
140 Chrisman, Opal
307-389-9436
Pastor Robert Chapin
Sunday Worship 4 p.m.

St. James Episcopal Church
Cedar and Pearl, Kemmerer
307-723-3292
Sunday Worship..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School/Youth Group 9:00 a.m.
..... on the 1st and 3rd Sundays
Facebook: St.JamesKemmerer

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
65 McGovern, Diamondville
877-4573
Father Dave Erickson
Weekday Mass
Monday, Wednesday - Friday
..... 7:00 AM
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 PM
Sunday Mass 9:00 AM
Confessions -- by appointment

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Elk Mountain Ward
Dell Rio Drive, Kemmerer
Sacrament 9:30-10:30am
Primary 10:30-11:30am
Sunday School (1st and 3rd Sundays) 10:30-11:30am
YW/YM/EQ/RS (2nd and 4th Sundays) 10:30-11:30am

Oyster Ridge Ward
Antelope and Third West, Diamondville
Sacrament 9:00am-10:00am
Primary 10:00-11:00am
Sunday School (1st and 3rd Sundays) 10:00-11:00am
YW/YM/EQ/RS (2nd and 4th Sundays) 10:00-11:00am

Fossil Butte Ward
Antelope and Third West, Diamondville
Sacrament 11:00am-12:00pm
Primary 12:00-1:00pm
Sunday School (1st and 3rd Sundays) 12:00-1:00pm
YW/YM/EQ/RS (2nd and 4th Sundays) 12:00-1:00pm

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Lincoln County School District #1 Board of Trustees

Tuesday, November 11, 2024
Tentative Agenda
Regular Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Agenda Review
- Student and Staff Recognition
- Consent Items
 - A. Financial
 - Payment of Bills
 - Monthly Financial Report
 - B. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - C. Homeschool
- Public Input
- Executive Session
- Action Items
 - A. Policy KF/KF-R/KF-E, 3rd Reading
 - B. Policy KCD, 3rd Reading
 - C. Combination School Agreement with Mountain View – Indoor Track
- Discussion Items
 - A. WSBA Resolutions
 - B. Christmas Social – December 3rd
 - C. Policy JICA, 2nd Reading
- Summary
- Adjournment

Cokeville Area Churches

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
725 East Main Street
279-3266
1st Ward 279-3268
Meeting time 9:00 a.m.
2nd Ward 279-3267
Meeting time 11:30 a.m.

Grace Community Church
Pastor Steve Johnson
307-248-3717
Where God is love!
Sunday worship 11 a.m.
Tuesday nights 6:30 p.m.

New Beginnings Fellowship
Sunday Services 6 p.m.
For more info, call 390-8453

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Community Church
220 Pine Street, Cokeville
307-279-3366
Sunday Worship Services 10:00 a.m.
Adult & Children's Sunday School
Refreshments & Fellowshiping every Sunday
"We enter to worship and exit to serve."

Cokeville Community Church Bible Study & Fellowship
Sunday Worship Service 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday Night Bible Study : 6:30 p.m.
Call 307-279-3366 for more information
Come and join us in studying God's Word.

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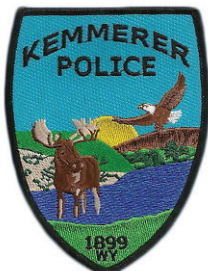
Kemmerer Police Report

Editor's note: Information contained in this report is compiled from a daily activities log and arrest record maintained by the Kemmerer Police Department from Thursday, Oct. 17, through Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Thursday Oct. 17
 4:55 p.m. animal problem on Third West St.
 5:33 p.m. business premise check on Coral St.
 5:50 p.m. officer assist, paper service on Pine St.
 6:40 p.m. business premise check on US HWY 189
 6:45 public service, assist motorist, vehicle lock out
 7:23 p.m. traffic stop for tail light, verbal warning on USHWY 189
 7:38 p.m. business premise check on USHWY 189
 8:34 p.m. traffic stop for tail light out on Pine Ave.
 9:00 p.m. public service, motorist assist
 10:01 p.m. business premise check on US HWY

189
 10:12 p.m. business premise check on Coral St.
 11:53 p.m. house watch on Sapphire St.

Friday, Oct. 18
 1:07 a.m. business premise check on Third West St.
 2:43 a.m. house watch on Dell Rio Dr.
 4:41 a.m. business security check on US HWY 189
 4:54 a.m. business premise check on US HWY 189
 5:16 a.m. business premise check on Onyx St.
 5:29 a.m. house watch on Berry Dr.
 5:37 a.m. business premise check on Third West St.
 5:45 a.m. traffic stop for equipment failure, verbal warning on Pine St.
 6:06 a.m. traffic stop for equipment failure on Pine Ave.



6:28 a.m. traffic stop for speeding, citation issued on Pine Ave.
 7:35a.m. traffic stop for speeding, verbal warning on Fossil Butte Dr.
 7:49 a.m. school zone patrol on Lincoln Heights Dr.
 11:08 a.m. miscellaneous incidents, information on Dell Rio Dr.
 1:10 p.m. business premise check on Susie Ct.
 1:19 p.m. house watch on Sapphire St.
 2:15 p.m. miscellaneous incidents, information on Garnet St.
 5:14 p.m. business premise check on Coral St.
 5:52 p.m. house watch on Sapphire St.
 6:10 p.m. weapons offense, firing weapons, probation revocation, property crimes, public peace, disorderly conduct, adult male arrested for discharging

firearm and reckless endangerment on Sage Ave.
 8:48 p.m. 911 misdial on Third West St.
 10:42 p.m. business premise check on Pine St.
 10:55 p.m. house watch on Berry Dr.
Saturday, Oct. 19
 12:06 a.m. trespassing, trespassing on private property, trespass order on Opal St.
 2:50 a.m. assist agency, assisted with WHP with an alcohol related traffic crash on US HWY 189
 4:14 a.m. MUI/MIP, cited, arrested a male for minor under the influence of alcohol.
 4:16 a.m. business premise check on US HWY 189
 5:13 a.m. traffic accident, hit/run, vehicle damage, male arrested for hit and run
 8:02 a.m. house watch on Berry Dr.

POLICE, A5

COUNCIL / from A1

After deliberation, the council agreed to update some of the code's verbiage regarding animals and fowls and subsequently approved the first reading of the amendments.
 In other business, the council turned its attention to an upcoming airport improvement project slated for 2025. The project will involve seal coating and marking the airfield pavement surface, a necessary maintenance measure to ensure operational safety.
 Kemmerer City Administrator Brian Muir explained that the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) has funds available to support the seal coat project, but securing an airport engineer for design and construction is the first step. The engineering and design phase will cost \$55,927, with WYDOT covering 90% of the expenses. The remaining cost will be split between the city and county.
 Following Muir's briefing, the council approved the authorization to move forward with the design and engineering phase for the airport project.
 The council also heard a development proposal from Jesica Lozier of EXP Realty. Lozier presented a proposal on behalf of a client interested in purchasing city lots at 809 S. and 823 S. on Main Street, aiming to establish office and retail spaces.
 Lozier outlined the prospective business's contributions to the downtown economy, saying, "The economic benefit would be that it contributes to the retail sales downtown and allows people to have general office space to lease downtown, which is hard to come by."
 She further reassured the council that her client would develop conceptual drawings for review to ensure alignment with the downtown area's historical aesthetics.
 Lozier said a structural engineer would need to evaluate the building, and a parking lot would accompany the development.

CLOSURE from A1

bear that burden regardless, and it's due to the overly complicated way health care is financed."
 OB volume is just one of the factors rural hospitals are struggling with across the country. Attracting and retaining staff is another major challenge — especially when competing with urban facilities that come with more resources and less-onerous on-call schedules. Fewer than half of America's rural hospitals offer labor and delivery services.
 Wyoming's other birthing facility closures in the last decade were in Riverton, Kemmerer and Rawlins. The Evanston closure will leave 17 birthing facilities across the state's 23 counties.
 Eleven of 23 counties here also lack a practicing OB-GYN physician, according to the Wyoming Health Department. And even in some of the communities with an OB-GYN, there is only a single provider for a sizable population.
 The 2024 State Scorecard on Women's Health and Reproductive Care, which as-

sesses every state's health care system based on measures such as maternal mortality, prevention and provider access, ranked Wyoming 42nd. The state came in behind all of its neighbors.
 Awareness of Wyoming's maternal care gaps is on the rise. The Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Committee over the summer studied the various factors contributing to the dearth of maternity care providers and ways to bolster access. A subcommittee of Gov. Mark Gordon's Health Task Force has also been meeting on the topic over the last year.
 At the end of the Labor Committee's meetings, however, lawmakers did not draft any legislation — citing the many complexities of rural health care.
'It's very difficult'
 The issue is complicated by everything from high costs of medical malpractice insurance to abortion legislations' impacts on doctors, liability concerns and barriers for midwives to deliver in hospitals.
 During the Labor Committee's summer meetings on the topic, members discussed solutions ranging from tort

reform to creating an onramp to midwifery through training offered by community college nursing programs. But lawmakers did not forge a concrete solution, committee member Rep. Sarah Penn (R-Fort Washakie) said when asked about the issue during a recent candidate forum.
 "It's very difficult," Penn said. "We've been addressing this specifically in the Labor [and] Health Committee this past interim. And I'll be honest, we did not come up with a decision. We came up with a decision to continue to look into this, because there are so many moving parts here Gordon's task force subcommittee, meanwhile, has been exploring the possibility of creating OB medical fellowships, opportunities to better utilize family physicians, rural OB residency programs and more regionalization of the state's maternity care."
 "Just trying to think of any

creative way that we can build some sort of capacity within the providers that we have," said Jen Davis, Gordon's health and human services policy director.
 There are interesting initiatives happening in Laramie, such as a partnership with Denver Children's Hospital to provide specialized neonatal care in Ivinson Memorial Hospital, Davis said.
 But she called the Evanston news "very concerning."
 "We already had a gap in that area, and now I think that gap is going to be increased," she said.
Across the border
 Mandi Lew, a third-generation Wyomingite who grew up in Rock Springs, set out to deliver babies in southwestern Wyoming as a profession. Instead, she watched maternal health care options deteriorate to such a degree that she took her skills elsewhere.
 Lew delivered babies in Kemmerer before that birthing facility shut down in 2022. She also worked as a labor and delivery nurse at the Rock Springs hospital for 12 years, but when she became a nurse midwife, hospital bylaws would not permit her to practice without a supervising physician. Lew began commuting two hours from Rock Springs to deliver babies at Layton Hospital in Utah. Eventually, she and her husband decided to make the move permanent: They are building a home there.
 She worries that Wyoming's maternal and infant mortality rates will climb due to a lack of training, staff and resources. Those were things she wanted to provide, she said, but it was too hard. "It's really sad for the community of Wyoming," she said, as to what the issues really are.
 Evanston Regional Hospital will continue offering

women's health services like mammograms, gynecological care and hormone treatments, the hospital said in its Tuesday announcement. Additionally, the hospital said it will help labor and delivery patients transition to nearby facilities.
 Kemmerer mom Vasey plans to see her Evanston OB and seek direction during that appointment. She knows several other pregnant moms who were planning to deliver in Evanston, and wonders how hospitals can just stop offering such a vital service.
 "They close [OB] down like it's a dermatology clinic or an infusion clinic," she said, but "there's always going to be women that need to give birth."
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NOTICE

Due to a recent opening, the Board of Trustees of South Lincoln Hospital District will be accepting letters of intent from local area residents wishing to serve on the Board. Interested persons must reside within the boundaries of the district. The term of office will be from November 2024 until the next election in November 2026.

Letters of interest may be addressed to President, Board of Trustees, c/o Tori Nielson, Executive Assistant, South Lincoln Medical Center, 711 Onyx Street, Kemmerer, WY 83101. The deadline for letters is November 15, 2024.

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A variance request has been filled with the Town of Diamondville Planning and Zoning requesting a set back variance from Town of Diamondville Zoning Ordinance Chapter 10 Section 35.80. The subject property is located at 86 E Hillcrest Drive (Parcel # 00R0002649).

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Opinion

Workforce is the key to Wyoming's economy

Cato the Elder was a senator during the Roman Republic. After a trip to Carthage, he became convinced that Carthage was a great threat to Rome and that this issue was the most important of his time. He took to finishing all his speeches, regardless of topic, with the phrase, "Carthage must be destroyed." Ultimately, Rome acted as he urged, Carthage was destroyed, and the story of his single-minded focus on one topic continues today.

Sometimes, I worry that I am becoming like Cato the Elder, but with a different topic. I have spent a great deal of time and column space writing about the importance of Wyoming's economic future. Were I to adopt Cato the Elder's technique, every article would end with the phrase, "Wyoming's economy must diversify."

It is a topic we have discussed for decades, but its importance grows every day. Just as Carthage was the greatest threat to ancient Rome, economic decline is the greatest threat to present day Wyoming. We need to grow new business sectors in Wyoming, or risk economic catastrophe.

One of the greatest barriers to attracting new businesses to Wyoming — whether imported from out of state or founded here at home — is the difficulty in finding a qualified workforce. We all understand that businesses need employees. What may not be as apparent is that the necessary workforce must exist before a company will invest in a community.

We often imagine a company moving to a new community and bringing its workforce with it. However, the truth is that companies rarely depend on workers from outside communities to meet their employment needs.



By Khale J. Lenhart

This makes sense when you think about it. A software company moving to a small town may be in serious trouble if its lead engineer leaves and they are unable to find a qualified replacement. That is why they depend on existing populations to fill their needs, rather than depend on their own training to create qualified employees.

Put differently, the workforce builds businesses more than businesses build the workforce. Wyoming must focus on developing the types of workforces that lead to business formation in Wyoming communities.

In building these workforces, we must start by playing to our strengths. Wyoming generally does well with high school graduation rates and the number of people who obtain further education or training. This means that the skills likely exist in many of our communities to support businesses that require trained labor, as long as the right businesses focus on the right places.

Instead, the challenge in building attractive workforces likely lies elsewhere. Do we have the other things that are necessary for working populations to live and thrive? This is where we currently fall short. We lack affordable housing, amenities, and other necessities for vibrant, livable communities.

We are not going to attract qualified workers if they cannot afford to live here, if our schools do not do a good job of educating their children, and if they do not have things to do outside of work. If we are going to grow Wyoming's economic opportunities, these are the areas to focus on at the start.

However, even though these are the obvi-

ECONOMY, A6

Illegal immigration is crushing public schools

By Joe Guzzardi

From coast-to-coast, the surge at the southern border has crushed the public school system.

Reuters sent a survey to more than 10,000 school districts across the U.S. to gauge immigration's impact on public schools nationwide. Of the responding 75 school districts that serve 2.3 million children, 33% said the increase in illegal aliens has a "significant" effect. In the real academic world, significant translates to negative.

The Reuters story did a respectable job of outlining the challenges schools face — the problems of integrating foreign-born students into traditional American education. Since 2022, more than half a million school-age migrant children have arrived in the U.S., according to immigration court records that Syracuse University collected.

In some communities, this has exacerbated overcrowding in some classrooms, compounded teacher and budget shortfalls, and forced teachers to grapple

with language barriers and escalating social tensions.

Reuters pointed out the obvious — that teachers across the nation face the nearly-insurmountable task of educating non-English speaking students. It's a challenge that will intensify, since foreign-born nationals from more than 150 countries speaking dozens of languages have either crossed the border or have been flowing into the interior.

Districts will have to hire more budget-draining English as a Second Language teachers, assuming they can be found. In Charleroi, the district will have to recruit Haitian Creole speakers, no doubt in short supply in Western Pennsylvania. But tiny Charleroi, population about 4,200, will have to find the instructors since in a little over a year, as many as 3,000 Haitians have moved into town, almost doubling its population.

In 2021-22, the number of Charleroi's non-English speaking students in area schools was 12 — now it's 220, an increase of more than 1,70%. Finding suitable teachers is made more

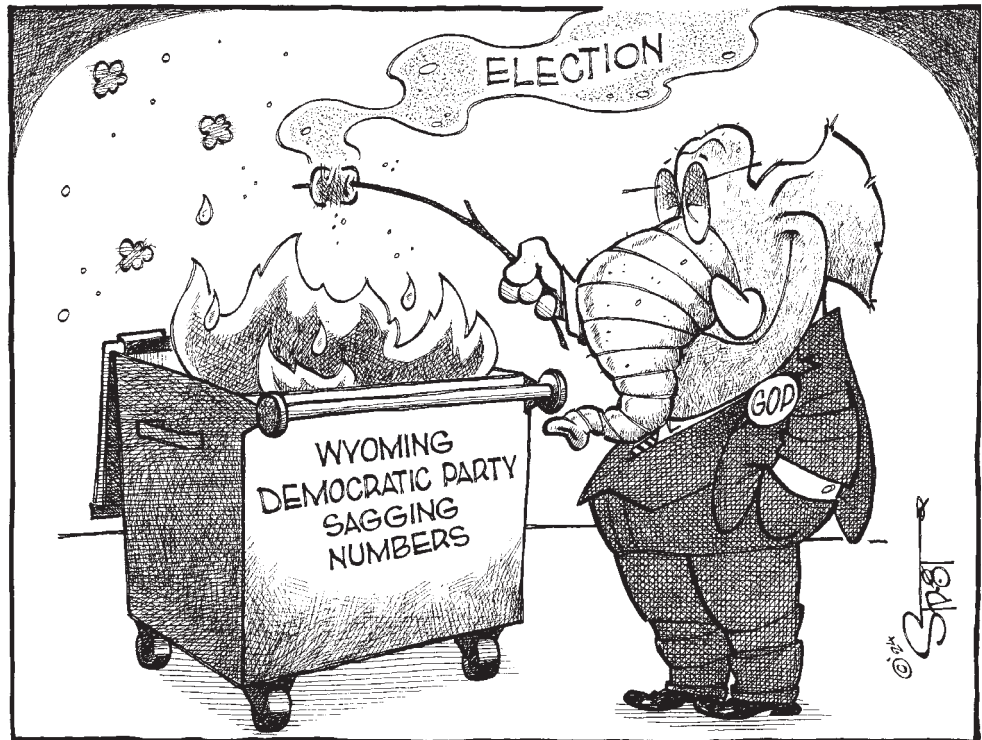
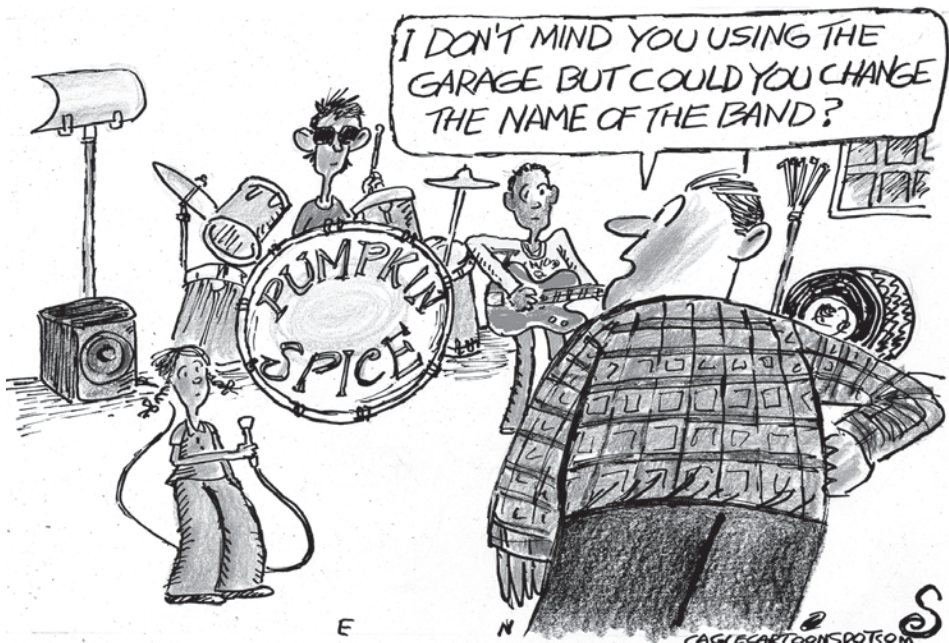
difficult because, ideally, the job's candidates will not only speak Haitian Creole but also have a teaching background. Very few who fit the bill can be found locally.

As a former English as a Second Language instructor during the Southeast Asian refugee resettlement into California's immigrant-heavy San Joaquin Valley, I have some from-the-front observations about how the unanticipated arrivals put a school district and its long-time teachers into a state of controlled chaos.

Much like the U.S. cities that are coping with huge arriving migrant totals, Chicago, Boston, Denver, etc., my district had to accommodate legally present refugees from Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand, as well as itinerant laborers from Mexico and Guatemala.

For teachers who had no trained background in international student instruction, the burden of managing so many kids from so many non-English speaking countries was overwhelm-

SCHOOLS, A5



Grizzly 399 was a bear for the ages

By Wendy Keefover and Kristin Combs
Writers on the Range

She was 28 years old and dealt with aplomb the hordes of picture-taking tourists and repeated motherhood. When she was killed by a car a few weeks ago, the loss of Grizzly 399 left people all over the world shocked and saddened.

Grizzly 399 wasn't just another wild bear in northwestern Wyoming; she was a window into the secret lives of grizzlies. Over nearly three decades she raised 18 cubs amidst the millions of visitors and residents of Jackson Hole and Grand Teton National Park.

Her death speaks, as her life did, about the urgent need to better protect these intelligent, rare creatures from roads, human foods, farm animals and trophy hunters.

Grizzly 399's life captivated millions of people. Attentive and patient, she worked hard to make sure her cubs had sufficient food and warm dens and were protected from male bears and other dangers.

The doings of her many families, the first in 2004 and the last in 2023, made her legendary, like the time she and her four cubs feasted on serviceberries right next to a road, gently picking berries among the leaves.

There was also the time she crossed the

SNAKE River with four cubs following like the tail of a kite, while hundreds of people gathered to witness. These intimate glimpses inspired countless numbers of visitors to Wyoming's wilderness and gave them a connection with the famous bear and her broods.

Grizzly 399 had always been careful around roads. She often waited at a highway's edge until a photographer stopped traffic or she heard no vehicles coming her way. She frequently navigated busy highways and the streets around Jackson Hole.

In the end it was not enough. Vehicle collisions, a leading cause of wildlife deaths, are just one more threat for grizzly bears. This year alone, the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem has seen record numbers of mortalities. By October 2024, at least 68 grizzlies had died — most killed because they came near humans or were shot by hunters.

With their habitats shrinking, their foods vanishing and more roads fragmenting their territories, grizzlies have become marooned on geographic islands for their survival. Their lands have been increasingly hemmed in by developments, energy projects and deadly highways.

Once 50,000 strong, fewer than 2,000 grizzly bears now survive in the Lower 48 states. Coexisting with them means addressing preventable conflicts by bear-proofing

human-food sources or safeguarding livestock. Many of Grizzly 399's cubs were killed by humans. Perhaps half of them survived to adulthood.

One Jackson Hole resident, for example, deliberately and defiantly fed them, despite the dangers of getting bears accustomed to human-provided meals. Teton County has since introduced tougher enforcement measures, including requiring bear-resistant garbage cans with self-locking mechanisms.

The Wyoming Department of Game and Fish and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also required residents of Teton County to make garbage and bird feeders inaccessible to keep Grizzly 399 and her cubs safe.

One takeaway is that grizzly bears can be managed with compassion. This needs to be the norm, not the exception, and we need to shift practices to prioritize coexistence over killing.

In bear country, people can make human foods unavailable, ranchers can employ electric fencing and remove cattle and sheep carcasses, and hunters can carry bear spray and accurately identify their targets before shooting.

Grizzly 399's last surviving cub, Spirit, has not been seen since its mother's death. Nearly two years old, the cub was last reported as healthy and may have a chance at survival. Its future — indeed, the future of all

grizzlies — depends on people's willingness to change behaviors.

It is especially important that we resist calls to strip grizzly bears of their Endangered Species Act protections, certainly until grizzlies are truly recovered, with genetically diverse and connected populations across secure habitats.

This means creating safe passages, including highway crossings, between their populations. We must also hold the line against trophy hunting. Removing Endangered Species Act protections, which are now under attack in the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and elsewhere, could set back years of conservation work.

With Grizzly 399's passing, it feels as though something is missing in the Tetons — something vivid and wild that moved us. Her legacy calls us to act, to create a future in which grizzly bears and people live together in safety.

The writers are contributors to Writers on the Range, writersontherange.org, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. Wendy Keefover works for the Humane Society of the United States; Kristin Combs is executive director of Wyoming Wildlife Advocates.

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Records/Opinion

POLICE / from A3

9:53 a.m. miscellaneous incidents, information on Emerald St.
 1:44 p.m. DUI, alcohol, weapons offense, possession of weapon, arrested a male for DUI, alcohol, and felon in possession of a firearm on Elk St
 1:50 p.m. house watch on Berry Dr.
 7:21 p.m. business premise check on Central St.
 7:45 p.m. medical assist, patient transferred to the hospital on Willow Ave.
 8:07 p.m. house watch on Sapphire St.
 8:26 p.m. assist agency, assist Diamondville Police Department with a medical call on US HWY 30
 9:31 p.m. traffic stop for expired registration, citation issued on Onyx St.
 10:03 p.m. business premise check on Pine St.
 11:02 p.m. house watch on Berry Dr.
 11:59 p.m. business premise

check on Coral St.

Sunday, Oct. 20

1:08 a.m. DUI, alcohol, DUS, fist offense, arrested an adult female driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while her license was suspended on Pine Ave.
 3:44 a.m. business premise check on US HWY 189
 4:52 a.m. business security check on US HWY 189
 6:11 a.m. welfare check, attempt suicide/ threatening self-harm on US HWY 189
 6:56 a.m. business premise check on Third West St.
 12:14 p.m. suspicious activity, suspicious person on US HWY 189
 4:47 p.m. business premise check on Pine St.
 5:05 p.m. traffic stop for expired registration, verbal warning on Fossil Butte Dr.
 6:09 p.m. traffic stop for speeding, verbal warning on Pine St.
 6:18 p.m. traffic stop for expired registration, verbal warning

on Pine St.

6:29 p.m. traffic stop for expired registration, verbal warning, on US HWY 30
 6:51 p.m. business premise check on Coral St.
 7:14 p.m. traffic stop for headlights out, citation issued on US HWY 1589
 7:44 p.m. traffic stop for speeding, verbal warning on Cedar Ave.
 7:55 p.m. medical assist, patient transferred to the hospital on Willow Ave.
 7:56 p.m. traffic stop for no tail lights, verbal warning on Pine Ave.
 8:29 p.m. business premise check on Sage Ave.
 9:01 p.m. traffic stop for no tail lights, citation issued on Pine Ave
 9:45 p.m. house watch on Berry Dr.
 10:49 p.m. traffic stop for no tail lights, verbal warning on Coral St.
 11:15 p.m. house watch on Sapphire St
 11:35 p.m. business premise check on Main St.

ECONOMY from A4

ous first steps, they are not the only things that we should do to support economic change.
 Once we know our workforce is ready, government or quasi-government agencies should take an active role in recruiting and supporting new businesses. Organizations like Cheyenne Leads have been extremely successful in developing new economic sectors in their home communities.
 We should learn from their examples and try to develop similar organizations in other places. We should also strategically focus on encouraging like companies to locate near one another. It is rare that a company thrives in a vacuum.
 Instead, companies have their own communities, and this is necessary for a healthy economic ecosystem. Tech companies are often located near other tech companies, where they can exchange talent and training.

The same goes for manufacturing or information economy jobs. If we can help these sectors build some momentum, Wyoming's economy can be transformed into something much more stable for the next generation.
 At the same time that Cato the Elder was warning of the dangers of Carthage, another faction was preaching idleness. This too exists in Wyoming. Just as some of us point out the need and urgency for Wyoming to develop a more vibrant economy, there are those who would have us stay complacent.
 They reject any calls for change or modernization, instead hoping to continue to coast on the same economic sectors that have carried our state for the last generation.
 Unfortunately, this is not a realistic course for Wyoming and it will lead to ruin if we pursue it.
 As Cato the Elder might have said if he lived here now, Wyoming's economy must diversify. It is the only path forward.

SCHOOLS / from A4

ing. One unsuccessful method of coping was called "pull outs." A translator fluent in, for example Cambodian, would enter the classroom, take the Cambodian students to a corner, and instruct them in the lesson given to him by the teacher. Multiple problems arose — did

the Cambodian aide fully understand the assignment? Did the aide convey the lesson in an effective manner? The teacher doesn't speak Cambodian, so he or she wouldn't know. All of this took time away from the teacher's responsibility to educate traditional students.
 Multiple other language-related problems were ongoing — the

often-transient migrant students enrolled after the school year started and left abruptly before it ended. Office personnel could not communicate with parents about important school issues. Finding and paying for appropriate language textbooks was a lengthy and expensive process.
 The existing system harms ev-

eryone. The international students learn little and miss out on building a solid educational foundation. Teachers and other administrators cannot keep up. U.S. kids miss out on important classroom time. And taxpayers foot the hefty education bill, an estimated \$800 billion in 2021 pre-invasion costs.
 As long as the border remains

open, citizens and international students will continue to fall behind and taxpayers will fund every open border consequence.

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News

Kemmerer woman's family honored by Nebraska college

By Tena L. Cook
Chadron State College

CHADRON, Nebraska — The Family Tree Award is presented annually to families with a tradition of attending Chadron State College. The 2024 recipient of the Family Tree Award is the Studnicka family.

Ella Schlaman Studnicka, matriarch of the family, was born in 1916 in Lodgepole, Nebraska. Her parents were Dick and Doretta Schlaman. She graduated from Lodgepole High School and enrolled at CSC in 1933. She earned a two-year teaching certificate by the summer of 1934.

From 1934 to 1944, Ella taught in the Sunol and Chappell Public Schools. In 1962, she returned to CSC and completed a bachelor's degree in education. She taught in the Sidney Public Schools from 1962 until she retired in 1978.

Ella and her husband, Lumir, had nine children: LaNita, Cheryl (deceased), Louella, Robert, Janet (deceased), Cynthia, Steve (deceased), Lila, and Ronald. Ella died in 2000.

LaNita, who was born in Champaign, Illinois, graduated from Sidney High School in 1963. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from CSC in 1966. She was the president of the Lutheran Student Association, treasurer of the Campus Center Board, secretary of Cardinal Key, a member of Sigma Delta Nu, and Alpha Phi Sigma.

She and her husband, Herbert (deceased) Roeser, had four children: Gretchen Twohig, Sara English, Richard Roeser, and Adam Roeser.

Now retired, she taught English at Scottsbluff Senior High from 1966 to 1971



The Studnicka family is recognized with the Family Tree Award for at least three generations of Chadron State College attendees or graduates during Homecoming Oct. 19, in the Student Center. Pictured are Studnicka, Michelle Studnicka, Ron Studnicka, Seth Studnicka, Steve Yantzi, Cynthia Yantzi, and LaNita Roeser. (CHADRON STATE COLLEGE/Tena L. Cook)

and at Aurora High School from 1971 to 1972. Roeser continued teaching English at Grand Island High School 1972 to 1975 and 1982 to 2007. She earned a master's degree from the University of Nebraska-Kearney in 1991. She also taught at Central Community College from 2008-15.

Cynthia was born in Sidney and married Steve Yantzi, also a CSC graduate. They live in Kemmerer, Wyoming, and have three children: Lindsay Henning, Phillip Yantzi, and Julie Willman.

Yantzi graduated from Sidney High School in 1972 and attended CSC, graduating in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. She earned a teaching endorse-

ment in 1980. At CSC, she was a tutor, a member of Alpha Omicron Pi, and a member of Daughters of the Crossed Sword.

She continued her education at Creighton University, where she earned a Bachelor of Nursing degree in 1988. At Creighton, she was a member of Sigma Theta Tau international nursing honor society and was named the Nursing Student of the Year.

She was also a science educator in Chadron, Kemmerer, and at Western Wyoming Community College. Other positions included administrative assistant at the Pine Ridge Job Corps and church organist. Cynthia worked as a Registered Nurse and certified nursing assistant in Chadron, Sidney

and Kemmerer and is now retired.

Steve was born in Chadron and graduated from Chadron High School in 1971. In 1977, he earned a bachelor's degree in biology. He also earned a degree in medical technology in 1984. He was employed by the U.S. Forest Service, South Lincoln Medical Center, P&M Coal, and Chevron Mining. He retired as a Coal Quality Supervisor in 2017.

Studnicka was born in Sidney and graduated from Sidney High School in 1979. He earned two bachelor's degrees from CSC in 1985, one in agri-business and the other in industrial technology. He was the vice president of his senior class club and a member of the Industrial Arts Guild.

In 1982, he graduated from Western Nebraska Technical College with an associate's degree in aviation maintenance technology. He also earned an airframe and powerplant license.

He and his wife, Michelle, have one son, Seth.

From 1986 to 1994, Ron worked as an assistant county supervisor and county supervisor for Farmers Home Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture in Chadron, Wray, Colorado, and Sidney, Nebraska, earning the Nebraska County Supervisor of the Year in 1991. From 1994 to 1998, he was a loan production officer for Nebraska State Bank. He worked as an independent mortgage loan broker from 1998 to 2001.

In 2005, he was the credit manager for the FEC AG cooperative. From 2007 to 2011, he was a financial analyst for Cabela's; from 2011 to 2014, he was the payroll manager and worked for Adams Industries as controller. Ron worked on the family farm with his father from 1973 until Lumir died in 1990. Ron, Michelle, and Seth now work the farm, making Seth the fourth generation

to do so.

Seth was born in Scottsbluff and graduated from Sidney High School in 2019. He earned a Bachelor's degree in education with a 6-12 grade mathematics endorsement in May 2024. He was an Eagle Leader, a member of the Blue Key Honor Society, and a member of Kappa Mu Epsilon. He teaches geometry and algebra II at Sidney High School and is an assistant boys' basketball coach at Sidney Middle School.

Each recipient family of the Family Tree Award must include a minimum of three generations of graduates. At least two of the family members must have a record of outstanding service to the college, the alumni association, their community, or their profession. To nominate a family for the Family Tree Award, visit: <https://www.csc.edu/alumni/stay-connected/alumni-honors-and-awards/alumni-award-nomination/>.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, this week you may find yourself with some extra energy and enthusiasm for new projects. Figure out what you want to get done and think through a plan.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may have a strong desire for stability and security. Now is a good time to focus on financial matters and investigate potentially valuable investment opportunities.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Communication will be key for you this month, Gemini. Whether you aim to strengthen existing relationships or start new ones, be clear and honest in all of your interactions.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

This week your focus shifts largely toward home and family, Cancer. Now might be the time to address any conflicts in your home life to reinforce family relationships.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, this could be a week when you find yourself in the spotlight more than usual. You don't shy away from extra attention; in fact, you will thrive this week.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

This is a good week to start organizing and planning, Virgo. The holidays are right around the corner, and you want to be sure that everything you need to get done will be accomplished.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Relationships and partnerships are priorities for you this week, Libra. Figure out how you can balance your needs with those of others in your inner circle.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, it's a good time to implement new habits or make improvements to your work life. Perhaps the balance has been skewed and you need more time for family?

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

This week could be bursting with creativity for you, Sagittarius. If you've been meaning to pursue hobbies or other interests, now is the time to explore and have some fun.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Making improvements to your home or living space can give you a fresh perspective, Capricorn. It might just be the change you need to feel revitalized.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Don't be afraid to share your ideas and connect with others this week, Aquarius. Staying curious and getting your perspective across may lead to some exciting opportunities.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Financial matters may come into focus this month, Pisces. It's a good time to look at your budget and make some tweaks, if necessary. Taking on extra work might be an option.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- NOVEMBER 3**
Kendall Jenner, Model (29)
- NOVEMBER 4**
Ralph Macchio, Actor (63)
- NOVEMBER 5**
Odell Beckham Jr., Athlete (32)
- NOVEMBER 6**
Colson Whitehead, Author (55)
- NOVEMBER 7**
Sonny Gray, Athlete (35)
- NOVEMBER 8**
Matthew Rhys, Actor (50)
- NOVEMBER 9**
Eric Dane, Actor (52)

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may even spoof phone numbers to appear as if calls are coming from a legitimate court or police department.

The scammers typically call, text or email individuals, demanding payment or personal information to avoid legal action. They may claim that a warrant has been issued for the person's arrest due to failure to appear for jury duty and pressure the individual into making a payment through untraceable means like gift cards, wire transfers, or even cryptocurrency.

The Wyoming Judicial Branch emphasizes that it does not use these methods to contact citizens and will never demand payment over the phone for missed jury service or other

court-related matters.

Be suspicious of any phone calls, emails or texts from "law enforcement" or "court officials" that:

- Ask for financial information; and/or
- Threaten jail for failure to comply with a demand for funds; and/or
- Demand payment of funds anywhere other than a clerk of court's office.

Jury duty is a civic responsibility, and notification of jury service will always come through official communication channels and never in the form of a phone call demanding immediate payment.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WYOMING CONSTITUTION TO BE VOTED ON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 5, 2024

Underlined words would be added to existing law. Words stricken through will be removed.

A JOINT RESOLUTION to amend the Wyoming Constitution by providing for the assessment of residential real property as a separate property class for the purpose of taxation. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING, two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting separately, concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposal to amend Wyoming Constitution, Article 15, Section 11 is proposed for submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the next general election for approval or rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

Article 15, Section 11. Uniformity of assessment required.

(a) All property, except as in this constitution otherwise provided, shall be uniformly valued at its full value as defined by the legislature, in ~~three (3)~~ four (4) classes as follows:

- (i) Gross production of minerals and mine products in lieu of taxes on the land where produced;
- (ii) Property used for industrial purposes as defined by the legislature; ~~and~~
- (iii) Residential real property; and
- (iv) All other property, real and personal.

(b) The legislature shall prescribe the percentage of value which shall be assessed within each designated class. All taxable property shall be valued at its full value as defined by the legislature except agricultural and grazing lands which shall be valued according to the capability of the land to produce agricultural products under normal conditions. The percentage of value prescribed for industrial property shall not be more than forty percent (40%) higher nor more than four (4) percentage points more than the percentage prescribed for residential real property or more than forty percent (40%) higher nor more than four (4) percentage points more than the percentage prescribed for all other property other than minerals.

(c) Except as provided in this subsection the legislature shall not create new classes or subclasses or authorize any property to be assessed at a rate other than the rates set for authorized classes. The legislature may create a subclass of residential real property for owner occupied primary residences.

(d) All taxation shall be equal and uniform within each class and subclass of property. The legislature shall prescribe such regulations as shall secure a just valuation for taxation of all property, real and personal.

Section 2. That the Secretary of State shall endorse the following statement on the proposed amendment:

The adoption of this amendment would separate residential real property into its own class of property for purposes of property tax assessments. The amendment would authorize the legislature to create a subclass of owner occupied primary residences.

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Quarterback Kyle Fox scrambles out of trouble during the Rangers' 35-6 loss to Worland on Oct. 25. The loss ended Kemmerer's season. (COURTESY PHOTO/James Yule)



Bridger Anderson (No. 88) prepares to lower the boom on Worland's Will Slagle during the Rangers' 35-6 loss to the Warriors on Oct. 25. (COURTESY PHOTO/James Yule)



Bryson McGill looks for some running room after making a catch during the Rangers' 35-6 loss to Worland on Oct. 25. The loss ended Kemmerer's season. (COURTESY PHOTO/James Yule)

Rangers' season ends in Worland with 35-6 loss

Kemmerer finishes with 3-5 record, 2-5 in 2A West

By Don Cogger
Gazette Sports Editor

Needing a win against Worland and a lot of help to extend the season, the Kemmerer High School football team instead saw their season come to a close on Oct. 25, losing to the Warriors 35-6.

The Rangers finished their 2024 campaign with a 3-5 record (2-5 in 2A West).

"The Worland game — it kind of came down to what it has all season, the turnover battle," said KHS head coach Bart Jernigan. "If we can win that — if we can protect the ball, we give ourselves a really good shot at winning. Unfortunately, Worland forced a couple of turnovers on us that, hopefully, we'll learn from in the future. But anytime you give a talented team short fields, it makes life hard on you."

Both teams' defense came to play, and the score

remained deadlocked at 0-0 after one quarter of play. Worland (4-4, 4-3 in 2A West) finally broke the stalemate early in the second quarter after picking off Rangers quarterback Kyle Fox and capitalizing on the short field.

"I think our defense has been the bulwark of our identity this year, so if we can put teams on long fields, we felt pretty comfortable that we could limit some of what they were able to do," Jernigan said. "But, in the end, we just weren't able to limit the turnovers enough to put us in a position to win. You have to take care of the ball."

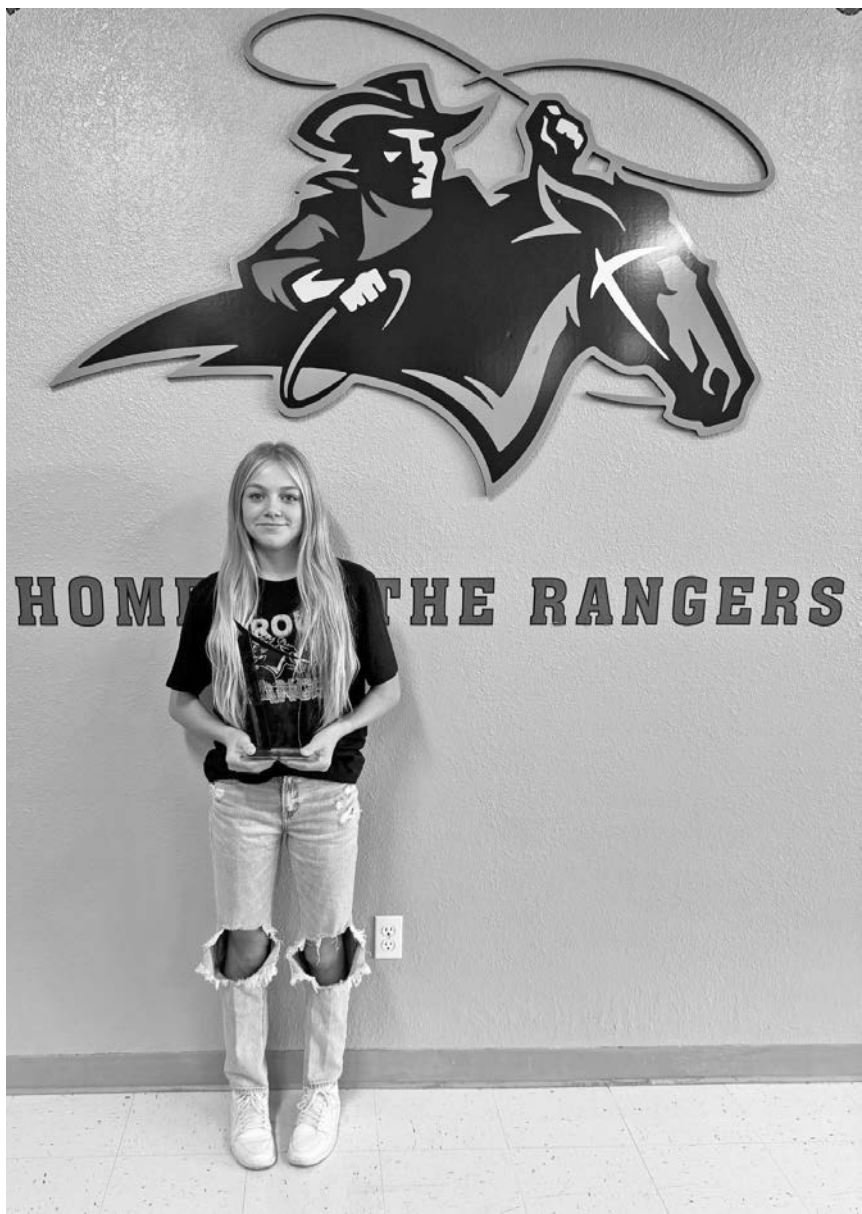
Down 7-0 in the second quarter, Kemmerer nearly brought the game back to even when Fox hit Bryson McGill for a 30-yard touchdown. The PAT was no good, and the Warriors still led 7-6.

"There were a couple of good sequences where

FOOTBALL, A8

Wagner adds Lew Lepore Player of the Year Award to list of accolades

Freshman golfer had record-breaking season for Lady Rangers, including 2A state title



Lady Ranger freshman Tazlynn Wagner poses with the Lew Lepore Player of the Year Award, awarded annually to the best high school boy and girl player in the state of Wyoming by the Wyoming Coaches Association. (COURTESY PHOTO)

By Don Cogger
Gazette Sports Editor

Kemmerer High School freshman golfer Tazlynn Wagner was recently awarded the prestigious Lew Lepore Player of the Year Award, given annually to the top boys and girls high school golf player in the state of Wyoming by the Wyoming Coaches Association.

Evanston High School's Ryker Lind received the award on the boys' side.

It was just the latest in the growing list of accolades for the young phenom, who capped off a stellar freshman season as a Lady Ranger by winning the 2A state title by a whopping 16 strokes, and setting a new Class 2A state record with a two-day total of 153. Wagner was also voted WyoPreps' Athlete of the Week twice during the season.

"I was super-surprised, because I had no idea what the award was," Wagner said. "I looked it up and Lew Lepore was very instrumental in growing the sport of golf in Wyoming. I was very honored to be awarded with this."

After the Air Force brought Lew Lepore to Wyoming in the early 1950s, he decided to make the Cowboy State his home after he was discharged. Enrolled at the University of Wyoming, Lepore played on the Pokes' golf team while he earned a degree in education, then taught in the Laramie County School District for 29 years. During his tenure, he started the golf program at Cheyenne High School, and was instrumental in getting other school districts around the state to follow suit, eventually helping to get golf officially sanctioned by the Wyoming High School Activities Association (WHSAA).

On his Facebook page, KHS head golf coach Jonathan Willoughby wrote, "Today I had the pleasure of presenting Tazlyn Wagner with the Lew Lepore player of the year award for 2024. Lew, who was from Pennsylvania originally, and then moved to Wyoming, was instrumental in helping grow the sport of golf in our great state. He also created the Wyoming State Open which attracts young pros looking to win its \$10,000 prize each year. Lew Lepore was inducted into the Wyoming Sports Hall of Fame and the Wyoming State Golf Association Hall of Fame in 2007."

Wagner — who is headed to Cheyenne this weekend for the 3A State Swimming and Diving Championships, where she's competing as a diver — said she's handling her early success well, though she's always looking for ways to improve her game. She's starting basketball season soon, as well as the winter and spring tournament golf seasons in Utah.

"It's just very crazy with so many sports and things going on," she said. "I am beyond excited for my sophomore year; however, I am still very focused on the winter and spring seasons."



Lady Ranger Tazlynn Wagner competes at the WSGA State Amateur in Evanston last summer. Wagner was recently awarded the Lew Lepore Player of the Year Award, given to the best high school golf player by the Wyoming Coaches Association. (GAZETTE PHOTO/Don Cogger)

Sports



Noah Parks (No. 27) and Owen Barton (No. 50) bear down on Warriors QB Roman Parra during the Rangers' 35-6 loss to Worland on Oct. 25. (COURTESY PHOTO/James Yule)



Colter Krell (No. 71) and Logan Emery (No. 40) combine for a tackle on a Worland ball carrier during the Rangers' 35-6 loss on Oct. 25. (COURTESY PHOTO/James Yule)



Logan Emery (No. 40) takes the handoff from Kyle Fox during the Rangers' 35-6 loss to Worland on Oct. 25. The loss ended Kemmerer's season. (COURTESY PHOTO/James Yule)

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we were able to string together a little bit in our passing game," Jernigan said. "A couple of big plays that really helped loosen them up. Defensively, I thought we did a really good job early on of taking on their big zone running scheme — they had a fairly small roster numerically, but size-wise, they had some pretty darn big kids. I thought we did a good job of taking on that zone run game that they showed off early in the game. It was still tied 0-0 going into the second quarter, then we gave up a turnover that gave them a short field, and they scored their first touchdown. We kept it competitive, I think — we came back and answered with our touchdown, then missed the PAT, so it was 7-6 for a good stretch — then we had two more turnovers before the end of the first half that allowed them to jump out on us. But I thought, defensively, we did a good job of competing, and being stout against their run game, flying to the ball, getting after them."

Worland led 21-6 at the break, then scored two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter to put the game away, 35-6.

Worland's defense did a nice job holding the Rangers' running game in check, allowing Kemmerer just 23 yards on the ground. Fox was the leading rusher with 14 yards, followed by Cole Rogers with 12. Under center, Fox completed seven passes for 99 yards, a touchdown and three picks; Sam Thatcher completed one pass for two yards, and also threw a pick.

Bryson McGill caught two passes for 42 yards, including a touchdown, while Austin Ruvalcaba caught one pass for 46 yards. Logan Emery caught three passes for eight yards, while Bridger Anderson caught one pass for three yards.

Noah Parks led the charge defensively with 13.5 points (9 tackles, 4 solo, .5 for loss), followed by Derek Hagler with 11 (7 tackles, 4 solo). Roany Proffitt finished with 10 points (5 tackles, 3 solo, 2 for loss), while Owen Barton tallied 8.5 (5 tackles, 3 solo, .5 for loss). Bridger Anderson (5 tackles, 2 solo) and Cole Rogers (4 tackles, 2 solo) finished

with seven points and six points, respectively.

The finality of the season's end hit the players on the ride home, though Jernigan said there were some positives mixed in.

"The bus ride home after a loss is always a little somber, but there was a general sense of gratitude from everyone on the team, as well," Jernigan said. "Gratitude for each other, gratitude for the growth that we had shown throughout the season, gratitude for the effort from our upperclassmen to help get our program where it is. Also a bit of hunger — the young kids, and the kids that will be back really looked at this season as a step forward for us. But now, what does that next step look like?"

Jernigan credited his seniors with setting the tone this season, and for providing leadership, on and off the field.

"There was also an overall feeling of gratitude towards our seniors, and the effort that they had put in to help us take this big step that we took this year," Jernigan said. "And then there was a commitment to take the steps that it's going to take to move the program even further ahead, because I think we have the talent in the room over the next couple of years to be in the playoffs, and to compete at a higher level."

Two of the Rangers' losses this season — a 14-10 loss to Thermopolis and a 20-16 loss to Cokeville — came down to the game's final drive, with Kemmerer just as easily finishing at 5-3 and earning a postseason berth. That fact is not lost on Jernigan or his team.

"We were 10 points from flipping the record on its head — we could have just as easily been 5-3," Jernigan said. "With that mindset, I'm super-proud of the team we became, which is a competitive football team, across the board. That hasn't always been the case in recent years. I was grateful for the work our seniors had put in to help us get there, and grateful for the work the young kids put in, as well. I really felt like it was a step forward for the program — between the offseason work our kids had put in, plus some of the renewed in-season commitment our kids had made — I felt like we played as good of football as we have since I've been here. Now, it's about taking that next step. There's a sense of optimism for what we can do in the future."

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Superfan of the Week Natasha Martinez

Favorite Ranger Memory
- Natasha's favorite Ranger memory is painting the "K" with the senior class!



Athlete of the Week Arya Newell

Outstanding Performance -

At the 3A West Conference Meet in Lander, Arya was a big contributor to the team's second place finish. She placed 7th in the 200 free and 3rd in the 500 free. She qualified for the state meet in the 200 free which is her second event qualified. She was also in the 4th place medley relay and 3rd place 400 free relay.



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Sports

Cowboys take down Lobos in Saturday afternoon shootout, 49-45

Pokes record 604 yards of total offense



Pokes quarterback Kaden Anderson had a career day against New Mexico Saturday, throwing for 342 yards and three touchdowns in a 49-45 road win against the Lobos. (UW MEDIA-ATHLETICS)

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (Nov. 2, 2024) – The Wyoming Cowboys racked up a season-high 604 yards for the most yards in a game since November of 2021 in a 49-45 road win over New Mexico on Saturday afternoon in University Stadium in Albuquerque. Wyoming added the final 14 points of the contest in the fourth quarter to earn the victory.

The Cowboys rushed for 262 yards in the contest with 342 yards passing. The Lobos countered with 576 yards of total offense with 164 yards through the air and 412 on the ground. The Pokes recorded 30 first downs for the night for the first game with 30 first downs since the Hawaii game in 2013.

The contest saw the return of running back Harrison Waylee to the Cowboy offense. He added 170 yards for his fifth 100-yard game with the Brown and Gold. Quarterback Kaden Anderson had a career day with 342 yards passing with three touchdowns. He was 20-of-29 passing. Wide receiver Jaylen Sargent recorded a career-high 186 yards receiving in the contest.

Wyoming kicker John Hoyland recorded seven points in the game and is now Wyoming's all-time leader with 346 points. He passed Cooper Rothe's previous record of 342 points.

The Cowboy defense was paced by safety Isaac White recording eight tackles. He went over 200 career tackles in the contest. Linebacker Connor Shay added six tackles along with fellow linebacker Shae Suiuaona adding six tackles. Nickel Wrook

Brown returned an interception for a score for his sixth career interception and third of the season. It was the first interception returned for the score of his career and first since Wyatt Ekeler did so against Nevada in the regular season finale last season. Defensive end Tyce Westland added a sack and forced fumble.

The Lobos were paced by quarterback Devon Dampier with 207 yards rushing and 164 passing. Running back Eli Sanders added 205 yards.

Wyoming will have a bye week next weekend and will return to action on Nov. 15 with a trip to Colorado State for the Border War at 6 p.m.

TEAM NOTES

- The Cowboys and Lobos met for the 77th time on Saturday.
- The Pokes are 42-35 all-

time against the Lobos in a series that dates back to 1930.

- The Cowboys are 21-18 against the Lobos in Albuquerque.

- The Lobos lead the Mountain West portion of the series 14-12.

- Wyoming recorded 334 yard in the first half marking back-to-back halves with 300 or more yards. Wyoming had 314 yards in the second half against Utah State.

- The Cowboys recorded 35 points in the first half for the most in an opening frame since scoring 35 against Hawaii last season.

- Wyoming recorded 604 yards of total offense for the most since recording 604 yards on Nov. 20, 2021 at Utah State.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Running back Harrison

Waylee appeared in his first game.

- In his return, he rushed for 170 yards for his first 100-yard game since rushing for 128 against Colorado State last season. He has rushed for more than 100 yards five times in his career with the Pokes.

- Waylee now has over 3,000 career rushing yards. He came into the game with 2,876 yards

- Quarterback Kaden Anderson made his first career start.

- Anderson threw for a career-high 342 yards with three touchdowns for a career-high.

- Running back Jamari Ferrell recorded his first touchdown of the season and second of his career.

- Ferrell recorded a career-high 89 yards rushing in the contest.

- Tight end John Michael

Gyllenberg recorded a touchdown reception in the first quarter for the fifth of his career and second of the season.

- Wide receiver Jaylen Sargent recorded a career-high six catches for a career-high 186 yards.

- Tight end Nick Miles hauled in a career-long 25 yard reception in the first half.

- Wide receiver Justin Stevenson recorded three catches for 45 yards for a career-high.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- Safety Isaac White recorded eight tackles in the game and now has 205 career tackles after coming into the game with 197.

- Linebacker Connor Shay recorded six tackles.

- Nickel Wrook Brown recorded an interception for a touchdown. It was his first career touchdown. It was the first

interception for a touchdown by the Cowboys since Wyatt Ekeler returned on 38 yards against Nevada last season in the Regular season finale.

- It was Brown's sixth career interception and third of the season. He had three last season for the Cowboys.

- Defensive end Tyce Westland recorded a forced fumble to help give the Pokes the win.

SPECIAL NOTES

- Cowboy kicker John Hoyland recorded seven points on the night and now has 346 in his career after recording seven on the night. He came into the game with 339 and passed Cooper Rothe (342 points) for the school record in career scoring.

- Cornerback Keany Parks recorded a 54-yard kick return in the first quarter for the longest return of his career.

Kaden Anderson named to Manning Award Stars of the Week

He passed a career-high 342 yards



WYOMING

LARAMIE, Wyo. (Nov. 4, 2024) – The Manning Award, sponsored by the Allstate Sugar Bowl, has named eight quarterbacks as its "Stars of the Week." Redshirt freshman quarterback Kaden Anderson was named to the list after a career day at New Mexico.

College football fans can follow the Manning Award on social media (@ManningAward) to vote for what they think was the best performance from this past weekend. After voting closes on Wednesday at 9 a.m. (Central), the top vote-getter will be announced as the Manning Award Quarterback of the Week.

Anderson, a native of Southlake, Texas, made his first career start leading the Cowboys to a 49-45 win at New Mexico. He threw for a career-high 342 yards in the contest. It was the most passing yards by a Cowboy since Cam Coffman had 366 yards against New Mexico in 2015. It is also the most by a true freshman or redshirt freshman in the MW era of Cowboy Football. Brett Smith threw for 341 yards in 2011 against San Diego State.

Anderson threw for three touchdowns on the day and added a rushing score. He was 20-of-29 passing and helped lead the Cowboy offense to a season-high 604 yards for the most since having the same number at Utah State in 2021. Wyoming also scored the most points since having 52 in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl that same season.

The Manning Award was created by the Allstate Sugar Bowl in 2004 to honor the college football accomplishments of Archie, Peyton and Eli Manning. It is the only quarterback award that includes the candidates' bowl performances in its balloting. Since the Manning Award started recognizing Stars of the Week in 2011, 563 different quarterbacks from 135 schools have been recognized. Sixty-six players were honored during the 2023 season and 61 quarterbacks have been recognized so far in 2024.

The Cowboys will enjoy a bye week before taking on Colorado State on November 15 in Fort Collins for the Border War.



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Outdoors

Mourning the matriarch: Jacksonites, bear lovers from around the world unite to remember 399

By Jackson Hole News&Guide staff
Via Wyoming News Exchange

JACKSON (WNE) — From Town Square to the Virginian marquee to the roadside where she died, memorials have taken many forms as people mourn the loss of a beloved wildlife icon.

Jackson Elementary students added drawings, letters and photos of Grizzly 399 to Day of the Dead altars honoring departed loved ones.

A makeshift memorial sprouted up near the Snake River Canyon milepost where a driver swerved to miss her yearling cub but collided with 399 instead. The two bears and

car had little room to maneuver in a part of the canyon where the highway is pinched by steep slopes on one side and the river on the other.

"399 I am so sorry you got hit by a car," read a handwritten note left by a child beneath a wooden post now covered with flowers. The note had a drawing of a bear and a cross. Another note had a watercolor painting of a bear wearing a purple crown.

Local photographer Anna Knaeble's daughters, Isla, 8, and Aria, 5, didn't hesitate to give their teddy bear and toy grizzly to another impromptu memorial set up under one of the antler arches on Town Square. Knaeble left a 399 and cub photo she



In the spring of 2020, Grizzly 399 shocked biologists and wildlife watchers when she emerged from hibernation with four cubs, which admirers dubbed "the quads." One was euthanized by wildlife managers for numerous conflicts, while the other three dispersed into the wilderness. (COURTESY PHOTO/Bobbi Kohout)



Local photographer Anna Knaeble's daughters, Isla, 8, and Aria, 5, didn't hesitate to give their teddy bear and toy grizzly to the memorial for Grizzly 399 on Town Square. The girls said the plush teddy was 399 cuddling her baby. (JACKSON HOLE NEWS&GUIDE/Kathryn Ziesig)

took earlier this year with "A mother like no other" scrawled on the frame.

"Rest in peace. Queen of the Tetons. A true legend," read the marquee at the Virginian Lodge, marking the moment in block letters and bright lights along Jackson's main thoroughfare.

Visiting from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, George and Terri Ballard watched a documentary about the world-famous bear on the plane ride to Bozeman, Montana, en route to Jackson.

"It was the photographer's connection to her that drew us in," George Ballard said as the couple wandered downtown Jackson on Monday looking for Tom Mangelsen's gallery. The Jackson wildlife photographer has been chronicling Grizzly 399 since 2006 and is featured in the PBS documentary, "399: Queen of the Tetons."

The Ballards compared the community's collective enthusiasm for 399 to Crimson Tide football in Alabama.

Connie and Emma Green, of Salt Lake City, often visit Jackson and

brought a small green heart to add to the Town Square memorial Monday.

They recalled spending an afternoon in Grand Teton National Park watching 399 teach one of her cubs how to handle a herd of elk.

Carolina Calderon lived near Pilgrim Creek in Teton Park where she often was one of the first people to see the celebrity bear emerge from hibernation in the spring. She recalled how special it was when 399 came out with "her quads" — four cubs in one season — in 2020.

"Losing 399 was like losing a family member," she said while visiting the Town Square memorial.

Mourners also asked the governor to lower flags to half-staff in the bruin's honor.

"While saddened by the death of Grizzly 399, the Governor follows specific, published protocol when flags should be lowered to half-staff," read a reply from the governor's constituent services.

"The death of wildlife, no matter how famous, does not fall under recognized flag protocol. Half-staff flag honors are typically reserved to

honor the passing of elected officials and first responders."

Last Wednesday, Lisa Robertson and artist Helen Seay had just wrapped up a photo shoot of a mural on the wall of Hatch Taqueria and Tequilas aimed at raising awareness about wildlife as sentient beings. They were celebrating finishing the mural, which had been Seay's vision to bring awareness to the stories of individual animals, including but not limited to Grizzly 399, Robertson recalled.

Robertson has lived in Jackson for 33 years.

Grizzly 399 "has been a major part of that," since Robertson is among wildlife watchers who followed the life of the 28-year-old bear for nearly two decades.

As the sun shone on a towering Grizzly 399 and her four cubs, painted to look directly at onlookers, Robertson received a text that 399 had been killed.

"(Seay) made 399 bigger than life," Robertson said, reflecting on the loss of a wildlife icon. "I wondered why. Now I know."

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NOTICE OF MEETING
The South Lincoln Special Cemetery District will hold its regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Kemmerer Office.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETS EVERY WEEK: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 7-8 p.m. at 501 Sapphire Street. Call or text 307-220-2958 for information. 3/24fn

104 public notices

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112 business opportunities

This newspaper recommends that you investigate every phase of investment opportunity from the company making the offer, before investing any money. Or you may contact the Attorney General's Office, 123 Capitol Building, Cheyenne, WY. 82002 (307-777-7841) 8-26fn

163 lost & found

MISSING TAURUS 44 MAGNUM REVOLVER, black with attachments. Possible in the Meeteetse area. Reward. (307) 921-8977.

173 professional services

Advertise statewide! REACH THOUSANDS with a WY Classified Advertising Network. Services, for sale, wanted to buy, recruitment, and more! Only \$150. Contact your local newspaper.

185 Services/Miscellaneous

PORTABLE OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 866-896-3528.

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ON SALE NOW: The Uinta County Herald at the Kemmerer Gazette office on the Triangle, 708 J. C. Penney Drive. Pick up your copy today. 03/05fn

221 help wanted

OUTLAW SUPPLY
Kemmerer
NOW HIRING part time positions, no weekends, no holidays. Day and evening hours available. Call 307-723-8031 for information.

221 help wanted

Lincoln Self Reliance, Inc. is currently seeking employees to work as **Direct Support Professionals** to support adults with disabilities. Experience is not required; we will provide all the training. The right candidate will be dependable and flexible with their work schedule. Pay begins at \$15.00 per hour. Our company also offers a great benefit package that includes health insurance, 401k, PTO and sick time. If you are motivated to work in a caring environment and help others, then LSR is the place for you. To apply today or for more information, **contact Shirley Deason at 307-877-1321, ext 100**

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Town of Diamondville is accepting applications for a full time Police Officer. Applicant must be a minimum of 21 years of age, poses a High School Diploma or GED equivalent, and have a valid Driver's License. Applicant must also be able to pass a background check, Psychological evaluation, Physical Fitness Test, and Firearms Proficiency test.

Prior experience preferred, but not necessary. Must be able to complete State Sponsored Police Academy Training Program and field training.

Salary base pay with full Medical benefits, Sick Leave, and Vacation.

Applications are available at Diamondville Town Hall, 20 US Hwy 30/189, Diamondville, WY 83116 or call (307)-877-6676 for more information.

Job Opening!

The Kemmerer-Diamondville Water and Wastewater Joint Powers Board is currently looking for a full-time Administrative Assistant to join our team. This position provides administrative support to the Kemmerer-Diamondville Joint Powers Board; duties to include clerical functions, data entry, report preparation and reporting, and customer relations.

Minimum Qualifications: Candidate should have a High School diploma and one to two years of administrative or business experience; and must also possess some knowledge of bookkeeping with strong organizational, written and verbal communication skills with attention to detail.

The Kemmerer-Diamondville Water and Wastewater Joint Powers Board offers an excellent benefits package. Wage is dependent upon experience and qualifications. Applications and full job description are available at the K-D Joint Powers Board Office, 1004 Elk St. Kemmerer, WY 83101. For more information, please call (307) 877-2261.

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LOT FOR SALE - 122 Coyote OPAL, 1/4 acre lot \$15,000. Utilities to the curb. Call Dale Olson 307-259-2625

620 storage

G&W ON SITE PORTABLE STORAGE: storage at your location, Lease or buy, all metal, wind, water, rodent resistant. Call 307-247-0098 or 888-357-7345. March 19fn

Bev Grange Agent 307.780.8423
Lindsey McKane Agent 307.217.3551
Kathy Maldonado Agent 307.747.8289

620 storage

Storage Units For Rent: Individual Units and Warehousing. Call 307-727-8840. Oct. 17fn

Public Notices

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, STATE OF WYOMING
Docket No. 2024-CV-000137
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:)
JEAN LENORA EDINGER,)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 23rd day of October, 2024, Nancy J. Feeley, filed an Application for a Decree of Summary Distribution of Real Property seeking an establishment in the name of Nancy J. Feeley and James E. Edinger, of the decedent's right, title and interest in and to certain real property located in Lincoln County, Wyoming, and more particularly described as follows:
All of Lots numbered Seven (7), Eight (8) and Nine (9) in Block numbered Nine (9) of the Town of Diamondville, County of Lincoln, State of Wyoming as surveyed, platted and recorded, together with all buildings, improvements and appurtenances thereon situate or in anywise pertaining thereunto.
If no objection to the Application has been filed within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication of this Notice, the applicant will request that the Court enter a decree establishing in them all right, title and interest in and to the above described real property.
Nancy J. Feeley and James E. Edinger
PUBLISHED: Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 2024

Public Notices

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF LINCOLN, STATE OF WYOMING

Docket No. 2024-CV-0000138

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:)

LARRY E. OSTERKAMP,)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 23rd day of October, 2024, Nancy J. Feeley and James E. Edinger, filed an Application for a Decree of Summary Distribution of Real Property seeking an establishment in the name of Nancy J. Feeley and James E. Edinger, of the decedent's right, title and interest in and to certain real property located in Lincoln County, Wyoming, and more particularly described as follows:

1. 1201 Sageview Dr., Diamondville, Lincoln County, Wyoming Beginning at a point 80 feet South and N89°02' W 80 feet from the NE Corner of the NE¼NE¼ Section 11, Township 20 North, Range 116 West, 6th Principal Meridian;
thence due South on a line parallel to the East line of the said NE¼NE¼ Section 11, 933.4 feet;
thence N89°02' W on a line parallel to the North line of the said NE¼NE¼ Section 11, 933.4 feet;
thence due North on a line parallel to the East line of the said NE¼NE¼ Section 11, 933.4 feet;
thence S89°02' E on a line parallel to the North line of the said NE¼NE¼ Section 11, 933.4 feet, more or less to the point of beginning, containing 20 acres, more or less, along with an easement 80 feet wide for access to said tract located at the northeast corner of same.

2. 211 Diamondville Ave, Diamondville, Lincoln County, Wyoming

All of Lots numbered Seven (7), Eight (8) and Nine (9) in Block numbered Nine (9) of the Town of Diamondville, County of Lincoln, State of Wyoming as surveyed, platted and recorded, together with all buildings, improvements and appurtenances thereon situate or in anywise pertaining thereunto.

If no objection to the Application has been filed within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication of this Notice, the applicant will request that the Court enter a decree establishing in them all right, title and interest in and to the above described real property.

Nancy J. Feeley and James E. Edinger
PUBLISHED: Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 2024 23331

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2024

The Kemmerer City Council met in regular session this 14th day of October, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Kemmerer, Wyoming. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present on roll call were Mayor William Thek, Councilmember Marlin Batista, Councilmember Robert Bowen, Councilmember Dale Hicks, Councilmember Bill Price, and Councilmember Mark Quinn.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bowen to approve the agenda as amended to add New Business (c), Letter of Support of Lincoln County's Grant Application for RERC Program Technical Assistance and move New Business Item (b), Potential Temporary Appointment to the City Council for a term to expire on 12/31/2024 to after the Approval of the Agenda; seconded by Councilmember Hicks and unanimously approved by council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bowen to appoint James Burnett to the open term of the city council to expire on December 31, 2024; seconded by Councilmember Quinn. The mayor then called for the question. Those voting "Yea" were Councilmember Batista, Councilmember Bowen, Councilmember Quinn and Councilmember Price. Councilmember Hicks voted, "Nay." Motion carried.

James Burnett was sworn in as a councilmember.

PRESENTATION:

Joshua Knoeffler of Knoeffler Enterprises presented a proposal to the council to purchase city lots at 809 and 823 South Main Street.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Councilmember Hicks to approve the items on the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Councilmember Bowen and unanimously approved by council. Those items were:

(a) Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2024 and Special Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2024;

(b) approval of the payment of the bills and ACH payments as presented;

17652 WRS Life Insurance	\$48.00	17653 Wyoming Retirement System	\$19,477.36
17654 UMWA	198.60	17655 All West Communications	498.17
17656 Division of Victim Services	191.67	17657 Bobcat of Rock Springs	283.31
17658 Burnett's Auto Parts	1,591.65	17659 Century Equipment Co	756.45
17660 Centurylink	912.95	17661 Centurylink Communications	14.02
17662 CMI, Inc	490.00	17663 DBT Transportation Services	1,735.75
17664 Emery, David	57.00	17665 First Bank of Wyoming	5,358.41
17666 Freedom Mailing Services	825.94	17667 GoTo Technologies USA	331.22
17668 IDAWY Solid Waste Dist	8,759.25	17669 Intermountain Fire Protection	100.00
17670 JUB Engineers	3,871.30	17671 KD Joint Powers Board	1,539.41
17672 Kemmerer Gazette	2,023.35	17673 Kois Brothers Equipment	1,205.00
17674 Lincoln County Sheriff Office	2,420.00	17675 Lincoln County Treasurer	6,724.29
17676 Lozier, Jessica	1,500.00	17677 Mountain West Business	131.94
17678 Netwize	1,635.25	17679 Norco Inc	14.70
17680 Outlaw Supply, Inc	2,777.25	17681 Parks, Jake	446.00
17682 Peavler, Barbara	1,250.48	17683 Personnel Screening Services	274.96
17684 Peterbilt of Wyoming	848.24	17685 Pitney Bowes	964.65
17686 R&D Sweeping	26,000.00	17687 Rocky Mountain Power	11,552.70
17688 Rotary Club of Kemmerer	203.51	17689 Safety Supply & Sign Co	1,448.26
17690 Shums Coda Associates	836.25	17691 Stout, E. Dean	1,250.00
17692 Upper Case Printing, Ink	313.72	17693 Verizon Wireless	836.01
17694 Wex Bank	1,897.94	17695 WEBT	51,199.47
17696 Wyoming Machinery Co	349.06	17697 Xerox Financial Services	257.00
9/25/24 Federal Tax Deposit-ACH	13,718.55	9/25/24 Net Payroll Deposit-ACH	50,438.19
9/25/24 Orchard Trust-ACH	675.00	9/25/24 Expert Pay-ACH	357.47
9/25/24 AFLAC-ACH	12.24	10/9/24 Federal Tax Deposit-ACH	15,390.97
10/9/24 Net Payroll Deposit-ACH	53,706.21	10/9/24 Orchard Trust-ACH	675.00
10/9/24 Expert Pay-ACH	488.54	10/9/24 AFLAC-ACH	12.24
9/30/24 Secure Instant Pmt-ACH	22.45	10/9/24 Dept of Workforce Services	25,076.13

OLD BUSINESS:

(a) Motion was made by Councilmember Hicks to Pass, Approve and Adopt on Third Reading Ordinance No. 2024-888, Amending Sections 23-94, 23-95, and 23-177, Requiring Electric Gas and Fiber Infrastructure Installation for Developers as amended; seconded by Councilmember Price and unanimously approved by council.

(b) Motion was made by Councilmember Bowen to Pass, Approve, and Adopt on Third Reading No. 2024-886, Amending Section 19-1 on Snow as amended; seconded by Councilmember Hicks. The mayor then called for the question. Those voting "Yea" were Councilmember Batista, Councilmember Bowen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Price and Councilmember Quinn. Councilmember Burnett abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Motion was made by Councilmember Hicks to Pass, Approve, and Adopt Resolution No. 2024-844, Amending Golf Course Advisory Board Bylaws; seconded by Councilmember Batista and unanimously approved by council.

(b) Item was moved to after the approval of the agenda.

(c) Motion was made by Councilmember Hicks to authorize the mayor to sign the Letter of Support of Lincoln County's Grant Application for RERC Program Technical Assistance; seconded by Councilmember Bowen and unanimously approved by council.

COMMENTS:

City Administrator, Brian Muir, made comments. Councilmember Batista, Councilmember Burnett, Councilmember Quinn, Councilmember Price and Councilmember Bowen made comments. Mayor Thek made comments.

There being no further business before the Council, Councilmember Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilmember Quinn and unanimously approved by council; 8:09 p.m.

CITY OF KEMMERER, WYOMING

BY: WILLIAM J THEK,

MAYOR

ATTEST:

NATASIA DIERS

CITY CLERK-TREASURER

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WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF

TRANSPORTATION

CHEYENNE, WYOMING

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND FINAL

SETTLEMENT FOR HIGHWAY WORK

Notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Transportation has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming and McMillen, Inc., The Contractor, on Highway Project Number P114038 in Lincoln County, consisting of grading, milling plant mix, crushed base, bituminous pavement surfacing, box culverts, cattle guards, guardrail, fencing and miscellaneous work and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on December 16, 2024.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is November 5, 2024.

Pam Fredrick
Senior Budget Analyst
Budget Program
Wyoming Department of Transportation
PUBLISHED: Nov. 5, 12, 19, 2024 23336

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, STATE OF WYOMING

Docket No. 2024-CV-0000127

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
ESTATE OF:)
BETTY JEAN ABRIANI,)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF ESTATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 17th day of October, 2024 the Estate of Betty Jean Abriani, was admitted to probate by the above-named Court, and that Cheryl Abriani, was appointed as Personal Representative thereof.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to said decedent or to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the offices of Long Reimer Winegar LLP, 724 Front Street, Suite 200, PO Box 1040, Evanston, WY 82931.

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

Cheryl Abriani

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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CHAPTER 6, SECTION 2 CONSTRUCTION/MODIFICATION PERMIT - Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality PUBLIC NOTICE: In accordance with Chapter 6, Section 2(m) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations, notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, proposes to approve a request by XTO Energy Inc. (CMP000914) to modify and operate the Fontenelle Federal 41-35 SWD (F027805) with the addition of storage tanks and a heater treater, located in the NE¼NE¼ of Section 35, T26N, R112W, approximately six (6) miles southeast of LaBarge, in Lincoln County, Wyoming. A Chapter 6, Section 2(c) (ii) demonstration in accordance with the Division's Interim Policy has been conducted. Emission offset requirements, if applicable, have been applied to this permitting action at a ratio of 1.5:1.0 for VOCs and 1.1:1.0 for NOx. Permitting actions to date have resulted in a decrease in actual VOC emissions of 4.2 tpy and a decrease in actual NOx emissions of 16.5 tpy. Therefore, XTO Energy Inc. has met the offset requirements for VOCs and NOx.

For the duration of the public comment period, the permit application, the agency's analysis, and the public notice are available for public inspection online at <https://openair.wyo.gov>, utilizing facility ID F027805 and permit number P0037733 under permits. This material may also be viewed online, at the above URL, utilizing a public computer at the Lincoln County Library, Kemmerer, Wyoming. Additionally, for the duration of the public comment period a copy of this public notice is available for public inspection at the Lincoln County Clerk's Office, Kemmerer, Wyoming.

Written comments may be directed to Nancy Vehr, Administrator, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 or by fax (307) 635-1784. Please reference A0016372 in your comment. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Division's website (<http://aq.wyomingdeq.com>). Comments submitted by email will not be included in the administrative record. Comments submitted by email will not be included in the administrative record. All comments received by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, December 5, 2024 will be considered in the final determination on this application. A public hearing will be conducted only if in the opinion of the administrator sufficient interest is generated or if an aggrieved party so requests. Para español, visite deq.wyoming.gov. Americans with Disabilities Act: special assistance or alternative formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities. Please provide at least fourteen (14) days before the close of the public comment period for such requests.

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FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that a default in the payment under the terms of a secured and perfected Note has occurred. The Note is secured by a Mortgage dated November 17, 2016 and recorded on November 18, 2016 at REC # 989657 Book 887, Page 93 MORTGAGE in the records of Lincoln County, Wyoming from Kevin Swainston and Melody Young, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Banc of California, National Association, dba Banc Home Loans for the amount of \$392,000.00. The Mortgage having been assigned to and now in possession of TH MSR Holdings LLC, through an assignment recorded on May 5, 2023 at REC# 1029856 Book 1086, Page 103 MTG in the records of Lincoln County, Wyoming.

WHEREAS the Mortgage contains a power of sale, which by reason of the default that has occurred, the Mortgagee has declared to become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any suit or proceeding instituted and the same discontinued and:

WHEREAS written Notice of Intent to Foreclose by Sale and Advertisement has been served upon the record owner and party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to commencement of the publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage at the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$344,804.55 which consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$336,586.06, plus outstanding charges, attorney fees, costs expected, accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice.

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

NOW, THEREFORE TH MSR Holdings LLC as Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by having the mortgaged property sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Lincoln County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash on December 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the front door of the Lincoln County Courthouse located at 925 Sage Avenue, Kemmerer, Wyoming 83101. For application on the above described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to wit:

LOT 40, OF TRAIL RIDGE SUBDIVISION, LINCOLN COUNTY, WYOMING AS DESCRIBED ON THE OFFICIAL PLAT NO. 225-F FILED OCTOBER 21, 2003 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 894618, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK, LINCOLN COUNTY, WYOMING.

With an address of 233 Badger Road, Alpine, Wyoming 83128. Together with all improvements thereon situated and all fixtures and appurtenances, thereto.

TH MSR Holdings LLC

Scott D. Toebben, Wyoming State Bar No. 7-5690

Aricyn J. Dall, Wyoming State Bar No: 7-6499

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NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR QUIET TITLE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, IN AND FOR LINCOLN COUNTY, WYOMING, Docket No. 2024-CV-0000135, RICKY MANESS (Plaintiff), vs. JAMES W. MILLER, JOSEPH A. MILLER A.K.A. JOE MILLER, & GEORGE W. MILLER and all unknown heirs at law, devisees, successors, personal representatives, assigns who are, or may be, deceased, and any and all unknown claimants and other persons who claim or may claim any interest in the subject matter of this action, ((Defendants)), NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR QUIET TITLE TO: James W. Miller, Joseph A. Miller & George W. Miller and unknown heirs at law, devisees, successors, personal representatives, assigns, and any and all unknown claimants and other persons who claim or may claim an interest in this action. You, and each of you, are hereby notified that on October 21, 2024, Plaintiff commenced an action against you by filing a Complaint in the District Court of Lincoln County, Wyoming. The object and prayer of the Complaint filed in said action is to determine any and all adverse claims of you, as Defendants, and by a decree of said court to exclude you, as Defendants, from any interests, actual or contingent, in certain real property situate in the County of Lincoln, Town of Diamondville, State of Wyoming, described as: (a 1/2 interest in the West one-half of Lot 3 of Block 13, Lot 4 of Block 13, & Lot 5 of Block 13-DVILLE OT B 13 L 04 05 W2 L 03 10 X75' EXTENSION T21 R 116 S24. Plaintiff alleges he is entitled to quiet title and peaceable enjoyment of the above-described real property for the reasons set out in Plaintiff Complaint. You are further notified that you, and each of you, are required to answer the Complaint within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication hereof to the District Court in and for Lincoln County, Wyoming, and that judgment by default may be rendered against you if you fail to answer or appear. DATED this 21st day of October, 2024. /s/ Kenneth D. Roberts, Clerk of District Court, 925 Sage Avenue, Suite 202, Kemmerer, Wyoming 83101; Jenny Clarke, Chief Deputy Clerk. Plaintiff: Ricky Maness, 96 Hedgewood Drive, Lexington, TN 38351 731-968-9689.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having occurred and all prerequisites to foreclosure having been met, notice is hereby given that the mortgage given by Catherine L. Nelson, a single person, mortgagor, in favor of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., mortgagee, dated September 24, 2003, recorded September 25, 2003, in Book 536PR, Page 238, in the Office of the Clerk of Lincoln County, Wyoming, given to secure payment of a note in the original amount of Sixty One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Six Dollars and 00/100 (\$61,946.00). Said note and mortgage were assigned to the Wyoming Community Development Authority by Assignment dated September 24, 2003, and recorded October 6, 2003, in Book 537PR, Page 508, in the Office of the Clerk of Lincoln County, Wyoming. The past amount due as of October 7, 2024, is Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Six Dollars and 78/100 (\$3,386.78), plus accruing late fees, interest, fees and costs, and the amount due as of October 7, 2024, is Thirty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Two Dollars and 74/100 (\$32,922.74), plus accruing interest, fees and costs. Said mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of default the owner of the Note and Mortgage 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. 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 days prior to the commencement of this publication. The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale and any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting the bid.

Therefore, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the real property described as:

LOT 10 AND THE WESTERLY 25 FEET OF LOT 11 OF BLOCK 6 OF THE WILLOW ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF KEMMERER, LINCOLN COUNTY, WYOMING AS DESCRIBED ON THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF

which has the address of 214 Emery Street, Kemmerer, Wyoming 83101, to be sold by public auction by the Sheriff to the highest bidder, for cash, at 10:00 a.m. on November 12, 2024, at the front steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 925 Sage Avenue, Kemmerer, Wyoming 83101. The sale will take place only if a representative of the Wyoming Community Development Authority, or its agent, is present.

Wyoming Community Development Authority

By: Thomas A. Valdez

Chapman Valdez & Lansing

125 West 2nd Street

P.O. Box 2710

Casper, WY 82602

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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 November 17, 2016, executed and delivered by Kevin Swainston ("Mortgagors") to TCF National Bank, and a real estate Mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by Kevin Swainston and Melody Young ("Mortgagors"), to said Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded on November 21, 2016, at Reception No. 989665, in Book 887, at Page 138 in the public records in the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Lincoln County, State of Wyoming; and

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 October 17, 2024 being the total sum of \$54,170.85, 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 The Huntington National Bank successor by merger to TCF National Bank, 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 Lincoln County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on November 19, 2024 at the Lincoln County Courthouse located at 925 Sage Ave, Kemmerer, WY 83101, for application on the above described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 40, of Trail Ridge Subdivision, Lincoln County, Wyoming as described on the Official Plat No. 225-F filed October 21, 2003 as Instrument Number 894618, in the Office of the Clerk, Lincoln County, Wyoming.

With an address of 233 Badger Road, Alpine, WY 83128 (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: October 10, 2024 The Huntington National Bank successor by merger to TCF National Bank

By: _____

Brigham J. Lundberg

Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.

376 East 400 South, Suite 300

Salt Lake City, UT 84111

801-355-2886

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him and his family.
"We recognize that this is public land," he said, "and we are managers of that land. So feedback from the community surrounding the Kemmerer Ranger District is super important to us."

The project's key partners include Wyoming Pathways, OHV organization Tread Lightly from Salt Lake City, Friends of Bridger-Teton, and Lincoln County. Calkins praised local officials and nonprofit groups for their support.

"These nonprofits are essential to our ability to get this project going," he said.

While the team has applied for grants, exact funding levels remain uncertain. The project, expected to last three to five years, will rely on grant support and community input to guide priorities.

To gather that input, the Forest Service has launched a public sur-

vey and scheduled an informational meeting for Tuesday, Nov. 19, at Fossil Fuel Coffee in Kemmerer.

"We'll focus on listening to the public to prioritize which trails to use first," Calkins said. They will also assess trailhead parking, tree clearing and provide other essential updates.

This revitalization, he explained, is intended to create a multifaceted trail system where visitors can enjoy various activities.

"Recreation is changing, and people want to do multiple activities from one location," Calkins said. "We are trying to adapt to this system of multiple recreation uses in a central location."

He said he envisions Commissary Ridge as a recreational alternative to popular areas like Jackson.

"The Wyoming Range is a great alternative to the Tetons or the Wind River Mountains," he said. "It's not heavily trafficked."

Calkins has served as Kemmerer District Ranger for the Bridg-

er-Teton National Forest for two and a half years, a period in which he has expanded staff and resources to tackle long-standing issues.

"It's a problem we recognized that needed to be fixed," he said, citing local demand for trail access. The Forest Service plans to hold additional public meetings in surrounding counties early next year, bringing the project to the wider community and gaining insight into broader regional needs.

With each restoration step, the Forest Service aims to build a sustainable trail system, improving both recreational access and preserving the landscape's natural beauty for generations to come.

"The community asked for this," Calkins said, "and we decided it was something we wanted to address."

Calkins said if people are interested in using the trails now, they should call or stop by the ranger office in Kemmerer to get the latest updates.



In a push to improve access to the overlooked southern Wyoming Range, the U.S. Forest Service has begun efforts to revitalize a 180-mile trail network on Commissary Ridge in the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Kemmerer District Ranger Adam Calkins, who is leading the project, said the initiative aims to reverse decades of neglect due to budget and staffing limitations. (COURTESY PHOTO/Chelsey Pearson)

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