

Robertson man convicted of felony stalking

By Amanda Manchester Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — A Robertson man is facing the possibility of serving decades in prison after a jury convicted him of several charges related to crimes against his estranged wife.

Chet Walker, 41 was found guilty on 10 ny counts of stalking; one felony count of influencing, intimidating protection order - on or Lyman. Friday, March 14. Each to 10 years each and/or Kallas described Walker \$10,000 in fines, while as a man who continued the misdemeanors carry up to six months and \$750 fines each.

occurred between June including attempted recduring which the Bridger and suicidal threats. Valley exes had orders of protection against one an- she needed to drop the orother. The former couple, der, straighten herself out



Chet Walker

charges - four felo- court-ordered that they were only allowed to trade off custody at three designated locations: or impeding a witness; Benedict's Market or at and five misdemeanor either Maverik gas stacounts of violation of a tion in Mountain View

Uinta County Attorfelony charge carries up ney Loretta Howieson to contact his former wife, sometimes hundreds of times a day and The charges stemmed at all hours of the night, from multiple events that for a variety of reasons 2024 and September onciliation, jealousy and 2024, a period of time harassment, intimidation

"He was telling her who have two small chil- and get their family back



Evanston Mayor Kent Williams argues that he didn't start the dysfunction in communication between himself and other council members during a discussion on communication issues at the Evanston City Council work session on Tuesday, March 11. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

Council seeks solution to communication breakdown

By Kayne Pyatt Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — During the Evanston City Council work session on Tuesday, March 11, councilmember Jesse Lind requested a discussion on the communication issues between the mayor and council members. Lind said he felt it was important, as he thought the council appeared more



ineffective than effective.

Mayor Kent Williams asked Lind, "I can simply ask, when did we get off course? To me this all came about in the last two years. What is your feeling?"

Councilmembers Lind and Jen Hegeman both said they felt the tension had been building with one thing after another - arguments, an investigation - all causing the communication within the council to be dysfunctional. Lind said he thought it all started with differing opinions on the old Wyoming State Hospital buildings.

Williams responded, "I don't want to sound argumentative, but I didn't start it. I look back and ask myself, 'Could I have acted differently?' Yeah,



Red Devils, Lady Devils 0-2 to open season **B1**

YOU SAID IT

"The biggest thing we've got to do is find an identity on offense... I felt like we were able to get some things going over the weekend, but I don't think we're all on the same page about what we're trying to accomplish going forward."

- EHS boys' soccer coach **Brian Richins**

via a court-recommended co-parenting messaging system called AppClose, to discuss affairs directly related to the care and custody of their children.

Furthermore, it was

dren together, were only together or she would allowed to communicate regret it," Kallas said during opening statements

Video and text records and were only permitted proved that Walker not only frequented the perimeter of his estranged

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Evanston City Councilmembers Mike Sellers, Henry Schmidt and Jen Hegeman listen during discussion at the March 11 work session. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt) probably. If someone wants to talk to me, you know where I am."

Williams said the council hasn't had tension or anger among members until recent years.

"I look at the other members on this council who have been on a long time," Williams said. "We may have disagreed, but we have never had these kind of anger issues before."

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WEATHER

Sunny skies with a high of 66. Low tonight 41. Full forecast on A2

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Annual Evanston Women's Conference a success



Keynote speaker Kristina Kuzmic entertains the crowd with her jokes and personal stories at the Evanston Women's Conference held on Saturday, March 8, at Davis Middle School. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

By Kayne Pyatt Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — More than 250 people attended the annual Evanston Women's Conference on Saturday, March 8, held at Davis Middle School. The event was organized by the Women's Conference Board, which includes volunteers Amy Fackrell, Mardi Woodward, Sheila McGuire, Jerri Liechty, Kari Stott, Stephanie Hartley, Jen Ellingford, LeAnn Carson, and Tammy Koncitik. The day was also celebrated as International Women's Day across the world.

As people arrived, they were given a pink bag filled with health information and little treats. Thirty-six vendor booths filled the gym and flowed down the hall. Attendees had time after breakfast, between sessions and after lunch to stop at the booths and pick up information from nonprofit agencies and health groups. Tickets were available at each vendor's table for a chance to win one of the many door prizes donated by businesses and vendors.

"It was an amazing day," Uinta **BOCES No. 1 Executive Director**

and Evanston Women's Conference board treasurer Sheila McGuire said. "We were thrilled with the turnout and, from the feedback we received, the audience loved the keynote speaker, Kristina Kuzmic."

Kuzmic is an author, comedian, international speaker and mental health advocate. She was born in Croatia and, during the war there, she immigrated to the U.S., where she faced even more challenges — divorce, single parenting, poverty and mental health issues.

In 2011, Oprah Winfrey crowned Kuzmic the winner of Mark Burnett's reality TV competition. Since working with Winfrey, Kuzmic has created videos encouraging people to prioritize their mental health.

Now, with well over one billion video views, Kuzmic is providing her audience with encouragement, hope and humor. She has 2.9 million Facebook followers and 850,000 Instagram followers. She is sought after as an international speaker, has completed two comedy tours and performed in over 60 cities in the U.S. and Canada. Kuzmic's first book, "Hold

released in February 2020 and has since been translated into eight languages. Her second book, "I Can Fix This! (And Other Lies I've Told Myself While Parenting My Struggling Child)," was released in May 2024 and was featured on "Good Morning America," in the New York Times and People magazine among other outlets.

On But Don't Hold Still," was

Kuzmic joked that parenting was a lot like riding a bus; much was out of our control, yet there is much that is in our control.

Kuzmic got a roomful of laughs when she said, "How many of us have those quotes hung on our fridges that are supposed to immediately change our lives."

Using humor throughout her presentation, Kuzmic shared personal stories about her own struggles with being a single parent and being poor. She realized that she was a good cook, so she started inviting neighbors over for a meal and, when they finally they began to come, they were very appreciative and began to bring their own creative dishes. Before

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Weather forecast



Thursday: High of 66; low of 40. Sunrise: 7:14 a.m.; Sunset: 7:44 p.m. Partly cloudy skies, with gusty winds developing later. Cloudy overnight.



Friday: High of 49; low of 31. Sunrise: 7:13 a.m.; Sunset: 7:45 p.m. Increasing clouds with showers arriving in the afternoon. Possible snow overnight.



Saturday: High of 46; low of 28. Sunrise: 7:11 a.m.; Sunset: 7:46 p.m. Partly cloudy with 10-20 mph winds. A few clouds overnight.



Sunday: High of 50; low of 33. Sunrise: 7:09 a.m.; Sunset: 7:47 p.m. Partly to mostly cloudy with 10-20 mph winds. A few clouds at night.

Evanston chamber welcomes VFW Post 4280



The Evanston Chamber of Commerce Red Carpet Ambassadors celebrate VFW Post 4280 joining the chamber with a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, March 19. Pictured are (front row) chamber assistant AJ Lamb, chamber executive director Tammy Staley, VFW Auxiliary member Daunna Smith, Roy Wagstaff, Juan Hernandez and Bethany Shidler; (back) VFW Auxiliary member Lexi Lamb, John Willoughby, Ken Johnson, Richard Smith and Nate Rees. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

Gov. Gordon shares thoughts about Legislature, DOGE, more on 'The Perch'

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Monday afternoon, Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon spent an hour visiting with the Wyoming Tribune Eagle Editorial Board about a wide variety of issues, ranging from the recently concluded legislative session to federal budget cuts and more.

The interview was recorded for this week's episode of the weekly podcast, "The Perch," which is available online at WyomingNews.com, Spotify, Apple Podcasts or wherever podcasts may be accessed.

In addition to the regular episode, the WTE is also making the full interview available for listeners in the same podcast feed.

Wyoming Insight reports decrease in tax collections, mining but increase in employment

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Wyoming's total sales and use tax collections have decreased year-over-year and mining collections continue to fall, according to the latest edition of Wyoming Insight, which serves as an energy index and business indicators report for the state.

Total sales and use tax collections in February summed to \$65.6 million, \$5.8 million less (-8.1%) than February last year.

"Sales & use tax collections have declined year-over-year in eight of the last 12 months," said Dylan Bainer, principal economist for Wyoming's Economic Analysis Division, in a news release. Collections from the mining sector continue to decline, down \$1.5 million (-17.5%) year-over-year. This is the 10th consecutive month that collections from the mining sector have declined year-over-year. support Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming's outreach troops, which benefit underserved girls.

All of the net revenue raised through the Girl Scout Cookie Program — every penny after the baker is paid — stays with the local council and troops. Girl Scout troops set goals for how to spend their proceeds on program-related activities including travel, camp, service projects and more.

Lummis bill would redirect EV funds to support Wyoming highways

CHEYENNE (WNE) — U.S. Sen. Cynthia Lummis, R-Wyo., has introduced the Highway Funding Flexibility Act.

If passed into law, it would free up money "stuck in accounts intended to fund Biden's radical EV charger initiative" and direct those funds to pay for projects critical for travel and commerce throughout Wyoming, a news release from Lummis' office said.

"For far too long, the people of Wyoming were forced to endure Biden's radical EV mandates that dedicated their hardearned tax dollars toward Green New Deal initiatives that do not effectively serve the state of Wyoming," Lummis said in the release. "My legislation frees up these funds to address Wyoming's actual transportation needs without adding to the national debt, rather than forcing Biden-era EV mandates on the Cowboy State."

Under the Biden administration, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provided \$5 billion for the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program (\$1 billion annually from FY22-FY26), and \$2.5 billion from FY22-FY26 for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program, totaling \$7.5 billion.

In February, President Trump paused this program, giving Congress the ability to redirect appropriated funds stuck in the accounts, the release said the beloved Wyoming statesman, who died Friday in Cody.

Simpson will lie in honor at the Wyoming State Capitol, 300 E. 21st St. in Cheyenne, with public access March 27 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and March 28 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Simpson family will host a free public celebration of life and invites everyone to join them at the University of Wyoming at 11 a.m. March 29 at Arena-Auditorium, East Willett Drive and North 19th Street in Laramie.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. March 31 at Christ Episcopal Church, 825 Simpson Ave. in Cody. As seating at Christ Church is limited, the family appreciates those who are willing to monitor the service from an overflow venue.

The Laramie and Cody events will be simulcast on television and streamed online by Wyoming PBS, with a feed for use by all media.

The Cody memorial service will be broadcast live at the Coe Auditorium in the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, 720 Sheridan Ave., and the Wynona Thompson Auditorium, 1225 10th St. Additional venues may be announced later, with details posted by the Center of the West to its social media channels.

A public reception and free open house from 1-4 p.m. at the Center of the West will follow the memorial service on March 31.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Spirit Mountain Hospice House and the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation.

Former Wheatland music instructor arrested for sexual exploitation of children

Average active oil rigs were 12 in February, and the conventional gas rig count was two.

Retail trade and utilities also experienced substantial declines, down \$2.2 million (-7.9%) and \$1.1 million (-21.0%), respectively.

However, according to Wyoming Insight, employment in Wyoming totaled 295,700 jobs in January 2025, 2,600 more (+0.9%) than January 2024.

"Total employment continues to grow, but at a moderating rate," said Bainer.

The construction sector added the most jobs in February, up 1,400 jobs year-over-year.

The February 2025 issue of the Wyoming Insight is available at the state of Wyoming's Economic Analysis Division website, ai.wyo.gov/ divisions/economic-analysis.

Girl Scout cookies for sale

SHERIDAN (WNE) — Starting Friday, Girl Scout troops will hold booth sales for Girl Scout cookies through April 13. Customers can find exact locations, dates, and times online at gsmw.org/findcookies. Enter your zip code to find a booth nearest to you.

Girl Scout troops will feature up to nine varieties at cookie booths this year: Thin Mints®, Caramel deLites®, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Trefoils, Adventurefuls, Lemonades, Toast-Yay!, and gluten/allergen free Caramel Chocolate Chip.

The Caramel Chocolate Chip may not be available at all booths and this will be the last year to stock up on Toast-Yay! Cookies will sell for \$6 per package with the exception of the Caramel Chocolate Chip, which will sell for \$7 per package.

Customers may also participate in the Care to Share program. Purchase a package or two from your local Girl Scout troop and it will donate them to local hometown heroes, food banks, service organizations and more.

If cookie booths are not available in your community, you can still support local Girl Scouts by purchasing online. See gsmw.org/findcookies to find a troop in your community, or

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the accounts, the release said.

If passed, the Highway Funding Flexibility Act would ensure the state of Wyoming can use these existing funds to pay for the state's highway infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, truck parking and wildlife crossings. The bill's scope for eligible activities includes engineering, design, construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation.

Wyoming gasoline prices up more than 2 cents a gallon in past week

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Average gasoline prices in Wyoming have risen 2.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.97 per gallon Monday, according to GasBuddy. com's survey of 494 stations in Wyoming.

Prices in Wyoming are 0.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago, and stand 10.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the lowest price in the state Sunday was \$2.49 per gallon, while the highest was \$3.69, a difference of \$1.20 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.02 per gallon Monday. The national average is down 10.6 cents per gallon from a month ago, and stands 42.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

The national average price of diesel has decreased 5 cents in the last week, and stands at \$3.558 per gallon.

Cities to host Alan K. Simpson memorial events

LARAMIE (WNE) — Memorial observances for former U.S. Sen. Alan K. Simpson will take place later this month in three Wyoming cities. Cheyenne, Laramie and Cody will each host separate gatherings in remembrance of

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WHEATLAND (WNE) — Former Wheatland Middle School and Wheatland High School band director, Evan Whitt Bradley, 34, was booked into the Platte County Detention Center on Tuesday, March 11 on charges of sexual exploitation of children.

He had resigned from his position with Platte County School District. No. 1 at the end of the 2024 school term.

Most of the information related to his charges is redacted from public records to comply with Wyoming Statute, but Bradley is currently facing 19 felony charges of exploitation and sexual conduct with minor children — causing or enticing a child under his authority to produce child pornography (2 counts), possession of child pornography (9 counts), first degree sexual abuse of a minor under his authority (5 counts) and second degree sexual abuse of a minor under his authority (3 counts).

All of the charges are connected to alleged events ranging from July 2024 through February 2025.

Platte County Sheriff David Russell an investigation of this case is ongoing, with the possibility of further charges pending. No additional details can be released.

After his arrest, an initial bond hearing was held on March 12 to set Bradley's bond at \$500,000 cash only. Bradley's preliminary hearing is scheduled for 1 p.m. on March 24 to determine if the case should be bound over to 8th Judicial District Court.

Afton police investigating after two bodies found in residence

AFTON (WNE) — The Afton Police Department is investigating the circumstances that resulted in the deaths of two people found inside a local residence.

Police Chief Jason Romberg told SVI that at roughly 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, both APD and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a missing person in the 100 block area of Adams St.

"Upon entering the residence, officers found two deceased individuals inside," stated Chief Romberg. "As this investigation is still in its infancy, there is no further information that we can release at this time."

Romberg stressed that there is no threat to the public, nor was there a public threat at any time.



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On the rebound when it comes to brackets

By Alexandra Paskhaver

I could have become a professional basketball player if not for my inability to score baskets.

And my inability to fake that I've broken an arm if I barely brush another player. And my inability to take pratfalls.

And, if you want to get technical about it, because you could peg my height somewhere between James Madison and Napoleon. That's if you're being generous.

On a normal day, some of these things are more important than others. But as it is basketball season, all of them are essential, all the time.

Some people don't get what all the fuss is about. They don't understand what charm there is in a sport whose origins lie in lobbing a leather ball into a fruit basket.

These people neglect the joyous bonding experience of basketball.

On a cold winter day, there's no better way to warm up and increase your heart rate than racing your family to the television and chucking your sister off the couch if she gets there first.

Of course, in my family, everyone supports different teams.

When things get heated, the men throw hard words at each other, and the ladies throw gardening implements.

In those situations, the only joyous bonding I do is with the floor.

As hedge clippers and pruning shears whistle overhead, I have a lot of time to think and jot down a winning bracket.

If I were in the big leagues, as I ought to be, I'd always put my team on top.

But as the NBA has not extended me any offers (for reasons I cannot fathom, because once in fourth grade, I beat the teacher in Knockout), I have to be more discerning.

I speak with the wisdom that can only come

from experience, like a gal who has previously lost a ridiculous amount of money to her sister on basketball bets and now writes for newspapers to prevent other people from losing ridiculous amounts of money to their sisters on basketball bets.

Writing a perfect NCAA Tournament bracket is a mixture of art and science.

Sure, you do your research on the teams and factor in interviews with the athletes and mark down anybody who says that this season is going to be the greatest yet. That's one part of it.

But then you have to confirm that the players are wearing their lucky socks and that their mothers are attending the games.

While you're at it, it's best to read

the entrails of a goat, just to be sure. If all the signs are there, that's

when you know you've written a perfect bracket.

What Newton felt when he discovered gravity is probably a fraction of what you feel when you accomplish that.

victory, it is essential to channel moral support through the television.

enough to be heard in surrounding states. because if your team can't hear you cheering, those slackers will miss any free throw they're

But you know how it ends. During a pivotal game, some freshman who's been questionable all season suddenly becomes the next Michael Jordan.

am not naming names here, since everyone in basketball is bigger and stronger than me plays like a rookie.

Poof! There goes the bank account.

Alexandra Paskhaver is a software engineer

Purcell: More children needed

By Tom Purcell

It's a growing concern that world leaders, economists and even Pope Francis have warned about: people aren't having enough children.

Across the globe, birth rates are plummeting below the replacement level of 2.1 children per woman, the minimum needed to maintain a stable population.

Countries such as Japan, Italy and even the U.S.

are now facing shrinking workforces, aging populations and economic uncertainty as a result. Pope Francis,

too, has urged families to embrace more chil-

dren, praising the value of big families, which teach children selflessness and sharing benefits that extend far beyond the home.

And I couldn't agree more. I was raised as an only boy in a family of six kids, which was at once a blessing and a curse.

When I was 12, the neighborhood bully was constantly picking on me, but I had no brothers to teach me to fight. My sisters taught me. I looked the bully dead in the eye and said, "You are soooooooo immature!'

Despite having no brothers, my father made me wear

hand-me-downs. It wasn't too bad most of the year, but Easter Sunday was unpleasant. Do you know how hard it is to outrun the neighborhood bully with your pantyhose bunching up and your bonnet flopping in the wind?

Though my sisters loved and doted on me many times, other times they complained to my parents that I was stinky and gross, which meant I was forever banished to the third seat in the back of the station

wagon. One of my fondest memories was going grocery shopping with my father every Thursday night. We hit the Del Farm grocery store, the beer distributor and the butcher and we arrived home

just as "The Waltons" theme song was playing on television. Like a Red Cross opera-

tion, everyone in the house unloaded and packed away our weekly supplies, then we joined for some potato chips and orange and cherry soda pop as we watched John Boy and his many siblings show us what life was like during the Great Depression.

Pope Francis has said that "having brothers and sisters is good for you." He said, "the sons and daughters of a large family are more capable of fraternal communion from early childhood."

He has also said that "each family is the cell of society, but the large family is a richer, more vibrant cell."

I found this to be true.

My parents' house was a wonderful, raucous place, filled with laughter, chaos and lots of love and joy. You had no choice but to interact.

I can't help but wonder how many of today's kids without siblings and isolated with their smartphones alone in their rooms - are missing out on the childhood I was blessed to have.

According to a 2023 report from the U.S. surgeon general, young people are experiencing record-high levels of loneliness and anxiety.

Being part of a big family would solve that problem. You simply can't isolate yourself with so much commotion going on all around you.

And if you attempted to hide from the rest of the family, one of your siblings would demand you come out of your room or risk the greatest punishment that can happen in a big family.

Someone would threaten to brush their teeth with your toothbrush!

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Or someone who is, well, you know - I

and writer. For more information, check out her website at https://apaskhaver.github.io.

Christians have a duty to defend life

Editor:

Newspaper opinion pages often contain wrong and deceptive words. Christians should not feel obliged to answer them all. But on Wednesday March 12, an opinion from WyoFile was reprinted in this paper that so badly misrepresented Christian teaching that it demanded an answer.

The undersigned representatives of Christian churches, therefore, have asked the editor to publish this response.

Mr. Bishop began by falsely obligating Christian consciences. Nowhere does the Bible teach his headline: "Christians must defend reproductive freedom." "Reproductive freedom," like most of his loaded rhetoric, is not only unbiblical, it is hopelessly unclear.

Clarity only comes in the fifth paragraph where he rebrands it as, "reproductive autonomy." Autonomy is to be a law unto oneself.

Christians know that self-made law is just as oppressive as any manmade law. The only true freedom is found in the truth of God's word (John 8:31-38). So let us turn away from Bishop's politicized rhetoric and examine God's own words.

The first thing that Christians believe is that God "made all things in heaven and on earth." This includes every human zygote, embryo, fetus, man, woman and child. Nobody is here by accident. And nobody is

unwanted or invisible to God.

Christians regularly confess in their worship services that Jesus Christ is that God "by whom all things are made," and that the Holy Spirit is "the Lord and Giver of Life" (Nicene Creed).

So, God says to his people: "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19).

Because God Father, Son and Holy Ghost is the creator of both mother and child, Jesus also gave his own life to redeem both mother and child. Jesus "is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2).

Because Jesus has died for all, he also desires life for all through Jesus. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Against this backdrop of life and love, Christians are called to live out their moral agency. Christians not only treasure everything that God has made, but they are especially called to defend and protect every life that was created "in the image of God" (Genesis 1:27; 9:6).

This is the "radical love, justice and

compassion" that Jesus teaches. So, Bishop is correct when he says that the Bible everywhere expresses, "God's deep concern for the well-being of the vulnerable --- women, the poor, the marginalized." We are profoundly saddened, however, that unborn human beings have been so marginalized as to be omitted from his compassion.

The great glory of Christ is that by atoning for all sin and death by his death on the cross, He makes it possible to love all people — even our enemies — without harming ourselves or violating God's word. No longer must we pit compassion for one against compassion for another.

That's why Christians are eager not only to teach this Christian truth to mothers and fathers but also to support materially mothers in difficult situations.

In southwest Wyoming, Christians support Inside Connection, a pregnancy resource center. Nationwide, such organizations give over \$360 million dollars annually to support mothers, fathers and children in difficult situations - both before a child is born and afterwards.

If you are in need of food, clothing, factual information, a pregnancy test, ultrasound, and many more forms of support we want you to know that you can find it at Inside Connection because of the compassion and

generosity of your Christian neighbors. Please give them a call (307-362-5277).

If you have heartache from a past abortion, please know that Christians are committed to supporting you with compassion and love.

The Psalmist says: "Defend the poor and the fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and the needy" (Psalm 82:3). None are so poor and needy as an unborn child. All that he or she has is a mother for protection. And Christians love both by comforting and supporting mothers to carry out their deepest desire for life.

Statistically, nine in 10 women report that they never wanted an abortion but that they felt forced into it. Christians love these women with their babies and do everything possible to free them to be the mothers that they are.

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Yvonne Atkinson Warnick Aug. 1, 1944 – March 18, 2025

After a long and courageous battle with pulmonary fibrosis, our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Yvonne Atkinson Warnick, peacefully passed from this life on Tuesday, March 18, at the age of 80.

Yvonne was born on August 1, 1944, in Woodland, Utah, to Frank D. and Elaine Dugdale Atkinson. She grew up in Francis, Utah, alongside her two sisters and two brothers, where she developed a strong work ethic while helping on the family farm - milk-

ing cows, raising calves, and putting up hay.

She attended South Summit Elementary and South Summit High School, graduating in 1962. Although she longed to be part of Future Farmers of America (which did not allow girls at the time), she was an active member of the Pep Club and Future Homemakers of America, forming lifelong friendships within the tightknit Kamas Valley community.

After high school, Yvonne moved to Provo, Utah, where she attended Brigham Young University, becoming the first in her family to earn a bachelor's degree, graduating in 1968 with a degree in Family Studies.

During her time at BYU, she met Glen Warnick, a student at Utah State University. Their first date was to a BYU versus USU football game, and just two weeks later, they were engaged. A few months later, they were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple.

In the early years of their marriage, Yvonne and Glen lived in Cache Valley, Utah Valley, and Kamas Valley, before settling in Bridger Valley, Wyoming, where they raised their three children - first in Mountain View and later in Lyman.

Though her greatest joy was being a devoted mother, she also taught piano lessons, provided daycare for many children, worked as a school crossing guard, and served as a substitute teacher, cherishing every opportunity to work with young people. She formed many dear friendships in Wyoming and treasured their time there.

In 2000, Yvonne and Glen moved to Tremonton, Utah, to be closer to their children and grandchildren. She delighted in spending time with her growing family and also worked at ALCO until her retirement. She had a passion for sewing, quilting, and crafting, embracing the motto: "He who dies with the most fabric and craft supplies wins." Yvonne definitely won.



Yvonne's faith was an essential part of her life. She served faithfully in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, holding various callings and sharing her unwavering testimony with those around her. Her favorite calling was serving as Young Women President in the Lyman 4th Ward, where she dearly loved the young women and fellow leaders she served alongside. She found joy in service and lived with kindness, compassion, and quiet strength. Yvonne was preceded in

death by her husband, Donald Glen Warnick; her parents, Frank and Elaine Atkinson; her brothers, Tim Atkinson and Roy Atkinson; and her brothers-in-law, Kent Mansell and Stan Warnick.

She will be dearly missed by her three children, Brian (Tami) Warnick, Lynae (David) Johnson, and Stacie (Dean) McNeill; her 11 cherished grandchildren, Kyler (Rachel) Johnson, Kevin (Beth) Johnson, Krista (Garrett) Warnock, Justin (Aly) Warnick, Kamrin McNeill, Kade (Kylee) Johnson, Haylee Warnick, Konnor Johnson, Annie Warnick, Jake McNeill, and Kortnee McNeill; and her seven beloved great-grandbabies.

She is also survived by her sisters, Dolores Mansell and Nina (Ed) Clyde; sisters-in-law, Janet Atkinson and Linda Warnick; brothersin-law, Richard (Alaine) Warnick and Alan (Helen) Warnick; foster brother-in-law, Lamar (Debbie) Hatch; and many loving nieces; nephews; and extended family members.

A funeral service was held at noon on Saturday, March 22, at the Tremonton Stake Center (660 N. 300 East, Tremonton, Utah). Viewings were held at the same church building on Friday, March 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, March 22, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., prior to the funeral. Online condolences and the recording of the service can be found at www. ruddfuneralhome.com.

Interment will take place at the Tremonton Riverview Cemetery.

The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Mary Beth Scholand, Dr. Adam Meier, the staff at Bear River Medical Arts, and the team at Rocky Mountain Hospice, especially Rhiannon, for their compassionate care.

Yvonne's legacy of love, kindness, and faith will live on in the lives of those she touched. She will be deeply missed but never forgotten. "Remember, your grandma loves you!"

Evelyn Geraldine Dinsmore Sept. 28, 1926 – March 17, 2025

Evelyn Geraldine Dins- Douglas Dinsmore. Gerry enjoyed shopping, more, age 98, passed away on Monday, March 17, at her cooking, sewing and, espehome. "Gerry" was born Sept. cially, gardening. She had 28, 1926, in Granite City, Illinois, to Oral and Mary Sexton. She met Russell Harvey while he was in basic training at St. Louis. They had five children: Dennis, Philip, Larry, Tommy and Janice. They later divorced, and she married

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He said what Evanston City Attorney Mark Harris found in the collection of four council members emails, he found highly offensive. "And you wrote it, Ms. Hegeman," the mayor said.

Williams was referring to an email Hegeman had sent to fellow councilmember Mike Sellers last summer that turned up as the two, along with councilmember Jesse Lind and former councilmember Tim Lynch, were under investigation for violating Wyoming's Open Meetings Act. In the message, Mayor Kent William's first name was spelled with a U instead of an E.

"There is no excuse for that," the mayor said, "and you can't tell me that was an honest mistake. The rest of you did nothing to change the misspelling after you read it. Why?"

Hegeman apologized and defended the spelling as a typo, adding that she was under pressure to get the email out in a short time, skimming the papers in a hurry, and the mistake was not in subsequent messages.

"I was in a hurry to get the information ... and there is a reason that Mr. Harris chose to use that copy out of the others that were shown to him," Hegeman said. "That is malice. From day one on this council, when I started asking questions, it felt like I was told, 'Little lady, know your place, behave and don't ask questions.' It never got better, and I felt targeted."

Hegeman said that, after Williams lost his temper in a council meeting last summer, the council should have had an emergency meeting then to work out the issues among them.

Williams defended his right to his own opinion, regardless of being the mayor, and he wondered why the discussion they were having now wasn't asked for back in August. He said he felt blind-sided.

Lind commented that the four council members had acted on the advice of an attorney that represents the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM) on how to handle a vote of no confidence. Councilmembers David Welling and Evan Perkes both said they felt left out, as they were never contacted about the statement of no confidence in the mayor. They felt it caused a division in the council. Welling said he received a call from the WAM director stating it was inappropriate for them to have called the WAM attorney, as she represents WAM only. The back-and-forth arguments continued until Harris interrupted and said he had talked to another attorney who agreed with Harris' assessment, and said the whole investigation could have been avoided if one member had gone to another council member separately, one by one, and given each



Logan DeWitt with Garland Company, Inc. explains the options available for fixing the leaking flat roof at the recreation center during a city council work session. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

a copy of the statement and said, "This is what is going to be read at the meeting."

Harris also said that he, not the WAM attorney, should have been contacted for advice.

Hegeman said she couldn't come to Harris, as she doesn't feel like he represents all the council members. She also pointed out that after Harris' wife – Evanston City Clerk Diane Harris - was heard on the tape of an earlier controversial incident, she didn't feel she could go to him for advice.

"This all seems to be coming back to you, Mr. Harris," Hegeman said.

Harris suggested, if that was the case, she should contact the Wyoming State Bar, like she did a year ago.

Lind said he doesn't know what questions to ask if he doesn't know what is going on, so he suggested that the mayor use the work sessions to advise new council members on what is going on and what has happened in the past, so they are familiar with issues.

Sellers said that when he and Wendy Schuler served as president of the council, they took notes at the meetings and gave a copy to every council member.

Harris suggested from now on, in work sessions, the agenda should include a review of what took place at the previous regular meeting; what's coming up and what staff is aware of that could be coming up. He suggested a roundtable discussion on those items at the beginning of each work session. "It has never been my intention to withhold any information," Williams said. "I like Mark's suggestion. The community deserves better than what they are getting from us." In other business, Evanston Parks and Recreation District Director Kim Larson introduced Brent Sanders with Crest LLC and Logan DeWitt with Garland Company Inc. to talk about the rec center's roof, retaining wall and hillside corrosion. DeWitt said, "As you know, water is leaking into the building. The roof is not structurally sound, is deteriorating, ponding and leaking and does not meet

today's codes."

DeWitt went over three options for repairing the roof. He said 60-mil single ply is the most commonly used and the least expensive. The disadvantages are a short 20-year life span and more maintenance, which adds to the cost.

The second option is modified multi-ply, which is triple single ply that adheres together. It gives higher reinforcement, as it is made of polyester and fiberglass. DeWitt said it is much better than single ply, has a 30-year life, but is more expensive due to the labor involved.

The third option is structural standing seams built over the flat roof. It won't leak, it uses a truss system and is designed to the slope of the building. DeWitt said it is lightweight and they would analyze the building first to make sure it can handle the weight.

"I don't recommend we go with single ply," councilmember Perkes said. "I've dealt with it and the maintenance cost is high."

In response to a question about when the cost estimates were done, DeWitt said they were gathered a month before and they did put a buffer of 10% in the figures. He added that most of what they use is manufactured in the U.S.

'Workforce is the biggest problem; it is shrinking, and we will be losing more," De-Witt said. "The time frame for the work depends on which option you choose, and there will be no shutdown of the rec center while we are working." Sanders then summarized the issues with the retaining walls at the center. He said a geophysical engineer had looked at the wall in the upper parking lot and determined it is not sound. They took out 4 feet of soil behind the wall to take the pressure off, and it is safe for now because they put a good rock drain behind it, Sanders said. The retaining wall directly behind the building has major issues; drainage is a big problem, causing damage to the back of the building, he said. "We had a survey done today, and we will come back to the next work session and update you on what needs to be done and bring some options," Sanders said.



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She is preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Mae and Pete; brothers, Jim and Donald; husband, Douglas Dinsmore; ex-husband, Russell Harvey; sons, Dennis Harvey, Philip Harvey and baby Tommy Harvey.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 21, at Evanston City Cemetery, 526 County Rd.

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Barrasso visits Wyoming troops in Middle East

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JORDAN — Last week, U.S. Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) visited with members of the Wyoming Army National Guard's 115th Field Artillery Brigade, including members of the 2-300th, deployed to the Middle East.

Wyoming has more than 100 service members serving with the 115th who are currently stationed in Jordan. They provide long-range precision fire support for conventional and special operations forces in Iraq, Jordan, and Syria.

Wyoming is proud to have our state's finest soldiers deployed across the globe with the Wyoming National Guard. This week, I was honored to visit with more than 100 members of the 115th Field Artillery Brigade serving in Jordan and the Middle East," said Sen. Barrasso. "These soldiers, who are a long way from home, are on the front lines fighting terrorists and protecting our freedoms. They truly represent what it means to be from the Cowboy State and live the Cowboy Code each day. It was a privilege to spend time with them and tell them how proud everyone back home is of their service."

The service members stationed in Jordan are from 16 different communities across Wyoming. Among them is SSG Brandon Parrish of Evanston, who got to visit with Sen. Barrasso.

During his visit, Sen. Barrasso shared a meal with the service members, toured the base and joint training center, held a town hall with the troops and received a briefing from military officials on the security situation and challenges in the Middle East.



The Uinta County Conservation District is accepting applications for the Community Enhancement Grant Program through April 14. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) visits with SSG Brandon Parrish of Evanston in Jordan. Barrasso visited service members from the Wyoming Army National Guard's 115th Field Artillery Brigade stationed in the Middle East. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Grants available for community enhancement projects

The Uinta County Conservation District is now accepting applications for the Community Enhancement Grant Program. This program was created by the Uinta County Conservation District (UCCD) Board of Supervisors to encourage projects throughout the county that promote natural resources and provide beautification of public spaces. The grants can be awarded for up to \$5,000 per project.

There are so many possibilities for projects, but here are a few ideas to get the creative juices flowing: Interpretive signs in outdoor areas or along trails, creating gardens with native plants in public areas to help with water conservation and storm runoff, windbreaks or other tree plantings that improve the use of outdoor areas and/ or wildlife habitat, public pollinator gardens to increase the presence of native pollinator species in our communities, tree and water-wise landscape plantings in public parks; library, church and cemetery plantings, boy scout and girl scout projects.

Do you have another idea? UCCD would love to hear it.

The grants are available to businesses, landowners, groups, schools, clubs, scouts and other civic organizations or entities that have an interest in conservation and improving our public spaces. Applications can be found on UCCD's website at www. uintacountycd.com and are due by Monday, April 14. How do you take care of your physical health? Managing 20-plus animals daily, and parttime contracting keeps me strong.

What is one place you'd like to see but haven't yet? Des Moines, lowa, where my girlfriend is going to college.

Do you have a favorite movie or TV show? I'm a huge movie buff. We have a collection of nearly 1,000 movies on our home server. So many DVDs in storage.

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do with the money? Invest in some land to build my dream cottage and flower garden. Jags. C.

and in the world? By word of mouth, u and through custome

> Do you have any pets? Three male cats, a macaw and 14 chickens. I love animals and am helping foster some dogs that were my friend's until he passed away in 2023.

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Who is your hero or role model My parents, I can't choose one because they both taught me so much and I love them equally!

What do you read the most? Fiction; mostly sci-fi or fantasy. I like a story that keeps me interested without winding through chapters about side plots.

What is your favorite genre of music? Alternative — despite the name, it has a little bit of everything.

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Pursuing holiness: You can be everything God created you to be!

We live in a very casual society today, and it's easy to carry this attitude over into our walk with God. Many are not as serious as they should be — allowing things in their lives that they really wouldn't want to be there if they thought Jesus was going to come back tomorrow. But God's word is clear about what he expects of us.

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Hebrews 12:14 (AMPC) says, "Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will [ever] see the Lord."

Does that mean that if you're not living a perfect life, you're not going to heaven? No, of course not. It's what Jesus did on the cross — not our own efforts — that freely gives us God's favor. But if we don't live consecrated and holy lives here on Earth, we won't experience the abundant life Jesus died

to give us (John 10:10), and we won't represent him in a way that makes others hungry for a relationship with him.

Pursue is the operative word in Hebrews 12:14. To pursue something means you crave and go after it with all of your heart. So, this scripture is saying that if we are not pursuing holiness, we will

not see the Lord. It has to do with how serious — or committed — we are in our walk with God.

If you have a deep personal, intimate relationship with God, you will want to change for the better. You won't be satisfied continuing to live the way that you were before Jesus, because the Holy Spirit lives in you — in your heart — and his job is to be your comforter, counselor, helper, intercessor, advocate, strengthener and standby (John 14:16 AMPC). "He will guide you into all the Truth" (John 16:13 AMPC), and as he does, you'll begin to see things in your life that need to change so you can be closer to God and become all that he created you to be.

I remember how my life really started to change after I got serious about my relationship with God and began studying the Bible. It's so wonderful to live with peace and joy and to have healthy relationships with my family and friends! It's made me want to



continue spending every day trying to become a better person with his help.

God loves you, and he has an amazing plan for your life. The question is do you crave God with all of your heart and strength, or is he on the sidelines of your life while you continue living the way you want to live, regardless of

what he wants? That's not the way to be happy and have the best life that God wants you to have.

Now, we all need Jesus because we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). The word "sin" means to miss the mark — or God's standard — for us. But it also means to "miss"

a reward.

To miss the mark means you forfeit reward. It doesn't mean you won't go to heaven, because your behavior isn't what gets you into heaven. But you won't enjoy the journey of your life here on Earth because you won't have God's wisdom and peace. And there will be rewards in heaven that you won't want to miss out on either.

Have you noticed that you can catch the flu from somebody but you can't catch good health from them? Just like a healthy lifestyle is something we have to choose for ourselves, so is holiness.

However, you can catch un-holiness by hanging out all the time with wrong people, willingly and repeatedly being exposed to sin. People who willingly live sinful lifestyles all week long but go to church on Sundays are not pursuing holiness.

God has a purpose for us, and that is to be a light in a dark world — to show others the love of God and what

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it means to live for him. People can't see Christ in our hearts; they see what we do. That means we must make good choices even when everyone else is making a lousy choice.

I'm not talking about putting on a religious attitude that is judgmental and critical of others. I'm talking about knowing who we are in Christ and living the life he showed us to live, over and over, until those who don't know God begin to want what we have.

We must remember that whatever God tells us to do, he always gives us the ability, by his grace and with his help, to do it. What sense would it make for God to tell us to live holy lives if he didn't give us a seed of holiness on the inside of us?

So, when I teach on holiness, my hope is that it provokes you to get closer to God and not settle for anything less than his best for you. And he wants you to show others the love of Christ as much as you possibly can, wherever it's needed.

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A large binder filled with 1,200 pages of printed communications between former spouses from June 2024 to September 2024 was used as evidence during the recent stalking trial of Chet Walker, 41, of Robertson. Uinta County Attorney Loretta Howieson Kallas estimated that approximately 90% of those communications were initiated by Walker. He was convicted of four felony counts of stalking, one felony count of intimidation of a witness and five misdemeanor counts of violating a protection order against his former wife. Walker is facing up to decades in prison and is scheduled for sentencing on June 3. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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spouse's Lyman home, approximately 20 miles from his home in Robertson, but also entered the residence on multiple occasions. The victim testified that Walker would pound on the door, jiggle the doorknob and would peer through their windows, frightening her older children. On their anniversary, Walker texted the woman, "I'll beat your door down."

Locks were removed from the doors and windows of the woman's home. Crucial items, such as vehicle keys and her driver's license, were also taken. The victim would receive chilling texts from Walker saying "you look pretty when you're sleeping," and demanding to know "whose silver car is at your house?"

Camera footage exhibited Walker standing in the woman's kitchen saying, "I was here last night," while other times, he would send her foreboding messages stating, "You know when you don't answer, I'm gonna come find you."

Walker was arrested after an incident in June, when "he tried to enter my office," the woman testified. While incarcerated for that incident, Walker called his former spouse from jail, saying, "You need to go drop the order today; if you don't, I'm going to have to do other things that no one is going to enjoy."

"You can send me to jail all you want; it ain't gonna stop this," Walker told the victim on the recorded call, which was played for the jury.

The woman testified that she often felt that she was being surveilled by Walker. When they crossed one another's paths in public, Walker would drive aggressively around her vehicle, while their children were inside.

"He tried to cause a collision, driving closely in front and behind," the woman said.

Kallas introduced elements of financial abuse in addition to the emotional and psychological abuse the woman endured. The woman, who is the sole financial provider for their children, said Walker would often pressure her to quit her job. He would also use the ruse of giving her tax-return money to gain access to her time and attention while never actually giving her any funds.

In late August, Walker initiated a physical altercation with the woman as she was picking up their children at daycare.

A witness to the incident testified, "I heard [the woman] saying 'stop, no, stop...' I heard a child crying and I saw a man on top of a woman with the child between them... He was trying to get her phone because she was recording him."

Walker broke the woman's OtterBox phone case and she and their 1-year-old daughter were left with red marks and abrasions from the incident.

Two weeks after the daycare run-in, the victim awoke to Walker in her bed.

A final, alarming episode in mid-September, which prompted Walker's arrest, began with him texting his former spouse saying, "I'm coming to your house." The woman called police, at which point two officers hid themselves in a heavily treed area near her home in an attempt to catch Walker in the act of violating the protection order. Walker then texted the woman, "Tell those cops to hide better." Walker, who was entitled to a court-ordered minimum of eight hours of child custody per week, repeatedly attempted to coerce the woman into spending time together as a family and as a couple, despite the parameters of the protection order. Oftentimes, when the woman declined his offer, he would refuse to see his children as previously arranged. A pattern emerged of Walker often leveraging custody in an effort to force the woman to spend time with him. When he did have custody of the children, and the woman's whereabouts were unknown to him, he frequently threatened to leave the toddlers outside her home unattended. "It's instant panic and stress," she said. According to Kallas, the victim, who has since filed for divorce, was under a constant barrage of unwanted communication and harassment. Walker once sent 236 text messages in the span of 13 minutes. During another 12-hour period, Walker sent 673 texts and dialed an unanswered 63 calls. Furthermore, many of the messages were vulgar and abusive in nature. Walker often hurled vile insults at the woman, while simultaneously attempting to woo and seduce her. "I was just worried that he was going to snap," the woman testified. "I was threatened to be grabbed, kissed and harmed." Walker's defense attorney, Jason Gay, who described the couple's relationship as "toxic and dysfunctional," often tried to portray his client as a man who desperately wanted to reunify his family. Gay accused the woman of being "unresponsive" on the stand, though Kallas later clarified through the victim's testimony on redirect that she suffers from memory loss due to "trauma from Chet Walker." Walker, who testified on his own behalf, became contentious with Kallas during cross-examination. He often tried to assert that his estranged spouse's accounts were dishonest and that the cumbersome binder of printed evidentiary communications "don't reflect every conversation we had." While Walker insisted that the family spent several days together during the summer, Kallas deftly refuted his claims utilizing the numerous call and text logs. "I was worried about her," Walker testified as to why he would initiate ceaseless contact with the victim, though the corresponding messages indicated a jealous and angry man. Walker eventually agreed with Kallas' suggestion that following someone and calling them repeatedly would "maybe" cause distress. Walker also admitted that he had violated the order of protection several times and that voicing suicidal ideations by saying things such as "you get to choose how my life ends," would compel his former wife to see him. During closing arguments, Kallas convinced the jury, which deliberated for a mere 90 minutes, that the series of events presented during the four-day trial established a "course of conduct ... a pattern of harassment that would cause a reasonable person distress." Walker is scheduled for sentencing by Judge James Kaste in Third Judicial District Court on June 3.



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Wednesday, March 26 Women's Firearm Safety Class

The Evanston Rec Center is hosting a women's firearm safety and familiarization class from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26. The class will cover safe handling of weapons, loading and unloading of firearms, shooting stances and positioning. Both revolvers and semi-automatics will be reviewed. Taught by retired military and police officer Jim Hirt. Cost is \$25. Pre-register at the Rec Center.

Thursday, March 27 Legislative Breakfast

The Evanston Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual Legislative Breakfast from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 27, at the Roundhouse. Speakers in attendance will be Sens. Wendy Schuler (SD-15) and Laura Pearson (SD-14) and Reps. Joe Webb (HD-19), Robert Wharff (HD-49) and Scott Heiner (HD-18). Cost is \$8 for chamber members, \$10 for non-members, with a continental breakfast included.

Thursday, March 27 Evanston Regional Hospital Community Forum

Join us for an evening of health, wellness and community connection. We will be sharing valuable information on the services we offer and how we can support the community with outside resources. Meet and greet with providers, free blood pressure screenings, informative booths and light refreshments served from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, at the Machine Shop.

This Week in Uinta County

Thursday, March 27 Veterans Board Meeting

The Uinta County Veterans Board will have its monthly meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, at the Uinta County Courthouse.

Thursday, March 27 Movie Night Fundraiser

Join us for a special screening of "Boys On The Boat," the inspiring story of resilience, teamwork and triumph. This event is hosted by the Evanston Recreation Foundation and Evanston Parks and Rec Department to raise funds for the proposed Aquatic Center. The fun begins at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and wine, movie Aspen Cinemas. Cost is \$20 per person and tickets may be purchased at the Rec Center or at the door.

Saturday, March 29 Bowen Young Musicians Festival

The festival begins at 8 a.m., with a free concert for the public at 6 p.m. at Evanston Middle School.

Tuesday, April 1 Commission Meeting

The Uinta County Commission will meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1 at the Uinta County Complex in Evanston.

Tuesday, April 1 City Council Meeting

The Evanston City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, at Evanston City Hall.

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Eighth-grade boys claim conference title with buzzer-beater

By Rebekah Dalley and Nayeli Smith Middle School Reporters

EVANSTON - At Evanston Middle School (EMS), the boys' basketball teams finished their seasons with a bang, especially the eighthgrade team.

On March 1, the seventh- and eighth-grade teams traveled to Pinedale for the conference tournament. The seventh-grade team ended the day with a third place finish.

The eighth-graders won the whole tournament with a dramatic, buzzer-beating shot. EMS reporters interviewed two eighth-grade boys who helped win the championship — Bentley West and Max Fessler.

Q: How well do you think you did this season?

A: Bentley - I think I did my role in the team pretty good.

A: Max - Good.

Q: What is something you more. want to improve on?

A: Bentley – Probably my offensive game.



A: Max – I want to improve my shooting a little

Q: What was your reaction when David Cook made the game-winning shot?

A: Bentley – I was happy because all the hard work and hours in the gym felt like it finally paid off.

A: Max – I was celebrating and pushed David.

Q: What do you think was the best thing that you did as a team?

A: Bentley – Definitely winning districts. A: Max – Our passing.

Q: Are you trying out for high school basketball? A: Bentley – Yes. A: Max – Yes.

Shout-out to the whole

eighth-grade basketball team who all made it possible to win the conference. All of them have worked hard, and their hard work has paid off.

EMS athletic records showcase achievements

By David Mendoza, Chance Mair and Andres Pelayo Montano Middle School Reporters

EVANSTON — Physical education and track records at Evanston Middle School represent impressive athletic accomplishments that current students can aspire to beat.

This year, Max Fessler holds the highest pacer running record with a score of 117. The all-time record belongs to Paul Baxter, with 131. For girls, Eliza Day and Kristin Alaya share the record with scores of 101

As track season began on March 24, several long-standing records could face challenges. In long jump, the sixth and seventh grade boys' record of 17'3" belongs to Gabriel Hutchinson, while Brinae Sanders holds the girls' record at 15' 7.5". For eighth graders, Brayden Wallace holds the boys' record at 18' 0", and Sanders also claims the girls' record at 17' 1".

Triple jump records are equally impressive. Camden Batt holds the sixth and seventh grade boys' record at 34' 0.5", with Kalli Fackrell holding the girls' record at 30' 11.5". For eighth graders, Raife Wiedrich set the boys' mark at 36' 2.25", while Sanders holds another record at 34' 0.25".

High jump features several notable achievements. The seventh grade boys' record of 5' 6" is shared by Weston Bettinson and Kai Barker. The seventh grade girls' record of 4' 11" is held jointly by Cassie Barker, Jessica Sepos, and Kortney Freeland. In eighth grade, Nick Thompson leads the boys with 5' 10", while Cassie Barker holds the girls' record at 5' 0".

The 100-meter dash records have stood for years. Eighth-grader Aron Saenz set the boys' record of 11.76 seconds in 2007, while Brinae Sanders established the girls' record of 12.90 seconds in 2012.

In other physical education news, EMS P.E. teachers, particularly Mrs. Robinette, raised \$15,000 to purchase cross-country skis for students. Students who used the equipment reported enjoying the experience, and EMS reporters extend appreciation to Mrs. Robinette and Mr. Fessler for providing this opportunity.



Evanston Middle School students Hadley Huffaker, JezebelVilla and Konelyn Aldana enjoyed a successful wrestling season. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Girls' wrestling season wraps with strong performances

By Taylor Fackrell, Kenlei Rex and Ana Brown Middle School Reporters

EVANSTON — The girls' wrestling season re-

finishers included Teigan Spivey and Skyanne Delgado. Taylor Fackrell and Athena Albert earned thirdplace finishes.

Fifth-place finishes were secured by Jaycee Blackasked if they enjoyed wrestling this season, Navarro and Delgado responded affirmatively, while Hutcherson said, "It is my favorite sport."

Each wrestler identified specific skills they hope to

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cently ended with impressive performances from Evanston Middle School team members, many of whom were first-year wrestlers. Mackayla Ritchey led the team in several categories, recording 15 wins and 15 pins. Latisha Hutcherson dominated in takedowns with 22 and reversals with 9.

At the final tournament, which determined weight class champions, several EMS wrestlers earned placements. Mackayla Ritchey captured first place in her weight class. Second-place

hurst, Latisha Hutcherson and Bridgitte Aldana. Sixthplace finishers included Adalynn Gerrard, Hadley Huffaker, Jezebel Villa and Konelyn Aldana.

EMS reporters interviewed three team members about their experiences. When asked about their win/loss records, Latisha Hutcherson reported 15-4, Skyanne Delgado went 6-2, and Vianney Navarro finished 6-11.

All three wrestlers confirmed they plan to continue wrestling next year. When improve. Navarro aims to work on "changing level when I take my shot, and competing like I am in practice.'

Hutcherson wants to avoid "reaching back when I'm on bottom," while Delgado plans to focus on "turning the corner on my shots." All three athletes confirmed they improved their wrestling skills this season.

Congratulations to the entire girls' wrestling team on a successful season, and good luck to those continuing with elite wrestling.

Seventh-graders create cultural totem poles in social studies

By Kirby McCoy and **Taylor Moore** Middle School Reporters

EVANSTON - Seventh-grade students at Evanston Middle School made totem poles in Jerry Carroll's class this month. They got to pick from many animal choices to show their personalities. Mr. Carroll let students pick any animal that the native people of British Columbia would know.

He wanted the animal to match the students' own personalities. He also wanted the totem animal to show Evanston Middle School student what Canada's native people think about different animals.

Mr. Carroll has been doing totem poles for 15 years as a teacher. Students usually get supplies from their homes, but if they can't, Mr. Carroll gives them cardstock doing fun projects that teach them things.

Mr. Carroll doesn't have



Chance Mair made a raccoon for his part of a cultural totem pole in Jerry Carroll's class. Carroll has been helping students express themselves via totum art for 15 years. (COURTESY PHOTO)

he did say, "We have some of the best totems we've had and glue. EMS students love in a while." He has seen new animals this year, like a bear made completely of wood!

"We've got fantastic turfavorite student projects, but tles and a new animal, which

is a bison," Carroll said. "There are just fantastic animals this year, and I'm glad they turned out this way."

Student Chance Mair made a raccoon. He said his raccoon means many things. "I am a problem solver and curious," he said.

The totems were due Friday, Feb. 21. Students showed their totems to the class for a 30-point grade. Then they put their totem section together with other totems to make totem "poles" with many colors and animals.

Mr. Carroll gave each student a two-foot piece of carpet roll cardboard to make their totems.

When presenting, students told the class why they picked their animal and how it shows who they are. They also had to put a hidden meaning or joke somewhere on their totem. When finished, the totem pole has different colors and animals. This was a fun and educational project for everyone.

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Gerry and Allison Hepper of Evanston have been teaching an afterschool life skills and philanthropy class at Clark Elementary School in Evanston. The program was made possible with federal grants secured through Uinta BOCES No. I. (HERALD PHOTO/Amanda Manchester)

Couple, students help others through afterschool program

By Amanda Manchester Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — Over the past school year, Gerry and Allison Hepper have been teaching an afterschool life skills and philanthropy class - funded with federal grants secured through Uinta

County BOCES No. 1 — at Clark Elementary. During that time, they've taught cursive handwriting, money-handling skills, budgeting, embroidery, cross stitching and blanket tying to third-, fourth- and fifth-graders.

The group has also put together personal hygiene kits with donated items and recently gifted the kits and some blankets to Uinta County Community Services (UCCS).

Fourth-grader Kiara Covarrubias said, "I like it and I learned a lot, like how to make a blanket!"

Fellow fourth-grader Harley Walsh added, "It's my first time doing this stuff, and it's really useful."

Ruger Ovard, a third-grader, said, "This project is very, very cool!"

Clark Student Council member and fifth-grader Kaislyn Heaps said, "It makes me feel good that we might help others that need something.'

The Heppers and program par-

ticipants would like to donate the blankets to local organizations who have expressed a need, such as Uinta County Fire and Ambulance, Uinta County Sheriff's Office and Evanston Police Department, Uinta Community Service Center and SAFV Task Force. Please call 307-789-2833 if interested.

Helpful tips to get kids to read more

From Metro Creative Connection

From improving mental health to fostering stronger memory to teaching a person new things, reading offers many benefits. Reading also can boost creativity and help expand vocabulary. Despite these amazing perks, data indicates reading for fun has become less common among American children.

According to a survey conducted in late 2019 and early 2020 by the National Assessment of Educational Progress, the percentage of 9- to 13-year-olds who say they read for fun on an almost daily basis are at the lowest levels since the mid-1980s. In 2023, Scholastic released new data from its Kids & Family

Reading ReportTM: 8th Edition that found only 32 percent of 9- to 11-year-olds and 15 percent of 15- to 17-year-olds are frequent readers. Parents who want their children to read more can consider these strategies to foster a love of reading in youngsters.

Set limits on screen use

Scholastic's report indicated children's digital activities have risen since 2018 among all age groups studied. Children are increasingly participating in digital activities that include going online for fun and watching videos or utilizing apps. By setting limits on screen time



Parents who want their children to read more can consider several different strategies to foster a love TIPS, A11 of reading in youngsters. (COURTESY PHOTO/Metro Creative Connection)



School Times / March 2025

Baxter wins back-to-back match championships

Western Wyoming Community College (Western) hosted over 200 students and teachers from 14 different schools in the College's service area for the annual 2025 Southwest Regional Math Contest on Tuesday, March 11, in the Rushmore Gym.

Evanston High School student Paul Baxter earned another one-year scholarship - he's now one the competition two years in a row.

Students in grades 6 through 12 participated in the competition this year. The event is sponsored by TATA Chemicals and Western's Mathematics Department. TATA Chemicals covered the costs associated with the event with a generous donation.

'Tata Chemicals is once again proud to sponsor and support the 2025 Southwest Region State Math Contest. This is a wonderful event and a great opportunity for students in Southwest Wyoming to test their math skills. We want to thank Western Wyoming Community College for hosting this event. They do a wonderful job. We also would like to thank and recognize the teachers that work with and prepare the students for this opportunity," states David Young, Program Management Officer at Tata Chemicals.

Schools in attendance included Davis Middle School, Eastside Elementary School, Evanston High School, row, Evanston High School Evanston Middle School, earned the top scores for Farson-Eden School, Green Team A (grades 11 and 12) River High School, Lincoln and Team B (grades 9 and Middle School, Pilot Butte 10). Paul Baxter, also from Elementary School, Pinedale Evanston High School, se-High School, Pinedale Mid- cured the first individual dle School, Rawlins High place in Team A once again



Evanston High School student Paul Baxter secured the first individual place in Team A, once again, and won another one-year scholarship to Western Wyoming Community College after winning the 2025 Southwest Region State Math Contest. This marks the second consecutive year Baxter has accomplished the feat. (COURTESY PHOTO)

School, Rock Springs High School, Rock Springs Junior High School, and Saratoga Middle/High School.

For the second year in a

and won another one-year scholarship to Western.

Participants in Team C (grade 8) and Team D (grades 6 and 7) use the competition as a valuable opportunity to sharpen their skills as they prepare to compete on the state-ranked Team A and Team B in the future.

"The 2025 Southwest **Region State Math Contest** was a huge success-proof that numbers aren't just for calculators! This year, we had one of the largest turnouts in the event's history at Western, bringing together a talented and diverse group of students who tackled 40 tough individual problems and two intricate group challenges with impressive skill and determination. The dedication of participants, educators, and organizers

made this competition not just a test of math skills, but a celebration of curiosity, problem-solving, and a love for numbers. At Western, we're proud to provide a platform where students can sharpen their minds, challenge themselves, and maybe even discover that math is more fun than they thought. Congratulations to all the participants — we can't

wait to see what you solve next!" said Lusi Stephens, Professor of Mathematics at Western.

Western professors and Math Contest Co-Chairs Lusi Stephens, Sarah Pauley, and Kaylee Tuttle, led the event though it was a collaborative effort by many others who contributed their time to ensure this event ran smoothly.

Local VFW donates \$4,000 toward science schools for elementary students



Evanston's Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4280 recently donated \$1,000 to each of Evanston's four elementary schools. The funds will support science schools. Pictured are VFW member John Willoughby, Clark Elementary principal Kimber Fessler, VFW member Nate Reese, North Elementary principal Somer Moore, Uinta Meadows Elementary (UME) Dean of Students Austin Moon, VFW member Roy Wagstaff, UME principal Brad Francis, Aspen Elementary principal Steve Peterson, VFW member Ken Johnson and Uinta County School District No. I Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum for K-5 Joseph Ingalls. (COURTESY PHOTO)



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Questions to ask before enrolling in a summer camp

From Metro **Creative Connection**

Millions of children spend a significant portion of their summers at camp. The American Camp Association reports that 26 million children enroll in summer camp each year, and many of those youngsters make memories that last a lifetime while building lifelong friendships along the way.

Camps have arguably become even more important in recent decades as more and more households have featured two working parents. Single-parent households also rely on summer camp to keep kids occupied and entertained while school is not in session and Mom or Dad is working. Such situations illustrate how important summer camp can be and underscore the significance of asking the right questions before enrolling a child in camp.

In addition to inquiring about hours of operation, insurance and pricing, parents can ask the following questions before enrolling a child in summer camp.

What is the history of the camp?

A camp that has been in business for decades is not necessarily superior to one that opened more recently, but it's still worth asking how long a camp has been around. It might be easier to determine if a given camp is what you're looking for if it's been around awhile.

Such camps may have a significant number of Google reviews and may even provide testimonials from past campers and parents. A camp that's been around awhile also can share information regarding its return regard to determining who rate, which indicates the number of youngsters who have come back each summer.



The American Camp Association reports that 26 million children enroll in summer camp each year, and many of those youngsters make memories that last a lifetime while building lifelong friendships along the way. (COURTESY PHOTO/Metro Creative Connection)

A strong return rate can indicate campers enjoy their experiences each summer.

Who is eligible to attend camp?

Some camps restrict enrollment to youngsters within a predetermined age bracket, while others may be exclusive to legal residents of the town where the camp is being held.

Eligibility is not only a significant variable in can and cannot attend a given camp; it's also notable because parents may want their children to attend a camp that will feature some familiar faces.

Attending camp alongside classmates or neighbors or teammates can calm kids' nerves and make them more excited about going to camp each day in the summer. But camps open to children from other towns also can be beneficial by allowing children to expand their social networks beyond their own towns.

What is the experience of camp staff?

Camp directors and staff members spend a lot of time with campers each summer, so it's important that parents ask who these people are, how they're trained and how much experience they have.

No business can avoid employee turnover completely, so parents who hold out for a camp that's had the same employees for decades will likely find themselves with an unhappy non-camper come the start of summer.

But questions about turnover rate, training and the counselor selection process are viable questions to ask prior to enrolling a child in a particular camp.

What is the

camp itinerary?

Kids might grow bored if camp features the same itinerary each day, and parents might feel such camps are not worth the investment.

Ask about the typical camp itinerary, including field trips, daily activities, special events, and entertainment. The more entertaining and fun a camp is, the more likely youngsters are to love spending time there.

Is physical activity part of the camp?

Many students attend academic camps or camps

where they learn to play music or further their existing skils. But parents know that physical activity is a vital component of a healthy lifestyle and a great way to make the best of the summer sun.

When considering a specialty offering like band camp or STEM camp, ask about what role, if any, physical activity plays in a typical day.

Summer camps will be up and running before parents know it. Asking the right questions can help parents identify the best camp for their children.

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for children, parents may increase the likelihood of diverting youngsters' attention to other activities, such as reading.





Become a reading role model

One of the biggest predictors of reading frequency has to do with perceived importance of reading. If children see their parents frequently reading for pleasure and finding it important, and having access to a wide variety of books to read, then they may be encouraged to read for fun as well.

Make reading accessible

Parents can facilitate opportunities for kids to read by getting their children library cards, frequently taking them to bookstores, participating in school-run book fairs, and participating in other activities that prioritize book access, such as sales at the local library. Furthermore, since children are so in tune with digital devices, offering access to an e-reader or digital reading app on a tablet will enable children to tap into the vast digital library of books.

Don't stress about the content

Experts note that parents should not stress about what kids are reading. Many times parents worry that their kids aren't reading the classics or hard-hitting novels. As long as kids are reading age-appropriate material, the subject matter does not make a world of difference. From comic books to newspapers, kids can read anything so long as it's appropriate for their age.

Reading is beneficial for people of all ages, but modern kids are not reading enough. Adults can explore the various ways to encourage children to read more.

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Members of the Evanston Women's Conference board and other volunteers celebrate a successful women's conference with the event's keynote speaker. Pictured are Kari Stott, Tammy Koncitik, Uinta BOCES No. I Executive Director and Evanston Women's Conference board treasurer Sheila McGuire, Jen Ellingford, keynote speaker Kristina Kuzmic, Leann Carson, Jerri Liechty, Mardi Woodward, Amy Fackrell and Stephanie Hartley. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

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long, she realized that, even though she felt she had little to offer, she could still give something.

"Plans are great, but they are not great if they are stopping action," Kuzmic said. "We need to make the best of what is, instead of pining for what isn't. We stand in the way of our own joy."

Kuzmic talked about how other people's judgment can keep us from moving on. She shared how her oldest son had struggled with mental health issues and she had blamed herself and let others' judgment influence her. She shared four steps — action, distraction, reaction and fraction — that helped her to heal herself and be able to help her son.

She said when her son was hospitalized for mental health issues and missed his high school graduation, she took action when he was home again by giving him a special graduation ceremony in spite of others' judgment. She chose not to let others' criticism be a distraction to keep her from being true to herself and to her child.

"Life can be hard," Kuzmic said. "We all have struggles. Remind yourself that a particular situation is only a fraction of your life, it's not forever, it's right now."

After the keynote speaker finished, there were breakout sessions that ran before lunch and after lunch. Lunch was catered by the Uinta School District No. 1 food service department.

One of the sessions was led by Kuzmic, who gave tips, insight and guidance to better support children with mental health issues. Kuzmic shared her own experiences supporting her son through mental health challenges and letting go of society's unrealistic expectations surrounding children's mental health.

The restorative breathwork session with Tammy Konticik, graduate of Myotherapy College of Utah who has a full-time practice in Evanston, focused on learning healthy breath practices that will bring the body, mind and spirit into balance.

In another workshop session, Barb Martinez and Leanne Hutchinson, owners of Good to Grow Farms, gave tips and

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tricks for gardening in a high elevation desert.

Cent\$ible Nutrition Educator Stephanie Anderson of Evanston engaged people in planning a menu centered around fresh, locally cultivated produce. She had samples of different food items for attendees to try and provided sample recipes using local homegrown produce.

City Drug owner and pharmacist Andrew Cannon and marketing director Mark Hiatt provided information on bioidentical hormone therapy. They discussed the history of bioidentical hormones and the benefits of replacing hormones lost.

Tanisha Day, owner of CDW & Co., held a hands-on workshop where guests could pay for a hat and jewelry piece and then during the workshop could customize them.

Gennifer Young, functional medicine coach and founder of NourishWell Essentials, and Brandon Jaggi, owner of Meadowlark Mind & Body, gave attendees three foundational keys for supporting their own mental wellness and provided ways to break through fatigue, anxiety and feeling overwhelmed.

McGuire said the conference would not be possible without the continued support of their sponsors which include Evanston Regional Hospital, Enbridge, Spire, First Bank, Uinta County School District No. 1, the Wyoming Community Foundation, Union Wireless, Star Valley Health, Best Western, Legal Tender, Western Wyoming Community College, Soroptimist, BMO, Creative Ink Images, Better BodyWork, *Uinta County Herald* and Minky Couture.



Cent\$ible Nutrition Educator for the University of Wyoming Extension Stephanie Anderson leads a breakout session on planning a menu centered around fresh, locally cultivated produce at the Evanston Women's Conference. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)



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Red Devils open season 0-2 at Green River, Rock Springs



Mendez, Searle score first goals of season; at Casper next

By Don Cogger Herald Sports Editor

With Mother Nature making her presence felt by way of windy conditions over the weekend, the Evanston High School boys' soccer team opened its 2025 campaign on the road, turning in a 0-2 showing at Green River and Rock Springs.

The Red Devils opened play Friday with an 8-2 loss to Green River, a team that made the jump back to 4A this season, after finishing runner-up in 3A in 2024. The Red Devils followed that Saturday with a 3-0 loss to Rock Springs.

"I don't feel like we were prepared for what Green River brought us," said EHS head coach Brian Richins. "They came at us like a freight train, and kind of got us on our heels. To the boys' credit, we bounced back and scored the two goals that we scored. But I thought our bounce back to Saturday was really good — I thought we came out and played really well. We faced an unbelievable headwind in the first half; we wanted to have the wind at our backs in the second half, but unfortunately, we just didn't use the wind in the second half. Our effort was low and our energy was low."

The Red Devils will have almost two weeks to regroup, with their next games scheduled for April 4 at Kelly Walsh and April 5 at Natrona County. Richins said the team will take that extra time off to work on the fundamentals.

"The biggest thing we've got to do is find an identity on offense," he said. "Like, what are we really trying to accomplish on offense. Because I felt like we were able to get some things, but I don't think we're all on the same page about what we're trying to accomplish going forward. And then we've just got to clean up the fundamentals - we've got to commit to fundamentals. We cannot have balls jumping up off of our feet on traps or flying in the air on the pass to somebody. It's got to be on the ground. It's got to be easy."

"Defensively, we just have to make sure we're in good shape — defensive shape and good positional shape — and just be edgy about when we come in as a first defender," Richins added. "So we've got to work on those things. And then just our competitive nature - we've got to build a little bit more competitiveness and we want to win. I felt like at moments

Red Devils defenseman Andrew Dover sends a Green River player airborne as he battles for the ball during Friday's 8-2 loss to the Wolves. Evanston opened the season 0-2. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)

RED DEVILS, B3

Lady Devils struggle on road at Green River, Rock Springs

Evanston 0-2 to start season; Casper teams next

By Don Cogger Herald Sports Editor

The Evanston High School girls' soccer team went 0-2 over the weekend, opening the 2025 season with conference losses at Green River and Rock Springs.

The Lady Devils opened ay Friday with an 11-0 loss to Green River, which was led by a nine-goal performance from Isa Vasco. 'Things could've gone better," said EHS head coach Karalyn Barton. "Green River was rough to have as a first game when we were trying to get our formation figured out, as well as having to stop

we completed good passes, we have been working on the and we were able to move the ball up the field and have some shots on goal. Even though the Once again, we were able to score wasn't great, I walked connect a lot of good passes away excited with the potential I can see with this team."

squaring off against Rock play Rock Springs again." Springs in a much closer

a player like Isa Vasco. But and long balls are something past couple years. Hopefully we can continue to get better. and move the ball up the field and have some good scoring Saturday found Evanston opportunities. I am excited to

The Lady Devils will hav



the contest.

"I thought we played well against Rock Springs," Barton said. "When we had to play against the wind, we struggled with our goal kicks and couldn't get out. Goal kicks



Lady Devils defenseman Zoe Barker mixes it up with Green River's Isa Vasco during Friday's 11-0 loss to the Lady Wolves.Vasco accounted for nine of Green River's 11 goals. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)

match, losing 2-0 in a game nearly two weeks to regroup where the Lady Devils con- before boarding a bus to trolled the action for much of Casper on Friday, April 4, with games scheduled against Kelly Walsh Friday afternoon and Natrona County Saturday.

Season Preview

With the first two weeks of official practice now in the books, Evanston High School girls' head soccer coach Karalyn Barton said she's encouraged by what she's seen so far.

"You know, it's looking pretty good," Barton said. "We've been out on the field the majority of the time, so that's been pretty big. Having the turf bubble has been a really big addition, as well. It's not huge or anything, but just having that turf in there, the girls get used to passing the ball."

Barton's team definitely skews young this season, with just three seniors on the roster in Bailey Cazares, Bella Leavitt and Adalee May. With six juniors, four sophomores and seven freshmen on the varsity roster, expect there to be some growing pains.

"Usually a lot of problems that we see at the beginning of the season — especially when we have younger teams -– is our balls don't have any pace to them because we're used to passing on the gym floor; it just goes so fast. So going from the turf and onto the field, there really isn't that big of a difference in their passing, which has been huge for us."

This year's captains are senior goalkeeper May, as well as juniors Dannon Kohler

Lady Devils defenseman Sidney Liechty ties up a Green River forward during Friday's 11-0 loss to the Lady Wolves. Evanston opened the season 0-2, with games at Kelly Walsh and Natrona County coming up next. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)

and Sierra Barnes. They will be counted on to provide the necessary leadership for the team's youth movement. Returning starters include May, Barnes, Kohler, Julia Barton and Evie Stahl.

"I have those girls returning, so now it's all about filling in the other pieces to the puzzle," Barton said. "I'm going to have a couple of starting freshmen, which will be interesting. I've moved some girls around — for example, Dannon Kohler is moving from the back line to the midfield, and Julia Barton - who was a forward last year — is dropping back to midfield."

Starting on the back line

will be junior Sidney Liechty, freshman Zoe Barker, Stahl and Barnes.

Joining Julia Barton in the midfield will be Kohler and freshman Kyrsten Hiatt, while the starting forwards will include Cazares and freshman Haven Hill. May gets the nod in net, though she'll have competition from freshman Emmy Hoff, who will also see time in the field.

"This year, I'm going to have a deeper bench, which I am very excited about," coach Barton said. "We kept more freshmen than we ever have, because we always have attrition with soccer being the last sport of the year — girls are tired, they have other

activities going on, so we'll probably have attrition. But I don't have a big senior class, so I thought I might as well keep a big class, because they'll have to make up for it if I don't have the numbers next year."

Fitness has been a focus since the start of practice, with each girl trying out required to pass a fitness test before making the team.

"The girls had to be at a certain level, and they all [were]..." Barton said. "Fitness has been a huge focus for this year — we've got to come in seasoned and in better shape. There were some girls

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Q: How long have you been playing soccer, and how did you get into it? A: I first played for AYSO when I was 5; I hated it and swore I'd never play again. But my mama put me in a travel team when I was in 4th grade and I began to love it!

Q Are you involved in any other sports/activities?

A: Yes, I play basketball in the winter.

Q: What are you enjoying the most about this year's team? A: I enjoy that I'm able to play with some of the girls I grew up playing soccer with. It's super nice to have some chemistry on the team.











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Q: What are your hobbies outside of sports?

A: Outside of sports I enjoy sleeping, lifting, hanging around my friends and family, playing the piano and eating yummy food.

Q: Do you have a favorite movie or TV show?

A: I love the movie "Tammy." It always gets me a good laugh.

Q: The Lady Devils struggled in the season opener against Green River, but bounced back with a solid effort against Rock Springs. What changed between Game 1 and Game 2?

A: I think a part of us struggling was it just being our first game. There are so many newcomers and different positions we all were learning how to play with. And, of course, we played against a player who plays for the national team. So playing against Rock Springs, there was a definite difference just from the beginning.

Q: In your opinion, what makes a good teammate?

A: A good teammate should always be uplifting, and should be a source of confidence, and leave the critiques and instructions to the coach.



Q: What's it like competing for coach Barton?

A: You can tell she loves us all, and really does think about what we could work on to improve. So that's always nice.

Q: What are your expectations for the rest of the season?

A: I expect us to improve, and maybe get a win or two.

Q: Any big plans for Spring Break? A: I'm looking forward to sleeping in and, of course, our soccer games against Kelly Walsh and Natrona







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Lady Devils midfielder Kyrsten Hiatt battles Green River's Athena Clement for possession during Friday's 11-0 loss to the Lady Wolves. Hiatt was one of four freshmen that started for Evanston. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)



Lady Devils forward Haven Hill comes up just short in a scoring opportunity, during Friday's 11-0 loss to Green River. Hill was one of four freshmen that started for Evanston in the contest. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)

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who have worked hard, but did not do what they needed to on the fitness test, at least for the varsity level. So they've got to get that up. So they've kind of been passed a little bit. We're coming in good shape, and I have subs, which will be a game changer this year. We're not going to get as tired as we have in the past."



during Friday's 8-2 loss to Green River. The talented senior scored Red Devils forward Jordan Mendez breaks loose and prepares to shoot during Friday's 8-2 loss to Green River. Mendez scored on the play for Evanston's second goal of the season. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger) the first goal of the season for Evanston.

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against Green River and in the second half against Rock Springs, we just didn't have an edge to us. We were content to be there, instead of trying to take the win."

Green River 8, Red Devils 2

The Red Devils opened the 2025 season against Green River, losing to the Wolves 8-2. The home team took a 3-0 lead into the break, but Evanston came out in the second half with an eye on getting back into the contest.

"I felt like maybe we were going to get back in that game, Richins said. "Just when we were down 3-0, we scored a goal to make it interesting. And boy, it felt like the momentum was really kind of coming back our way."

Brooks Searle scored the Red Devils' first goal of the season in the game's 46th minute, when Green River made the mistake of playing the ball back to the goalie with Searle right on top of the play. Searle arrived at the ball just before the keeper, and sprinted in untouched for the score to cut the lead to 3-1.

'We were able to find a penetrating ball, put the defense up and then we know Brooks has got speed, as well as a good, calm presence in front of the net," Richins said. "Those are the kinds of things we want to have happen more often. It was refreshing to see that happen, and the way it happened was perfect

– exactly the way we wanted it to be."

The excitement was short-lived, however, as the Wolves answered with a goal less than a minute after Searle's tally to make it a 3-goal lead once again at 4-1.

fensive mistakes," Richins explained. "Just positioning and reactionary stuff, and they went right past us and right into the net. Green River got themselves back on their feet, so that wasn't great."

The Red Devils were still determined to make it a game, with senior captain Jordan Mendez scoring his first goal of the season just a minute later, on a difficult kick from about 30 yards out to make it 4-2.

"Jordan has always got a good leg on the ball, and when he gets to his left foot, he's pretty deadly," Richins said. "So we got that one set up to him, and he was able to find the net."

That would be the last score of the match for Evanston, however, as the Wolves rattled off four unanswered scores to win 8-2. The including a strike by Mendez that went off the top bar — but couldn't find the back of the net.

"I thought Jordan was going to get a second goal, but it hit off the crossbar," Richins said. "It was a steep angle he was taking, trying to take that shot, but in the end, it was a dangerous shot and just inches from scoring."

Coming into the contest, Richins had decided to try a line change — similar to what you'd find in hockey — in an effort to keep fresh legs on the field, switching out all 10 players every 10 minutes. By the second half, he decided that the idea was better in theory than in practice.

"It didn't go well," he said. "I don't think we had full buy-in from everybody. I was worried about that, and then the other part



"We immediately made two terrible de- of it was we found some struggles with our pace — I felt like we had two pretty equal groups of guys, but in the end I think I may have made two maybe less than superior teams. So we've got some work to do with lateral movement and just engagement on the field, pressuring the ball and then keeping possession of the ball, and that's part of why we gave up the goals we gave up ... we just didn't have the pace and the athleticism on the field that we needed."

Rock Springs 3, Red Devils 0

Squaring off against Rock Springs after Friday's loss to Green River, the Red Devils put together a solid first half, despite a wicked headwind for the first 40 minutes.

The Tigers scored the first goal of the contest on a penalty kick in the 18th minute; Red Devil keeper Jaeger Liechty and the defense held the home team scoreless from that point on until the second half. Rock Spring added two goals in the second, while turning away Evanston at every opportunity to win 3-0.

"I was actually more worried about Rock Springs than Green River," Richins said. "And in the end, we played Rock Springs much better than we played Green River. I thought the first half we were playing incredible. I thought we played such good soccer. We possessed the ball really well, even with that headwind coming on us. We had a few opportunities. But the second half, we kind of had a letdown. You have to play with an intensity level that says, 'We're going to go grab this thing by the neck and win it.' And we just didn't do that."

Richins credited the play of Jaeger Liechty in net, as well as the midfield trio of Angel Gonzalez, Payton Allred and Victor Lozano with keeping things close.

"I really thought that the combination of Angel, Payton, and Victor in our midfield in the first half made all the difference in the world," he said. "I felt like they were winning 1v1 I thought they were passing the ball really well. They were incorporating the wings. They were getting the ball through to the forward. I just felt like in the first half, those three guys kind of bossed the field.'

As for Liechty, Richins said the senior captain was poised in the net, making plays all weekend.

"I think Jaeger made some saves that in the past he wouldn't have," Richins said. "There was a diving save against Green River that in the last two years that probably goes in. I thought his reaction time was really quick, and his decision-making was really good all weekend long. He was a really solid presence for us the whole weekend."

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Corner-crossing decision: Congressional act overrides Wyoming trespass laws

Experts say corner crossing is now legal in the 10th Circuit's six states — Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Oklahoma and Kansas.

By Angus M. Thuermer Jr. WyoFile.com

A ruling by a federal appeals court in a widely watched corner-crossing case cements the principle that a congressional act preempts a state's power to impose and enforce its own trespass laws.

A three-judge panel at the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals adopted that "preemption" argument made by the attorney for four hunters when it ruled in their favor Tuesday.

In a unanimous opinion, the judges sided against Carbon County ranch owner Fred Eshelman, who sued the hunters in 2022 after they passed through the airspace above his property on their way to hunt public land on Elk Mountain.

Corner crossing is the act of stepping from one piece of public land to another where those two parcels meet at the common corner with two private parcels, all arranged in a checkboard pattern of ownership. Corner crossing does not involve stepping on private land.

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Eshelman sued to block the hunters, and everybody else, from corner crossing to reach some 11,000 acres of federal and state land enmeshed in his 50-square-mile ranch at Elk Mountain, a wildlife haven where the North Carolina resident hunts.

In siding with the hunters, the judges stated that Wyoming trespass law can't supersede a congressional act that guarantees public access to public land in the checkerboard area. A different ruling, the panel wrote, "would place the public domain of the United States completely at the mercy of state legislation."

"I've been banging this [preemption] drum since January of '22," the hunters' attorney, Ryan Semerad, said Tuesday after learning of the decision.



The first corner the hunters crossed was marked by T-posts chained together, signs and a survey monument. (COURTESYP HOTO Wyoming Backcountry Hunters and Anglers)

A 2023 ruling by Wyoming's Chief U.S. Judge Scott Skavdahl for the hunters — the ruling Eshelman appealed to the 10th Circuit — didn't land squarely on the preemption issue, Semerad said.

Skavdahl relied primarily on a case - sheepherder Mackay v. the landowning Uinta Development Co. — the judge wrote in his 2023 decision. In his 32-page ruling, he never used the word "preempt."

So the appellate decision emerges as even stronger support

for corner crossing than what Skavdahl decided, Semerad said.

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Public Notices

NOTICE TO WATER USERS

The applications below were filed with the Division of Water Rights in Uintah County, Utah. These are informal proceedings per Rule 655-6-2. Protests concerning an application must be legibly written or typed, contain the name and mailing address of the protesting party, STATE THE APPLICATION NUMBER PRO-TESTED, CITE REASONS FOR THE PROTEST, and REQUEST A HEARING, if desired. Also, A \$15 FEE MUST BE INCLUDED FOR EACH APPLICATION PROTESTED. Protests must be filed with the Division of Water Rights on or before Apr. 22, 2025 either electronically using the Division's on-line Protest of Application form, by hand delivery to a Division office, or by mail at PO Box 146300, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6300. Please visit waterrights. utah.gov or call (801)538-7240 for additional information.

NEW APPLICATION(S)

23-4048 (A84576): Mykah & Kristan Trujillo propose(s) using 1.48 ac-ft. from groundwater (1.3 miles South of Woodruff) for DOMESTIC; IRRIGATION; STOCKWATERING.

23-4049 (A84593): Ryan Johnson propose(s) using 1.48 ac-ft. from groundwater (4.5 miles NE of Sage Creek Jct.) for DOMESTIC; IRRIGATION; STOCKWATERING.

Teresa Wilhelmsen, P.E. State Engineer 2025 03263

Published in Uinta Co. Herald on Mar. 26, Apr. 2,

INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

Uinta County is seeking proposals for installation of a concrete floor at the Road & Bridge shop located at 41 County Road 293 in Lonetree, WY.

This project will require an on-site inspection prior to proposal submission; pre-submittal meeting will be held at the above location on March 31st, 2025 at 10 a.m. Project specifications will be released at that time. Contractor must comply with the Wyoming Preference Act, carry required insurance, and all city and state licenses.

Proposals need to include schedule and completion time to based on a purchase OK given by 4/16/2025.

All proposals must be submitted by 4/11/2025 before 5 p.m. at county clerk's office to be considered. County will review all proposals at 9 a.m. on April 14th, 2025, at Uinta County Courthouse maintenance department. Uinta County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted.

Submit to Uinta County Maintenance 225 9th Street Evanston, WY. 82930 Attn: Jeff Breininger (307) 799-5513 Care of Uinta County Clerk jebreininger@uintacountywy.gov PUBLISHED: March 19, 26, 2025

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INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

Uinta County is seeking proposals for installation of a 60-mil PVC membrane roof overlay at the Road & Bridge shop located at 2 County Road 169 in McGraw, WY.

The County recommends an on-site inspection prior to proposal submission.

Metal roof to be covered with 1" flute board with 1.5" insulation board on top of that (Approx. R-12 combined) Contractor must comply with the Wyoming Preference Act; carry required insurance, and all city and state licenses.

Proposals need to include schedule and completion time to based on a purchase OK given by 4/16/2025.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF) Civil No. BONNIE LOU TAYLOR, 2025-CV - 0000027 Deceased.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

The creditors, heirs, devisees and all other persons interested in estate of BONNIE LOU TA YLOR deceased take notice that

limitation, or discrimination Adjoining vacant lot is \$50,000. deposit. One year lease based on race, color, religion Call 307-677-4460. required. 307-231-3565 ice, color, reli or national origin; prohibits Mar 19-Apr 4 banning families with children and/or handicapped persons, or intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertisement for real estate that is in violation of the law.

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Apartments for Rent 601

stick built home or modular

home 30.4' x 50' is \$70,000.

LARGE 2 & 3 BEDROOM apartments, small dog with deposit. Furnished & unfurnished. 789-8569. April 5-TFN

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Public Notices

natural gas & city service. No Pets. \$895 mo plus \$895

755 Vehicles Wanted

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789-6560.

Autos for Sale DONATE YOUR CAR, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, MOVE YOUR CAR! Place an FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran ad in the Uinta County Herald Classifieds today. 789-6560 Car Donations at 1-855-703-

1906 today!

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Desiree Workman, a/k/a Desiree Snyder has filed an application in the District Court within and for Uinta County, Wyoming, alleging that BONNIE LOU TAYLOR died on December 9, 2024; and that she owned and left real property in Uinta County, Wyoming, as follows:

The real property is more particularly described as follows:

The West 79 feet of Lot 2 in Block 9 of the Town of Mountain View, Uinta County, Wyoming, filed April 8, 1898, in Instrument No. 4090, in the office of the Uinta County Clerk.

and praying that the Court enter a decree establishing that the right and title to the real property and personal property described herein above be distributed to the following individuals:

Name	Age	Share
DESIREE WORKMAN, daughter	Legal	1/3
a/k/a/ DESIREE SNYDER	-	
AMBER KLEINER, daughter	Legal	1/3
BIRCH WILLIAM TAYLOR, son	Legal	1/3
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You are hereby notified that if no objection to the application has been filed within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this Notice, the Court will enter a Decree establishing the right and title to the foregoing property in favor of the foregoing party or parties. DATED this 18 day of March, 2025

/	s/ DESIREE WORKMAN
6	a/k/a DESIREE SNYDER,
	Petitioner
26. April 2. 2025	03261

PUBLISHED: March 2

PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby given of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) for authority to decommission and sell the Paris Hydroelectric Project generating facilities

(Paris Project), as more fully described below. 1. RMP is a division of PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation engaged in the business of supplying electric utility service to customers throughout its six-state service territory, including Wyoming under certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission. RMP is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§37-1-101(a)(vi)(C) and 37-2-112.

2. On February 6, 2025, the Company filed an Application for authority to decommission the Paris Project and offer the associated, Company-owned land for sale. The Paris Project is located in Bear Lake County, Idaho near the Company's Bear River, Soda, Grace and Oneida Hydroelectric Developments.

3. Pursuant to the Bear River Relicensing Settlement Agreement and the Paris Creek Restoration Agreement the Company plans to return flow back to Paris Creek. This results in a reduction in minimum stream flow at the nearby Grace Development to provide additional water for generation to offset a portion of the lost generation from the proposed decommissioning.

4. This is not a complete description of the Application. You may review the Application at RMP's Wyoming offices or at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours or online at https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx (Enter Record No. 17755).

5. Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before April 10, 2025. Petitions shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

6. If you wish to intervene in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-678-EA-25 (Record No. 17755) in your communications.

Dated: March 13, 2025.

03196 PUBLISHED: March 19, 26, 2025

DEADLINE:

Beginning in Wednesday's paper: Thursday prior, 5 p.m.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF EVANSTON EVANSTON, WYOMING EVANSTON TRANSMISSION PIPELINE 2022

The City of Evanston (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the Evanston Transmission Pipeline 2022.

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at 1200 Main Street, Evanston, Wyoming, 82930, until April 16, 2025 at 2:00 pm local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following work:

• Approximately 7,500 feet of 18" fused HDPE pipe

• Air valves, valves, and miscellaneous fittings

· Connection to existing waterlines

Owner anticipates that the Project's total bid price will be approximately \$3,250,000.00. The Project is expected to be substantially complete by October 31, 2025.

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be requested from:

Taylor Kofoed, J-U-B Engineers	Brian Deeter, J-U-B Engineers
tkofoed@jub.com	brd@jub.com
307-660-3621	801-726-5819
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The designated contact will be periodically sending addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated contact. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated contact.

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on April 8, 2025 at 10:30 am local time at 1200 Main Street, Evanston, Wyoming, 82930. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all Bids. Each Bidder must deposit with his Bid, a bid security subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders. Wyoming Contractors and suppliers will be given a 5% preference in bidding. For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

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This Ad	vertisement is issued by:
Owner:	City of Evanston
By:	Damon Newsome
Title:	City Engineer
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AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

The Evanston Housing Authority welcomes public comments and recommendations on the 5-year PHA plan. The plan and pertaining documents are available for review at 155 Apache Drive in Evanston. All public comments will be taken until May 7, 2025, at 2 p.m. PUBLISHED: March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025 03264

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given of the Amended Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) for authority to enter and participate in the California Independent System Operator's (CAISO) Extended Day-Ahead Market (EDAM), as more fully described below:

1. RMP is a division of PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation engaged in the business of supplying electric utility service to customers throughout its six-state service territory, including Wyoming under certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission. RMP is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C) and 37-2-112

2. On December 30, 2024, RMP filed a "Notice" that RMP was in the process of preparing to enter and participate in the EDAM. The Company filed the "Notice" based upon a Commission directive to file an Application after discussions with the Company at open meetings held on October 10, 2024, and October 17, 2024

3. On February 18, 2025, RMP submitted an amended filing ursuant to the provision of Commission Rule, Chapter 3, Section 21(f)(i). The Amended Application seeks Commission approval to allow RMP authority to enter and participate in the CAISO's EDAM stating that the Company's participation will result in certain reliability, economic and environmental benefits to its Wyoming Customers. The EDAM is an extension of CAISO's Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) RMP has participated in the WEIM since inception in November of 2014.

4. This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect the Application at the Commission's office, or online at: https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx (enter Record No. 17731).

5. Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, protest, intervention petition or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so, in writing, to the Commission on or before April 11, 2025. Any intervention request shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

6. If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-675-EA-24 in your communications

Dated: March 13, 2025.

03197 PUBLISHED: March 19, 26, 2025

Public Notices

Public Comments

Citizens expressed questions and comments about Work Session minutes and recording, the old Wyoming State Hospital and a pending criminal case.

Adjournment

With no further business to be conducted at this time, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Kent H. Williams, Mayor Diane Harris, City Clerk 03252

PUBLISHED: March 25, 2025



OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE UINTA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS **Evanston**, Wyoming March 18, 2025

The Uinta County Commissioners met in regular session on March 18, 2025 in the commission chambers, 225 9th Street, Evanston. Chairman Mark Anderson convened meeting at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Brent Hatch and Commissioner Eric South were present. Also present: Amanda Hutchinson, County Clerk; and Andy Kopp, Sheriff.

Agenda

Motion Hatch, second South to approve the π agenda amended The official record of proceedings for the City Council Meeting to postpone the Dust Suppression agreements to a future date. 3

Board Appointment

Motion South, second Hatch to appoint Nicholas J. Elmer to a 3 Council member Perkes moved, Council member Welling sec- year term on the Veterans Board. 3 yes votes, passed.

LUCDA Agreement

Motion Hatch, second South to approve an Inter-Agency Agreement between Uinta County Public Health and Lincoln Uinta Child Development Association (LUCDA) to coordinate services for children from birth to age 5 as presented by ReaAnna Peltier, Public Health Nurse. 3 yes votes, passed.

Communication Site Lease Agreement

Motion South, second Hatch to renew a 5 year agreement with Union Telephone allowing them to lease a 100' x 100' parcel of land within Section 2, T12N R117W, 6th P.M. for a communications site for the purpose of providing wireless cellular service for a yearly lease fee of \$6,175 from 3/25/2025 to 3/24/2030 as requested by Ron Taylor, Environmental Services. 3 yes votes passed.

Minutes

Motion Hatch, second South to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2025 meeting. 3 yes votes, passed.

Tax Roll Corrections

Motion South, second Hatch to approve the following tax roll correction: TOC Oil Inc. for \$31.10 from tax year 2022. 3 yes votes, passed.

Vouchers

Motion Hatch, second South to approve warrants 465922 through 466037

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS: Ace Disposal, Inc., \$394.14, Garbage Disposal; All West Communications, \$7,312.28, Phone/Internet Service; George Cook, \$612.50, Professional Services; Auto Zone, \$338.25, Parts; Bear River Siding and Gutter, \$700.00, Professional Services; Benedict Ace Hardware, \$106.69, Supplies; Best Kind Russell Cox, \$78.00, Professional Services; BIGZZ Sanitation, \$100.00, Toilet Rentals; BMO Financial Group (Assessor), \$9.95, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Attorney), \$437.58, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (CoClerk), \$42.78, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Communications, \$370.32, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Commissary), \$167.51, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Commissioners), \$669.11, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Drug Court), \$1,971.22, Credit Card; BMO Financial Group (EmgMngt), \$185.00, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Extension), \$1,018.88, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Grounds), \$60.24, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (IT), \$532.44, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Landfill), \$1,013.44, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Maintenance), \$1,780.45, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Museum), \$564.78, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Public Health), \$704.97, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Planning), \$796.04, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Road&Bridge), \$52.67, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (Sheriff), \$1,652.03, Credit Cards; BMO Financial Group (VOCA), \$54.97, Credit Cards; Bradshaws Home and Glass LLC, \$928.00, Parts/Supplies; Bridgerland Carquest, \$347.03, Auto Parts; Bridger Valley Electric, \$4,294.60, Utilities; Bridger Valley Joint Powers Board, \$117.00, Utilitites; Bridger Valley Pioneer, \$237.94, Advertising; Bridger Valley Propane, \$317.09, Propane; Wex Bank/Cardwell (Attorney), \$51.15, Fuel; Carbon County Clerk, \$897.00, Legislative Fees; Wex Bank/Cardwell (Ext), \$80.59, Fuel; Wex Bank/Cardwell (IT), \$52.43, Fuel; Wex Bank/Cardwell (Maint), \$1,494.36, Fuel; Wex Bank/Cardwell (PH), \$62.98, Fuel; Wex Bank/ Cardwell (Planning), \$108.45, Fuel; Wex Bank/Cardwell (RBW), \$79.36, Fuel; Wex Bank/Cardwell (Sheriff), \$7,750.71, Fuel; Cazin's, \$613.90, Hardware/Landscaping; Century Link, \$2,410.37, Telephone; City Of Evanston (Utilities), \$2,084.87, Utilities; City Of Evanston, \$211.14, Program Funding; Codale Electric Supply Inc, \$2,791.62, Parts; Cooper, Lora E, Attorney at Law, \$380.00, Legal Services; Covolo Auto Farm Service, \$1,309.70, Auto Parts; Delta Dental Plan Of Wyo, \$49.60, Dental Insurance; Ellingford Bros., Inc. (Maint), \$39.91, Concrete/Parts; Evanston Housing Authority, \$190.00, Rental Assistance; Evanston Uinta Joint Powers Bd, \$505.94, Rent; Francom, D Mckay, DDS, \$344.80, Medical; FRB Welding & Repair Inc, \$743.40, Equipment Repairs; Freeway Tire, \$128.46, Tires; Habitat Preserves Inc, \$3,200.00, Tree Trim Services; High Country Behavioral Health, \$6,552.00, Professional Services; Hooten, Sara, \$225.10, Prof Services; IBS, Inc, \$1,136.95, Parts; John Deere Financial (Maint), \$62.95, Hardware/Maintenance; John Deere Financial (R&B), \$129.98, Supplies; Kallas Automotive, \$3,053.94, Auto Parts; Kenworth Sales Company, \$553.04, Equipment Parts; Les Schwab Tire Centers, \$239.98, Supplies; Long Reimer Winegar Beppler LLP, \$510.00, Legal Services; Mckesson Medical Surgical, \$142.00, Medical Supplies; MedicoMart Inc, \$1,136.27, Medical Supply; Moio, Jennifer, \$111.00, Hearing Transcript; Morcon Industrial Specialty, \$98.33, Equipment/Safety/Parts; Mountain West Truck Center, \$2,316.23, Equipment Parts; Mountain West Business Solutions, \$347.81, Copier Maintenance; Norris, Dave dba Dave Norris Const, \$67,219.00, Contract Services; Norco, Inc., \$1,368.74, Parts; Pacific Steel & Recycling, \$1,329.73, Parts; Perry, Ty Bailey, \$150.00, Rental Assistance; Enbridge Gas, \$11,714.57, Utilities; Quill Corp, \$190.14, Office Supplies; RelaDyne West LLC, \$877.65, Fuel; Rocky Mountain Power (Utilities), \$7,034.90, Electricity; Rocky Mountain Power (Assist), \$200.00, Utility Assistance; SAFV Task Force, Inc., \$479.21, Support Funds; Skaggs Companies Inc Dba, \$83.85, Uniforms; South & Jones Timber Co Inc, \$1,750.00, Lumber; Standard Plumbing Supply Co, \$91.06, Plumbing; SUMMIT FOOD SERVICES, LLC, \$7,194.38, Food Contract Services; The Masters Touch, \$7,370.71, Professional Services; Thyssen Krupp Elevator Corporation, \$1,732.53, Elevator Maint; Toms HVAC, LLC, \$33.25, Professional Services; Toomer, Rory, \$250.00, Rental Assistance; Town Of Lyman, \$158.00, Utilities; Town Of Mt View, \$480.92, Utilitites; Trihydro Corporation, \$2,516.25, Professional Services; Kennon C Tubbs MD LLC, \$4,600.00, Prisoner Medical: Tynsky Law Office PC, \$230.00, Professional Services; UINTA COUNTY TREASURER (HEALTH PLAN, \$1,058.61, Uinta County Health Plan; Uinta Co Herald, \$1,645.37, Advertising/Subscription; Uinta County Museum, \$210.41, Support Funds; Uinta Co Treasurer (Postage), \$2,641.47, Postage; Uinta Recycling Inc, \$2,733.33, Support Funds; Uinta County Treasurer, \$5,279.56, Petty Cash; UniFirst Corporation, \$670.97, Laundry Services; Union Telephone Company, \$23.88, Cell/Telephone; UW Cooperative Extension Service, \$4,000.00, Supplies; Vector Disease Control Int, LLC, \$50,000.00, Aerial Spraying; Vehicle Lighting Solutions Inc, \$1,381.51, Lightbar; VSP OF WYOMING, \$13.34, Insurance; Harris Mountain West LLC, \$130.00, Software; Wazitech Technical Solutions, \$8.473.65, Professional Services; Weld Etc, \$90.00, Professional Services; Westar Printing, \$443.00, Printing; Wheeler Machinery Co, \$9,228.20, Equipment Parts; Wyoming Machinery Company, \$24,974.87, Professional Services; Wyo Dept of Health/Preventive, \$254.00, Testing; WCTA, \$200.00, Dues/Registration; Wyoming Waste Services - Rock, \$384.34, Garbage Disposal.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Brandon and Lisa Eyre have applied for a Subdivision Permit for Lot 3 of the Breezy Meadows Subdivision located in the N 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 30, T15N R115W, 6th P.M., Uinta County Wyoming, near County Road 260. The application would allow for the subdivision of Lot 3 into a new two-lot, minor Residential (R) zoned Subdivision.

A public hearing on this matter will be held before the Board of Uinta County Commissioners on Tuesday, April, 1, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Uinta County Complex, 25 9th St. Evanston, Wyoming. PUBLISHED: March 19, 26, 2025 03195

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the John Lowe and Melody A. Martin Trust has applied for a Land Use District Change (Zone Change) and Subdivision Permit for a parcel in Part of Block 2 and 3 and Vacated Streets and Alleys Carter Addition to Fort Bridger and Lot 3, Block 1, Melody Subdivision and Unplatted Lands E 1/2 SW 1/4, Section 33, T16N, R115W, 6th p.m. Uinta County, Wyoming. The application would allow a change from the Agricultural/Resource/Development (ARD) Land Use District to the Residential (R) Land Use District for the development of a two lot Residential Subdivision.

A public hearing on this matter will be held before the Board of Uinta County Commissioners on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Uinta County Complex, 25 9th St. Evanston, Wyoming. PUBLISHED: March 19, 26, 2025 03194

PUBLIC NOTICES: Because the People Must Know

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UINTA, STATE OF WYOMING In the Matter of the Estate of:) Docket No. 2025-CV-0000019 Eddie L. Halls, Deceased

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF ESTATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE You are hereby notified that on the 4th day of March, 2025 the

Estate of Eddie L. Halls, was admitted to probate by the abovenamed Court, and that Terry A. Crawford, 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.

Terry A. Crawford

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE PUBLISHED: March 12, 19, and 26, 2025 03122

INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

Uinta County is seeking proposals for installation of a concrete floor at the Road & Bridge shop located at 41 County Road 293 in Lonetree, WY

This project will require an on-site inspection prior to proposal submission; pre-submittal meeting will be held at the above location on March 31st, 2025 at 10 a.m. Project specifications will be released at that time. Contractor must comply with the Wyoming Preference Act, carry required insurance, and all city and state licenses.

Proposals need to include schedule and completion time to based on a purchase OK given by 4/16/2025.

All proposals must be submitted by 4/11/2025 before 5 p.m. at county clerk's office to be considered. County will review all proposals at 9 a.m. on April 14th, 2025, at Uinta County Courthouse maintenance department. Uinta County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted.

Submit to Uinta County Maintenance 225 9th Street Evanston, WY. 82930 Attn: Jeff Breininger (307) 799-5513 Care of Uinta County Clerk jebreininger@uintacountywy.gov PUBLISHED: March 19, 26, 2025 03192

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

Default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a Promissory Note (the "Note") dated April 24, 2008, executed and delivered by Rhonda G. Boren and William L. Boren aka William Boren ("Mortgagors") to Beneficial Wyoming

EVANSTON CITY COUNCIL Second Regular Meeting March 18th, 2025

The official record of proceedings of the second meeting of the Evanston City Council for the month of March was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on the above date. These proceedings were video recorded and streamed live.

Council member Perkes led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The roll was called and with a quorum being present, Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

Those present from the governing body at the start of the meeting were: Mayor Williams; Council members, Evan Perkes, Dave Welling, Mike Sellers and Jen Hegeman. Henry Schmidt and Jesse Lind were excused.

Staff members present at the start of the meeting were: City Attorney/Prosecutor, Mark Harris; City Clerk, Diane Harris; City Treasurer, Trudy Lym; Community Development Director, Rocco O'Neill; Information Technology Coordinator, Preston Sheets; Police Chief, Mike Vranish; Public Works Director, Gordon Robinson; City Engineer, Damon Newsome and Director of Parks and Recreation, Kim Larson. A group of interested citizens was also present.

<u>Approve Agenda</u>

Council member Weiling moved, Council member Sellers seconded, to approve the agenda.

The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes: Willliams, Perkes, Welling, Sellers, Hegeman.

Approve Minutes

held March 4th, 2025 and City Council Work Session for March yes votes, passed. 11th, 2025 was approved as presented. <u>Bills</u>

onded, to approve the following bills for payment: Mar 05, 2025 to Mar 18, 2025

VENDOR		FOR	AMOUNT
AXA Fauivest		Payroll	188.00
Reneficial Life	•••••	Payroll	150.00
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Evanston Peace Of	fficers	Payroll	240.00
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IRS	•••••	Payroll	57 188 40
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Ameri Tech Equip	ment	Services	1,374.33
Callaway Goll		Supplies	8,109.43
Cara Enterprises	•••••	Dues	199.00
Caselle	•••••	Support/Maintenance	24,039.00
		Supplies	
		Utilities	
CD's Electric		Services	1,024.21
Century Equipmen	it	Parts	397.00
Century Link		Utilities	983.22
Chemtech-Ford La	boratories	Testing	1,507.00
City of Evanston	•••••	Utilities	2,122.85
Cleveland Golf		Supplies	1,685.50
		Services	
		Road Salt	
Enbridge Gas		Utilities	17,519.68
Evanston Parks &	Recreation	City Subsidy/Reimb	153,082.78
		Parts	
		Contract	
Forsgren		Contract	1,815.00
Freeway Tire		Tires	3,171.36
Integrity Solutions		Services	124.30
		Supplies	
Manny's Siding Sy	/stems	Services	2,765.00
Maxfield Construc	tion	Contract	35,493.00
Morcon		Supplies	836.22
Mtn West Business	s Solutions	Service Agreement	241.94
		Dues	
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One-Call of Wyom	11 ng	Tickets	29.40
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Skaggs		Uniform	228.42
Stateline Metals		Parts	42.00
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Tom's HVAC		Services	1 146 97
USA Blue Book		Supplies	1 466 08
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Perkes, Welling, Sellers, Hegeman.

Council Comments

Council members spoke about the Town Hall meeting with Congresswoman Harriet Hageman, deployment of a family member, Celtic Festival and background noise on the Council meeting video.

Board Appointments

Council member Sellers moved, Council member Perkes seconded, to confirm the following appointment:

Mayor Williams appointed the following to terms on the following Boards:

Parks and Recreation Board

Jamie Bowns..... ... June 2027 The motion to confirm the appointment unanimously with 4 yes votes: Perkes, Welling, Sellers, Hegeman.

Consent Agenda

Council member Welling moved, Council member Hegeman seconded, to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Parade Route/Street Closure - requested by the VFW Auxiliary for the 2025 Veterans' Awareness Ride on Thursday, May 15th. The ride will enter town at Exit 6, to 9th Street between Main Street and Front Street at approximately 5:20 p.m. Street closure on 9th Street between Front Street and Main Street for Bike Parking

Parade Route/Street Closure - requested by the Silverwood Rally & Rodeo/VFW Auxiliary for a biker parade on Friday, May 23rd to the Uinta County Fairgrounds, coming back and ending on 9th between Main Street and Front Street. Street closure on 9th Street between Front Street and Main Street for Bike Parking on Friday, May 23rd and Saturday, May 24th.

The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes: Willliams, Perkes, Welling, Sellers, Hegeman.

Final Payment

Council member Sellers moved, Council member Perkes seconded, to approve the final payment for Roundhouse Section 4 Tenant Grey Shell Improvements to Tanner Development.

The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes: Willliams, Perkes, Welling, Sellers, Hegeman.

Lawful Discharge of Fireworks

Council member Welling moved, Council member Perkes seconded, to approve the number of days and hours for the lawful discharge of fireworks for Friday, July 4th; and Saturday, July 5th, 2025 - 5 p.m. to midnight.

The motion passed unanimously with 5 yes votes: Willliams, Perkes, Welling, Sellers, Hegeman.

3 yes votes, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m. David Mark Anderson, Chairman

BOARD OF UINTA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Attest: Amanda Hutchinson UINTA COUNTY CLERK PUBLISHED: March 26, 2025 03265 Inc., and a real estate Mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagors, to said Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded on April 25, 2008, at Reception No. R142630, in Book 912, at Page 571 in the public records in the office of the County Clerk

and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Uinta County, Wyoming. The Mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2021-NR1

Assignment dated: October 5, 2022

Assignment recorded: October 19, 2022

Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 1131657, in Book 2046, at Page 714

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

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.

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 March 1, 2025 being the total sum of \$131,823.74, plus interest, costs expended, late charges, and attorney fees accruing thereafter through the date of sale.

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.

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, U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2021-NR1, as Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed by law by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Uinta County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on April 2, 2025 at the information desk at the Uinta County Courthouse located at 225 9th Street, Evanston, WY 82930, for application to the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows:

All of Lot 1 in Block 1 of the Brinton Subdivision, being located in Uinta County, Wyoming, filed October 29, 1975, as Instrument No. 287038, in the Office of Uinta County Clerk.

With an address of 161 Brinton Road, Lyman, WY 82937 (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 his/her/its purchase price and/ or statutory interest.

Dated: February 26, 2025 U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2021-NR1

By: Brigham J. Lundberg Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 376 East 400 South, Suite 300 Salt Lake City, UT 84111 801-355-2886 HWM File # WY10609 PUBLISHED: March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025 03055

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Outdoors

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extended 20 miles north and south of the Union Pacific line across Wyoming.

Congress soon saw that new private landowners who bought from Union Pacific were blocking access to the public sections, effectively controlling public land they didn't own. That "evil ... became so great," one court later explained, that Congress enacted the Unlawful Inclosures Act in 1885.

"No one may completely prevent or obstruct another from peacefully entering or freely passing over or through public lands," the act says, according to the appellate judges. The Unlawful Inclosures Act "explicitly prohibits obstructing transit over public lands by force, threats, intimidation, or by any fencing or inclosing."

In 2020, Missouri hunters Brad Cape, John Slowensky and Phillip Yeomans corner crossed to hunt on Elk Mountain and did so again with Zach Smith in 2021.

Eshelman, through his Iron Bar Holdings company, which officially owns the ranch, sued the hunters claiming that allowing corner crossing devalued his 22,045-acre ranch by more than \$7 million.

The appeals court ran through numerous reasons for siding with the hunters, including rejecting Eshelman's arguments that an "inclosure" refers only to fences. One can "inclose" a piece of public land using threats and intimidation, including the threats of lawsuits or even threats of criminal prosecution or civil action under state trespass laws, the court determined.

The appellate panel also rejected another of Eshelman's arguments that proposed UIA became obsolete at the end of the "open range" era in 1934 when Congress enacted the Taylor Grazing Act requiring permits to run stock on federal property. "The UIA remains good law," the panel said. It even was amended in 1984 at which time Congress could have done away with it completely if it wanted, judges said.

Baa baa Leo Sheep

The panel also dismissed Eshelman's argument that a Wyoming case, known as Leo Sheep, settled the corner crossing question in 1979. (Leo is a Wyoming neighborhood north of Rawlins; Lee Emmit Vivion established Leo Sheep Co. in 1903.) In that case, courts ruled the federal government could not construct a road across a corner to reach the public Seminoe Reservoir.

Eshelman contends that corner crossing relies on an implied easement, and Leo Sheep determined that the government did not hold any easement at the checkerboard corners. But the corner crossing case doesn't claim an easement, the appeals judges said.

Instead, Eshelman's actions - signs, fenceposts, chains and lawsuits blocking free travel to the contiguous public checkerboard - constitute a nuisance under the Unlawful Inclosures Act, they concluded.

"No easement was needed to remove a nuisance that was unlawfully inclosing federal lands," judges wrote as they rejected Leo Sheep's relevance in the hunters' case. "Leo Sheep did not speak to, and is not controlling for, the type of limited airspace intrusion ratified by [Skavdahl's] district court," the panel said.

Essentially, a right to access is not an easement, the court stated.

Further, Iron Bar cannot use an exception to the Unlawful Inclosures Act that allows homesteading, an exception that would allow it to fence people out, the panel said. Elk Mountain Ranch, Eshelman's self-stated retreat from his busy pharmaceutical world in the East, is just that.

He bought the property from another private owner, the appeals court found. "Iron Bar is no homestead," the panel wrote. stop trespassers from crossing through his airspace. But the



The appeals court used this graphic to depict corner crossing. (U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals)

Not a taking

As it struck down one Esshelman argument after another, the appellate panel relied in part on an 1897 case known as Camfield in which a landowner used a fence on private land to prevent access to checkerboard public property beyond. Camfield's fences were illegal under the Unlawful Inclosures Act, the case determined.

Addressing another Eshelman point, the appeals panel said allowing corner crossing doesn't constitute a taking for which the Constitution requires compensation. Wyoming landowner Taylor Lawrence, who built fences blocking antelope migration to public checkerboard land, claimed such a taking in 1988.

Courts ruled that Lawrence's assertion fell flat because what he claimed to have lost — the right to exclude others in the checkerboard area - was something he never had in the first place

When the government enforces a pre-existing limitation on a property owner's rights, that's not a taking that requires compensation, the panel said.

The right to pass to public checkerboard land necessarily diminishes a landowner's rights, the appellate judges held. Congress diminished those rights through the Unlawful Inclosures Act, removing that important privilege from the checkerboard landowner's entitlements, the appellate court said.

"Iron Bar theoretically acquired its private land subject to those preexisting restrictions," the panel said.

Eshelman also argued that Wyoming law allows him to

federal Unlawful Inclosures Act "supplants conflicting state law," the panel said.

"The UIA and case law interpreting it have overridden the state's civil trespass regime in this context," the panel said.

The court's ruling is important because "there is a presumption against preemption," hunters' attorney Semerad said. "The first principle is we should harmonize state and local laws with the federal law - we don't want there to be a collision of laws."

Judges and courts are reluctant to bring down the preemption hammer, he said. With preemption, "you're saying to state legislatures and local government governments, 'whatever you do, it does not matter, because Congress decides this issue.""

"There are many judges these days who are reluctant to say that for all sorts of philosophical and jurisprudential reasons."

Unsatisfying

"We appreciate this may be an unsatisfying result for property owners within the checkerboard," and issues such as liability remain unresolved, the judges wrote. They recognized that Eshelman could ask the entire suite of 10th Circuit judges there are 19 - to weigh in on the case.

"The Supreme Court can also reconsider the scope of Leo Sheep as it applies to this case," judges said.

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Uinta BOCES No. 1 offers workforce safety training, something crucial for all industries and businesses

From first-aid to ladder safety and much in between, local program offers training to mitigate workplace hazards

By Kayne Pyatt Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — Employers who provide safety training for their employees will create an environment where the employee feels valued, stays engaged, is more productive and will be able to identify and mitigate hazards in the workplace. Safety training is crucial for all industries: health care, hospitality, retail, janitorial, construction, energy, transportation, agriculture and more, in order to prevent accidents, injuries and serious illness.

Uinta BOCES No. 1 Executive Director Sheila McGuire said the agency has recently rebranded their industrial safety training department and given it the title of Workforce Safety Training Department.

"We changed the name because we don't want people to think we only do heavy industry," McGuire said. "When we say industry, we mean any type of business where people could use safety training for working with chemicals, even cleaning products, blood-borne pathogens, climbing ladders and slippery surface training, CPR and first-aid training, defensive driving, ergonomics and more. The department offers safety training classes and nationally recognized certifications."

Candy Hamblin has provided workforce safety training for 26 of the 27 years she has been employed at BOCES. She has a bachelor's degree in organizational management from Western Wyoming Community College. Hamblin has safety instructor certifications from OSHA and from Veriforce Safety Training. Besides her job as safety director at BOCES, Hamblin travels throughout Wyoming and as far away as Texas to provide safety training for industry.

"Imagine you are at work and you use Clorox or a specific type of toilet bowl cleaner which are both hazardous chemicals, or you climb a ladder to change a light bulb," Hamblin said, "Do you have a plan if an incident or accident happens? Are you being safe and has your employer provided you with the right training?"

The Uinta BOCES No. 1 Workforce Safety Training includes but is not limited to the following:

• Basic safety awareness: This includes Stop Work



BOCES safety instructor Candy Hamblin explains to volunteer Piper Lacy how to withdraw the air from the respirator mask during a demonstration of safety Fit Training. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

Authority, behavior-based safety, hazard identification, employer and employee responsibilities.

• Job-specific training: focuses on job safety analy-







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A respirator mask and oxygen tank inside a case are ready to go to a safety Fit Training provided by BOCES. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

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Boost students Elias Sandquist and Makaila Tucker practice administering CPR and using an automated external defibrillator (AED) on a model of a baby, while safety instructor Candy Hamblin gives instructions during a recent demonstration at Uinta BOCES No. I in Evanston. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

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prevention of those hazards, and equipment used by an employee.

• HAZCOM (Hazardous Chemicals): Training focuses on labels, types of chemicals, safety data sheets, fire safety, and personal protective equipment.

• Personal protective equipment: Employers should be providing employees with the proper personal protective equipment to perform their tasks.

• First aid and CPR: Essential for responding to emergencies and providing immediate assistance for the public as well as healthcare providers.

• Fire protection: Training on fire prevention, protection, and evacuation procedures.

• Emergency action plans: Preparing employees to

"The employee has to put on the mask, do a series of tests to make sure they are getting a good seal and then sis, work permits with specific tasks, hazards of the task, take off the mask without any help from someone else," Hamblin explained. "They have a small oxygen tank that comes with the mask. If they wear prescription glasses, employers must provide respirator mask inserts for individuals that require corrected vision while using a full-face respirator. These frames can be easily and quickly inserted or removed from the mask and are designed to be used with full-face respirator air masks."

Hamblin also had the students demonstrate how to do

CPR, compression and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) on an adult, child and infant models. She explained that CPR needs to be done to a count of 100 to 120 within a minute and for an adult and child one year and over, the pressure should be 2 inches deep; a baby should be only 1 to 1 1/2 inches deep.

McGuire said all BOCES staff and Boost students are required to take workforce safety training. She said some industries today use computer-based safety training but she doesn't think it is as effective as the hands-on approach."Most people really learn by doing," McGuire said.



respond effectively to various emergencies, evacuations and lockdowns.

• Basic electrical safety: Training on the safe use of electrical equipment and systems, as well as using lockout/tagout.

• Ladder safety: Educate employees how to thoroughly inspect, set up, and use.

• Walking working surfaces: Slips, trips and falls account for many incidents/accidents in the workplace. This class will inform students about different surfaces, housekeeping, inspection, and protecting employees.

• Respiratory protection: Training in the proper use and maintenance of respiratory protection equipment.

• National safety council's defensive driving: Instruction includes safe driving practices, aggressive drivers, and accident prevention.

Hamblin asked five students, Elias Sandquist, Evani Adolfsen, Piper Lacy, Abbie Baker and Makaila Tucker from BOCES Boost program to help her demonstrate for the *Herald* how to put on and use a respirator mask. This is called Fit Training that she does with employees that will be working around hazardous atmospheres, fires and other industrial and workplace hazards.

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Race horse Half a Chance is pictured with her baby colt by Dennis' Moment. The colt arrived on March 4 at the Jack Sims Ranch outside Evanston. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Graded stakes winner births first foal at Jack Sims Ranch

EVANSTON — The first foal by Dennis' Moment, a graded stakes winner by Tiznow, arrived recently at the Jack Sims Ranch near Evanston, Wyoming. The Wyoming accredited colt is out of Half a Chance, a two-year-old maiden special weight winner at Saratoga during her racing career.

Dennis' Moment, who stands at the DeLancey's Rodeo Ranch in Cheyenne, was brought to Wyoming in 2024 to become an accredited stallion in that state, which offers one of the fastest growing and most lucrative breeder award programs in North America.

Corey Johnsen and his partner, Eugene Joyce, played a major role in the passing of legislation which created Historic Horse racing (HHR) in 2013. A percentage of HHR handle was dedicated to the Wyoming Breeder Award program, which is attracting horses and horsemen to the Cowboy State from all over the United States.

Johnsen's CJ Thoroughbreds and Joyce own 11 Wyoming accredited mares in foal to Dennis' Moment. They also have five Wyoming-accredited two-year-olds that will be racing in the state under the care of trainer Dru Hall, one of the most successful Thoroughbred trainers in the Rocky Mountain region.

"Wyoming is one of the most dynamic racing and breeding opportunities in America," commented Johnsen. "In 2024, more than \$8.5 million was earned in the Wyoming Breeder Award program, and this year the state has granted 70 live race days."

Progressive thinking

Johnsen is right about the progrowth racing and breeding climate in the state which was ignited when Wyoming legislature authorized Historic Horse Racing machines (HHR) in 2013. HHR was launched with the specific goal of reviving Wyoming's nearly extinct live horse racing industry.

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Wyoming went from zero live horse races in 2010 to 467 in 2023.

Wyoming-bred horses participating in Wyoming races increased from 55 horses in 2014 to 369 in 2023.

The Breeders' Award Fund payouts skyrocketed from \$9,405 in 2011 to more than \$8.5 million in 2024.

Eugene Joyce has spent 25 years involved in the horse racing industry in the Cowboy State. He is currently the President of Sweetwater Downs in Rock Springs and a partner in Wyoming Horse Racing LLC, which owns and operates the Horse Palace HHR gaming and off-track betting facilities across the state. He founded the company in 2011.

Corey Johnsen, the founder and president of CJ Thoroughbreds, has a track record of managing and owning successful racing ventures, such as Lone Star Park and Kentucky Downs. Currently, Johnsen is involved with the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority.

The project includes the rebuilding of Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, home of The Preakness, and construction of a major training center in the state.

Joyce said, "Having been an investor with CJ Thoroughbreds for the past five years and seeing first hand their experience, expertise and a commitment to breeding and racing superior quality horses, I am excited about the long-term prospects of our joint venture here in Wyoming."



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