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Weather forecast



Thursday: High of 41; low of 23.
Sunrise: 7:03 a.m.; Sunset: 7:51 p.m.
Partly to mostly cloudy with 10-20 mph winds. Mostly cloudy overnight.



Friday: High of 46; low of 27.
Sunrise: 7:01 a.m.; Sunset: 7:52 p.m.
Some sun in the morning with increasing clouds later. Partly cloudy overnight.



Saturday: High of 47; low of 26.
Sunrise: 6:59 a.m.; Sunset: 7:53 p.m.
Intervals of clouds and sunshine with 15-25 mph winds. Partly cloudy at night.



Sunday: High of 53; low of 28.
Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.; Sunset: 7:54 p.m.
Partly cloudy with 10-20 mph winds. Partly cloud overnight.

Chamber welcomes Fairway Independent Mortgage



Evanston Chamber of Commerce Red Carpet Ambassadors celebrate a ribbon cutting with Tara Rees (center) at Fairway Independent Mortgage, located at 22 Reay Street. Joining Rees are Juan Hernandez, chamber executive assistant AJ Lamb, Jamis Short, Bethany Shidler, Chamber executive director Tammy Staley, Lexi Lamb, Tyfani Sager and David Benton. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

U.S. Senate passes resolution honoring Simpson’s legacy

CHEYENNE (WNE) — The U.S. Senate on Thursday passed a resolution introduced by U.S. Sens. John Barrasso and Cynthia Lummis, both R-Wyo., to honor the life and legacy of Al Simpson, former U.S. senator for the state of Wyoming.

In 1965, Simpson began a distinguished career of elected public service representing the people of Wyoming by serving in the Wyoming House of Representatives (1965–78) and the U.S. Senate (1979–97). In the U.S. Senate, he held the important leadership roles of Senate majority whip, Senate minority whip and chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

Simpson passed away on March 14. Barrasso and Lummis paid tribute to Simpson on the Senate floor on the day of his passing.

The U.S. Senate passed the resolution unanimously Thursday and stands adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Simpson.

“Senator Simpson was known by many for his courage, quick wit, and legendary storytelling. During his time in the U.S. Senate, Senator Simpson was focused on securing United States borders and addressing illegal immigration, championing the brave veterans who answered the call and made sacrifices for their country, entitlement reform, and addressing the soaring national debt,” the resolution states. “Senator Simpson served with integrity, humor, and leadership, and he never wavered in his commitment to his family, the United States, or the State of Wyoming.”

Spring semester enrollment increases at university

LARAMIE (WNE) — Enhanced efforts to recruit and retain students have led to a 1.4% increase in the University of Wyoming’s spring semester enrollment compared to last year.

The 10,388 students enrolled on the 15th day of classes are up from 10,246 at the same time last year, reflecting increases in first-time (61.8%) and transfer (1.4%) students enrolling at the midpoint of the academic year, according to a news release.

Those new enrollments, combined with a fall-to-spring first-time retention rate exceeding 93%, have produced UW’s first year-over-year overall enrollment increase since before the COVID pandemic.

“We are pleased that we have largely maintained the solid number of students enrolled in the fall semester, while adding some new faces who arrived for the spring semester,” said Kyle Moore, UW’s vice provost for enrollment management, in the release. “More and more students are discovering the incredible value of a UW education, including many hands-on learning opportunities and experiences that lead to well-paying jobs and satisfying careers.”

The increase in new enrollments this spring is reflected in all three categories of first-time undergraduate students, transfer students and graduate students (2.9% rise). While Wyoming residents (up 3.4%) are responsible for the bulk of the overall enrollment increase, the biggest share of undergraduates enrolling for the first time this spring came from out of state.

In recent years, as UW’s in-state student enrollment has started to rebound from the pandemic, nonresident student numbers have declined. The university has taken a number of steps to reverse that trend, including enhanced marketing and recruitment efforts in states including Colorado, Texas, California, Illinois, Arizona and Washington.

Deer herds showing improvement

AFTON (WNE) — Deer have come through two consecutive winters with very few deaths, Gary Fralick, Wyoming Game and Fish Biologist, said last week during the Wyoming Game and Fish open house in Thayne Mar. 19.

He continued, “We’re looking at the deer coming off the big winter ranges in La Barge, Cokeville and Evanston and

they are in really good shape.”

Noting the improved health, he added, “I’m looking at good antler production this year.”

Acknowledging the discussion with hunters during the Star Valley stopover, Fralick explained, “We’re proposing a little longer deer season by about five days. Rather than close on the 25th, we’re proposing closing on Sept. 30 for the areas in northwest and western Wyoming.”

He called the deer herd “really resilient.”

“The does are coming off the winter range in great shape and they are bringing their fawns with them,” said Fralick. “We have seen that doe-fawn ratio increase from in the low 30s last year to 83 this year.”

Fralick said he saw signs of improvement this year when seeing deer doing well at 9,000 feet during this December flyovers.

No changes are expected with the elk seasons.



A grizzly bear pokes around near Roaring Mountain in Yellowstone National Park. Male grizzlies are emerging in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National parks. Photo courtesy of the National Park Service/A. Falgoust.

First grizzly bear of 2025 spotted in Yellowstone, Grand Teton National Park

JACKSON (WNE) — Bears are emerging from hibernation in western Wyoming, leaving their pawprints in the melting snow in both Yellowstone and Grand Teton National parks.

A Grand Teton National Park employee observed a grizzly bear near Flagg Ranch on March 19, marking the first confirmed sighting of the season in the park. Meanwhile, staff in Yellowstone spotted the northern park’s first pair of grizzly tracks 10 days earlier, on March 9.

Teton Park has since received three more reports of bear sightings, including its first reported black bear sighting in the past few days, Grand Teton Bear Biologist Justin Schwabedissen told the Jackson Hole Daily. After the first sighting, two of the park’s subsequent reports came from members of the public.

“It’s definitely an exciting time,” Schwabedissen said.

The first bear to have emerged in 2025 is thought to be a male, based on its size and patterns of bear behavior.

“Looking at long-term trends across the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, male grizzly bears tend to emerge in March,” Schwabedissen said. “Female grizzly bears tend to emerge a little bit later.”

Females without offspring emerge in early April and those with cubs later.

“Females that have attendant young are just a little bit restricted by those offspring,” Schwabedissen said. “Cubs have to be big enough to keep up with the mother.”

After emerging, bears will head for lower elevations, along riparian corridors, looking for ungulate carcasses to feed on.

“It’s pretty challenging with all the snow we have around,” Schwabedissen said. “Bears are relying on knowledge of where food sources have been in the past.”

Now that bears have begun to show face in the area, residents should secure attractants such as trash, compost, bird feeders and chicken coops and brush up on bear safety.

Remains of the missing Worland woman found

WORLAND (WNE) — The remains of 28-year-old Worland woman Breanna Mitchell have been recovered in Washakie County, according to a statement from the Washakie County Sheriff’s Office released on March 24. It’s been nearly two years since she was reported missing.

Skeletal human remains were discovered by a Wyoming Game and Fish warden who was tracking a deer collar on Sunday in the Nowater Badlands southeast of Worland, the same area where Mitchell’s vehicle was discovered in July 2023.

On Monday, Washakie County Coroner Jeff Lapp confirmed the identity of the remains as Mitchell, after comparing her teeth to dental records provided by Mitchell’s dental office.

Mitchell was originally reported missing on July 22, 2023, at 8:59 p.m. by her boyfriend Christian Romero. He stated he had a phone call with her at 5 a.m. that morning where she described getting her vehicle stuck in the Nowater Badlands.

Romero searched the badlands but stopped looking after not finding Mitchell and alerted law enforcement that she was missing when she failed to return that night.

A formal search and rescue investigation began on July 22, 2023.

Mitchell’s unoccupied vehicle was found at 10:28 a.m. on July 23. It was stuck about two miles off the main Nowater road. The area surrounding the vehicle was searched extensively for 20 days by search and rescue teams from seven counties, many civilians, and numerous agencies.

At the close of a final large-scale search on Aug. 11, 2023, no additional leads to Mitchell’s whereabouts had been found.

Her remains were found by the game warden 1.05 miles north of her vehicle, according to a statement provided by Brookwell.

“The area where Ms. Mitchell was located is consistent with the rugged badlands terrain of the region, characterized by steep hills, deep ravines and dense sagebrush. These challenging conditions likely contributed to the difficulty in detecting her remains during the initial searches, despite the extensive efforts of search teams and volunteers,” he said.

Brookwell noted that a cause of death has yet to be determined.

The investigation into her death is ongoing.

Wife killer gets nearly 30 years

RIVERTON (WNE) — He shot his wife in the head in front of their 10-year-old child last year, and now, Conrad Tillman will spend 348 months in prison after his sentencing hearing last week in federal court.

Tillman, 38, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in a plea deal.

He fatally shot his wife, Utahnnaa BearComesOut, on April 14, 2024, as the two were driving on Highway 287 south of Fort Washakie.

U.S. District Court Judge Kelly H. Rankin sentenced Tillman in Casper Friday for the second-degree murder charge and took into consideration that Tillman had been serving a related tribal sentence for nearly a year.

Upon his release, he’ll face five years supervised release.

According to federal court documents, Tillman told investigators he and the victim had been arguing when he pulled the gun and pointed it at her head. The gun went off, killing BearComesOut.

Tillman flagged down another driver, asking them to “call 911, as he had just shot his wife,” the affidavit states.

Police were called to the scene at 9:21 p.m. BearComesOut was pronounced dead shortly after emergency workers arrived and could not find a pulse, at 9:43 p.m.

Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Terence Hill searched Tillman and his truck. Inside the truck was a 9mm SCCY-brand pistol with a round in the chamber wedged beside the driver’s seat, a spent bullet casing on the dashboard, and what appeared to be a bullet exit hole in the windshield on the passenger side.

Tillman originally faced life in prison.

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Donald Richard Carroll
Jan. 16, 1930 – March 29, 2025

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, mentor and friend, Donald Richard Carroll, returned to his Heavenly Home on Saturday, March 29, at the age of 95. Don was born on Jan. 16, 1930, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Irene Maples. Don was raised in Muskogee, Oklahoma, by his mother Irene and his maternal grandfather and grandmother, Big Papa and Big Mama.

He worked as a pipefitter for his Uncle Parry, beginning at 15 years old. His education was provided by hard work, hard knocks and working for a living. Don was a military veteran and served in the Army for his country from 1951-1953.

Following work and the pipeline led him to Lyman, where he met, courted and married Sharol Louise Eyre, from Lyman. Sharol was a flirty farm girl who really wanted to see the world and really liked Don's new red 1953 Mercury. They were married on June 29, 1956.

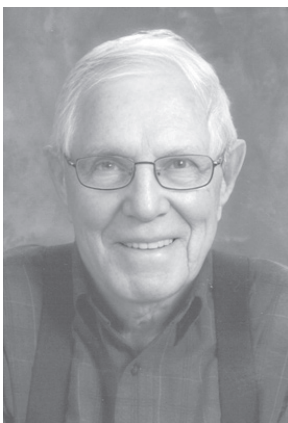
They were later sealed in the Ogden Temple on Feb. 25, 1986. That happy marriage lasted for 68 years until Don's passing. To this union were born four children: Rick, Rochelle, Jerry and Roger.

After pipelining all over the country for the first 10 years of their marriage, Don began working at FMC trona mine in 1963. He worked there as a surface area maintenance man until his retirement in 1991.

Don loved Bridger Valley and was very active in the community of Lyman. He served 14 years as the treasurer of Uinta County School District #6. He served as a Cub Scout Master for many years. He helped find ways to fundraise such as 55-gallon drums from FMC converted to burning trash cans. He also headed up the efforts for the first AAU swimming program in Lyman.

He served faithfully in many callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Those callings included Young Men's counselor before he was a member in the 1970s, Elders Quorum counselor and secretary, executive secretary for Bishop Melvin Platts, High Priest group leader, as well as helping on committees for the Pioneer Days Celebration.

Don's hobbies included



coin collecting. He collected state coins and created coin books for all of the kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. He also loved hunting, fishing and golfing.

Of all of Don's accomplishments, he would tell you that the greatest was his family. Don loved to follow his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren wherever they were participating in sporting events throughout the states of Wyoming and Utah.

He traveled thousands of miles to see football, basketball, swimming, cross-country, track, volleyball and soccer for children of all ages.

All of the children knew when he arrived at the venue by his loud whistle in the stands. He often slipped a few dollars to the children after the games for a quick trip to the concession stand.

Don is survived by his wife, Sharol; his children, Rick Carroll (Lisa), Rochelle (Scott) Shriner, Jerry Carroll (Donna) and Roger Carroll (Richelle); 16 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren (and more to come); and his sister-in-law, Jan Carroll.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Irene Maples; his brother, Jerry; his sister, Barbara; his wife Sharol's parents, Clem and Ada; and daughter-in-law, Barbara.

Viewing will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Lyman chapel, 127 N. Main Street, Lyman, on Sunday, April 6, from 6-8 p.m. and Monday, April 7, from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Funeral services will begin at the church in Lyman at 11 a.m. Interment with military honors will follow at the Lyman City Cemetery.

Lyman man guilty of stealing skid steer from Evanston man

By Bryon Glathar
Herald Managing Editor

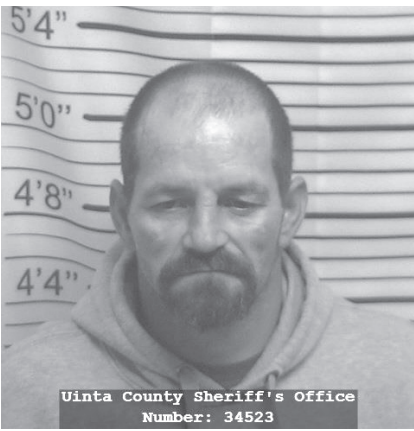
EVANSTON — A Lyman man was convicted of felony theft on Tuesday, March 18, in Third District Court in Evanston. Mathew Titmus, 44, is now facing up to 10 years in prison and fines up to \$10,000 after a jury found him guilty of stealing a piece of heavy equipment that went missing from Evanston in 2023.

According to an affidavit in support of information or citation filed with the court, a Uinta County Sheriff's Office deputy was patrolling the area of Heinz Street in Lyman looking for a wanted subject on Feb. 19, 2024.

"As I was traveling on Heinz St., I observed the bucket of a skid steer lifted in the air on the property of Mathew Titmus..." the affidavit states. "I further noticed that the skid steer matched the description of one stolen from China Mary Rd., Evanston, in October of 2023, specifically a 1990 Case 1840, Uniloader..."

The deputy searched the internet to confirm it was a match. He said he noticed the cab of the skid steer had been spray painted black but could see orange showing under the black "consistent with the stolen skid steer and [I] have personal knowledge of it."

Titmus pulled up to the property shortly after, and the deputy asked him about the wanted person. Titmus told the deputy the person he was looking for helped him out now and then but was currently working in Evanston.



When the deputy asked Titmus about the skid steer, he said his late uncle, John Titmus, had given it to him about five years prior.

The deputy, who testified that he could smell fresh paint on the skid steer, asked about the fresh black paint on the cab, and Titmus said it was in the same condition as when he received it from his uncle.

"I then observed a can of black ColorPlace spray paint sitting on the floor of the skid steer," the deputy said. "I asked Mathew about the paint can. Mathew advised that he had just painted the bed of his truck."

Telling Titmus that he wanted to rule out the possibility of the skid steer being stolen, the two searched for a serial number.

"Upon inspection it was found that the serial number plate had been taken off," the affidavit states. "It appeared as if it had recently been removed as

the impression of the plate was still very visible and outlined in dirt."

The deputy noted that most of the inside of the cab was still the original orange color with some black paint overspray and spots of fresh black paint, "however not completely, and the original orange color could still be seen underneath."

Some of the rims on the skid steer had been painted black, the ones on the right left in original orange. Part of the rear engine cover door was painted black, some still orange.

"It was blatantly obvious that the skid steer had been haphazardly spray painted black in an effort to conceal its origin," the deputy said.

The deputy sent photos to the Evanston resident who reported a stolen skid steer, who said it "without a doubt" belonged to him. The victim also accurately described an after market "Tara Systems" hydraulic scale, which was specific to his skid steer.

With probable cause to have it seized, the deputy had the skid steer towed to the Mountain View substation cold storage shed.

The value of the skid steer was determined to be \$14,000, and the victim said it had been damaged since it was stolen. Some damage was caused to the ignition because it had been hot wired, there was a hydraulic fluid leak and possible damage to the pump system.

Titmus is scheduled to be sentenced at 3:30 p.m. on June 12.

District praises court ruling to properly fund education

By Rana Jones
Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — At the Uinta County School District #1 school board meeting on March 11, Superintendent Ryan Thomas provided an update on the recent court ruling that found Wyoming's model for funding public education unconstitutional.

"This is fantastic news for the students of Wyoming," Thomas said.

The Wyoming Education Association, alongside eight school districts, including UCSD #1, filed the lawsuit due to consistent underfunding that violated Wyoming Supreme Court precedents dating back to 1980. Judge Peter Froelicher ruled in favor of the educators on all six arguments, determining that the state had failed to properly fund the actual costs required to provide quality education. Thomas outlined several

key issues in the lawsuit, including the state's failure to adjust funding for inflation, inadequate salaries for recruiting and retaining personnel, and insufficient resources for mental health counselors, school resource officers, nutritional programs, and technology. Additionally, the state was found to have inadequately assessed school facilities for educational suitability, allowing unequal and substandard conditions to persist.

The court has mandated the state to revise its funding model to address these constitutional violations and will maintain jurisdiction over the case until appropriate modifications are made.

"My hat's off to the board to have the foresight to take on this fight for every student in Wyoming," Thomas said. While he praised the decision, he noted that significant work remains. "We still have a dog in the fight. We still have to

go through recalibration and make these rulings happen."

The recalibration process will begin in April, and Thomas mentioned that Sen. Wendy Schuler, R-Evanston, though not the chair of the committee, would be a helpful advocate. "It will be nice to have a friendly face we can talk to on that committee," he said.

"This could have far-reaching impacts in education in our state for the next 25 years," Thomas said, referencing the last major education funding case, the Campbell case, which Uinta County also participated in 25 years ago.

Moving on to other funding concerns, Special Education Services Director Matt Williams presented an operational budget update, emphasizing the importance of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) programs. He echoed Thomas's earlier points about the significance of the lawsuit, stressing that SEL requires

adequate funding to serve students effectively.

When asked about the percentage of students in special education programs, Williams reported that about 19% of students have Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), a figure slightly above the national average.

"I put a lot of confidence and trust in our various teams," Williams said, adding that they navigate these decisions daily. Thomas noted that the national trend indicates rising numbers of students requiring special education services.

Board Chair David Peterson agreed, stating, "It seems to be growing a little bit. It could be the recognition for the need of special education that wasn't recognized in years past."

Board member Jessica Arch added, "COVID made a huge need for speech and

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Senior Citizens Menu

Wednesday, April 2
BBQ Chicken, Steamed Carrots,
Pasta Salad, Brownie

Thursday, April 3
Turkey, Ham & Cheese Hoagie, Lettuce
& Tomato, Chips, Peanut Butter Cookie

Friday, March 4
Lemon Baked Cod, Rice Pilaf,
WW Roll, Lemon Bar

Monday, April 7
Cheeseburger, Tomato & Onion Chips,
German Coleslaw, Chef Choice Melon

Tuesday, April 8
Cheese Pizza, Garlic Toast,
Tossed Salad, Jello Cup

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Throughout both days of the festival, music filled the Machine Shop as regional and headlining bands took the stage to entertain crowds. Regional bands included the Salt Lake Scots Pipe Band, Avourneen, Cronin’s Fancy, Teton Skye and Finistere.

The Machine Shop was filled with vendors offering a variety of traditional products and others offering a variety of food choices. A beer bar was available, with local police officers checking IDs.

A choice of six demonstrations and lectures were offered on Friday, including the Society of Creative Anachronism (SCA) members demonstrating medieval fighting with swords and other weapons; lectures on medieval weapons, pub songs and Scottish pipe tunes.

On Saturday, SCA again provided medieval fighting demonstrations for crowds. People could choose from eight different lectures and workshops including learning Gaelic language, songs, stories and the history of medieval weapons.

The local Warped and Twisted Fiber Guild provided a choice of two demonstration workshops; one on “waulking the wool” and another one titled “from fiber to yarn.” The waulking workshop featured special guest Ellen McDonald from



Young women demonstrate the Scottish dances for a crowd in the Machine Shop on Friday, March 21, at the Celtic Festival. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

the headline band Daimh, who explained the process of waulking and the songs that women would sing as they worked. Waulking is a term for pounding the woven wool until it becomes more like fabric.

McDonald had those attending the workshop sit around a long table, holding the woven wool in their hands and pounding it on the table as they slowly moved it along, while she sang Gaelic songs and taught them to sing the chorus along with her.

The Celtic Festival is a

family-friendly event and children of all ages could enjoy renaissance games sponsored by the Utah Renaissance Faire; choose from a variety of opportunities to make crafts; and dance and learn Celtic music.

For a minimal fee, adults and children 12 and older could attend a workshop in the visitors center to learn the art of pyrography (artistic wood burning) and take home a finished product.

Friday night’s headline band, Daimh (pronounced “dive”) from the Isle of

Skye and West Lochaber drew a crowd of 320 fans. On Saturday night, a double headline concert with Heron Valley from Scotland and Old Blind Dogs, a multi-award-winning band who sing Scottish folk music, was joined by fiddler Sarah Collins. A crowd of 375 fans clapped, danced and cheered until 10 p.m.

On both Friday and Saturday nights, for those people who wanted to keep celebrating, the Best Western Dunmar Inn held an after-hours session until midnight. Any-



Eric Pasenelli and Shasta Smith-Hopkin celebrate the scholarship in their names with Arts Inc. board chair Diane Sellers. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

one could bring their own instrument and play along with the regional band Avourneen.

Smith-Hopkin said, “This year we were incredibly fortunate to receive funding from the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund and Rocky Mountain Power Foundation to activate one of our dormant programs, Specialists in the Schools Project (SISP), last active prior to COVID. The purpose of SISP is to send some of our visiting professional artists through local schools while we have them in the area for one of our other events, which in this case was the Celtic Festival.”

Smith-Hopkin reported that over the course of three days leading up to the festival, members of Scottish headline bands Daimh and Heron Valley visited with students in all four of the Evanston elementary schools

to play tunes and talk about their instruments and Scottish music and culture. They met with the students in small-group classroom settings in order to allow maximum interaction and answer the students’ questions in a personalized way.

The artists also gave two workshops for homeschool families in the community to allow those students the same opportunities as their public school counterparts.

“Band members all said they absolutely enjoyed getting to know our local elementary music teachers and students in our community,” Smith-Hopkin said. “We are also hiring a new event manager to join the Celtic Festival team.” Those interested in receiving more information are encouraged to contact the board via email at Contact-TheArtsInc@gmail.com or by phone at 307-677-2707.

LITIGATION

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agreement, terms and escalations.

“I would like to add to that request,” he said. “I would like to see the original business plan showing the payback period for this investment.”

Resident Marijke Rossi asked the council if they would consider recording their work sessions as they do the regular meetings so it would be available on their website. She also asked if there was any new information on the old Wyoming

State Hospital Buildings.

Evanston City Clerk Diane Harris told Rossi that no decisions are made at the work sessions so that is why they are not recorded.

Mayor Kent Williams said he would take the request under consideration and added that there was no new information regarding the State Hospital buildings.

Lexi Lamb with the VFW Post 4280 Auxiliary had two requests for the council. The first request was for a parade route/street closure for the annual National Veterans Awareness Ride to take place on

Thursday, May 15. The ride will enter town at Exit 6 and proceed down Harrison to 9th Street, where the street will be closed between Main Street and Front Street for bike parking while the riders hold a wreath ceremony at the county complex and then eat dinner at the VFW.

The second request made by Lamb was for Silverwood Rally and Rodeo/VFW Post 4280 Auxiliary for a parade route and street closure for a biker parade on Friday, May 23. The street closure request was for 9th Street between Front Street

and Main Street for biker parking for Friday, May 23, and Saturday, May 24. The combined bike and horse rodeo will take place on Sunday, May 25, with a concert at the Roundhouse following the rodeo that evening.

“The Silverwood Rally and Rodeo group puts on these fundraisers to contribute to the Cowboy Youth Rodeo Association,” Lamb said. “It should be a fun event.”

The council approved both requests.

New business included approval of the final payment for Round-

house Section 4 improvements to Tanner Development as requested by Evanston Community Development Director Rocco O’Neill.

“The advertising period of 40 days has been met, and the final payment is \$13,841.61 with no changes,” O’Neill said.

The council approved the lawful discharge of fireworks on Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5, from 5 p.m. to midnight.

Jamie Bowns was appointed to the Evanston Parks and Recreation District board with a term ending Jan. 1, 2027.



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Do you spend a lot of time feeling guilty? I did, as a result of being abused as a child. I grew up believing something was wrong with me and that everything was my fault. And when you develop that kind of thinking during your childhood, it can torment you for a long time.

Guilt traps us and keeps us in the same place; much like a treadmill that keeps us going but accomplishes nothing. Guilt is a trap that presses us down into our problems rather than lifting us out of them. And as long as we feel guilty about what we do wrong, we remain in that guilt and will not grow spiritually.

All of us make mistakes, and God knows that! No one can be perfect while in a fleshly body, but we can and must continue to grow spiritually regardless of where we are in our relationship with Christ. But in order to grow spiritually, we must first learn who we are in Christ.

By God's grace and mercy, when we are born again, God not only forgives us, he gives us his righteousness because the Holy Spirit comes to live inside us. We each have right standing with God legally because of the blood of Christ, and even though we sometimes still do things wrong, the ability to do what's right is also in us.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) tells us, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

God doesn't expect you to become something that he hasn't already equipped you with. At the moment you are born again, God comes to live inside of your heart. The "seeds" of his character are downloaded into your spirit, and just like any seeds that are planted with the intent to reap a harvest later on, there must be a cultivation period that happens over a long period of time.

You have everything you need to be who God wants you to be, and since God lives inside of you, this means the fruit of his Spirit is also inside you. And after you are born again, you will grow in Christ as you pursue him daily.

2 Timothy 2:22 (NIV) tells us, "Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."



BY JOYCE MEYER

The operative word here is "pursue." Pursue means to crave and go after something with all your mind and strength. Your relationship with God should not only be a Sunday morning thing. He is everything! In Him we live and move and have our being and without him we are nothing.

We rely on God's grace to help us do what's right every day. And if we try to do what God asks us to do without relying on him to help us, we won't succeed because we need him to do everything we need to do.

Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV) says, "Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose."

We don't work for our salvation to earn it, but we do work out our salvation. There's a difference! For example, working out for fitness takes time, discipline and commitment. I have worked out three times a week for the last 10 years. When I started, I didn't have visible muscles. But now I do, because I'm committed to maintaining my fitness. In much the same way, spiritual growth is a workout, with the results developing over a time because of commitment and discipline. And we lean on God to help us every step of the way.

So, keep moving forward, and don't be hard on yourself! You are holy, righteous, anointed, and completely forgiven. You're not where you need to be, but thank God you're not where you used to be. You're okay, and you're on your way.

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part teaching resource Say Goodbye to Guilt. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org

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LAWMAKERS

from A1

We hear about money that comes from oil and gas tax going into a rainy-day account. That is an issue we are taking a good look at. That money is reserved for future development of oil, gas and coal."

Heiner agreed that the schools will not see any impact from the property tax cut. Property tax has gone up 70% in the last three to four years, he said, and with this tax reduction, cities and counties will have less revenue, but they will need to decide what is most important and prioritize.

"The bill the House passed had a 100% back-up for cities and counties, but the Senate and the governor told the House they would not support the back-up and the governor would veto it. Why would he do that?" Heiner said. "Why? I think they didn't want us to control the revenue. How dare you? My opinion is they want you to feel the hurt so you won't vote for the 50% property tax cut, which will be on the ballot in 2026."

Heiner explained that the House had a \$17 million back-up in the bill but, after negotiations with the Senate over the 50% reduction in property tax, they agreed to a 25% property tax reduction if they took the back-up monies out of the bill. He said the House then added the back-up in the budget bill, but that bill was killed.

Pearson agreed with Heiner and said she felt the property tax issue should be on the ballot so the people can decide. She said she felt that some of the legislators had no say in the matter and there needs to be more transparency on everything.

"I found out about the supplemental budget being canceled the same way the public did," Pearson said, "from reading it in Cowboy State Daily. That is very disturbing to me."

Schuler said the Senate

leadership could not agree on that, and she was concerned for special districts that the state sends relief to. She emphasized that the supplemental budget is for emergencies and also funds 100 different agencies in the state. She said she's most concerned for disability and senior citizen programs.

Allen Jaggi, a Bridger Valley resident who was in the audience, said, "When I was in the legislature, I never voted for a supplemental budget, ever. We funded those 100 different agencies in the general budget for a period of two years. Why do you allow agencies to come and ask for additional funds? The supplemental budget is for emergencies only. What are your thoughts on that?"

Webb, Wharff and Heiner all said they agree with Jaggi 100%. Comments from all included the federal government's spending problem. Heiner expressed concern that the state will not be able to meet expenses due to the budget not being passed, which will require a special session to approve moving funds from the state's savings to the general budget.

"How do we rein in a federal government that has gotten too big? I think the economy will go through rough times before it gets better," Wharff said. "The government will make it as painful as they can; that's how the government maintains the monstrosity it is, and you are going to hurt and we will have to determine what are essential services."

Hatch reminded people that the county commission will be working on its budget in the coming months and it is important that people come to them and let them know the needs in the county.

A new resident, Mark Kelly, asked the final question.

"Is there something each of you are especially proud of accomplishing this session and something you think is unfinished business?" he

asked.

"That's a good question," Schuler said. "I wish the bill on banning cellphone use in schools had passed. There are some schools that have already implemented a ban, but I think it should be consistent throughout the state. I was pleased the three bills I sponsored passed: the bill on protecting women's sports, the bill to allow child sexual violence victims to testify remotely, and the bill to allow termination of parental rights in cases where grandparents or another family member are raising the children for over 24 months, due to the parents being abusive, in jail, or on drugs."

Pearson said she was happy that a bill passed allowing doctors to prescribe off-label drugs. She is going to pursue working on a bill to allow shared parenting between divorced parents. She said she thought it was interesting the legislature was trying to define what a woman is.

Webb said he was pleased about several bills passing, including the one on protecting women's sports, the bill to protect minors from pornographic websites, and the bill that requires 30-day residency and proof of citizenship in order to vote in an election.

Wharff concurred with Pearson and Webb and added that he will continue to work on the bill on removing gun-free zones, for state's sovereignty and protecting state lands.

The last to respond to that question was Heiner, who said he's upset that the Biden administration had tried to shut down small oil producers by requiring a \$500,000 bond on each well. He said he was proud the House passed a bill that allowed small producers to come together with a shared bond. He said he wants to continue to work on a bill to require that the state attorney general is an elected position, not one appointed by the governor.

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language learning, especially at the elementary level. We have seen a big increase in numbers there."

Williams expressed appreciation for teachers' dedication, saying he values seeing their progress with students.

Other budget items included school activities where activities director Bubba O'Neill commended his staff, Dauna Bruce and Boyd Child, for their work, stating, "I have the most amazing staff;" and highlighting their statewide reputation for quality service. He reported on the extensive responsibilities his department manages, overseeing 77 coaching positions, 35 activity positions, and approximately 750 annual events.

O'Neill provided a positive update on the school's athletic domes, noting they are widely used by both the school and the community.

"Making the most of what you provide us, we are appreciative," he said. However, he also emphasized budgetary needs, particularly for shot clocks, which cost around \$7,000 each, excluding installation.

"We want to make the most with what you can provide us and try not to ask for more," he said. He also cited expenses such as helmet reconditioning, which costs \$80 per helmet, calling these "unfunded mandates."

Despite financial challenges, O'Neill highlighted the growing participation in school activities, attributing it to strong coaching. Thomas echoed the sentiment, stating, "Let's do what's right for kids."

Moving on to legislative updates and public concerns, Thomas briefly discussed legislative session topics, including a new homeschooling bill that eliminates the requirement for parents to submit curriculum to the school while still mandating communication with the principal. He expressed concern that students not initially enrolled in the school system might have no contact with schools at all.

He also addressed a bill, vetoed by the governor but overridden in the House, concerning a charter school cap. "Fund public education first then allow more charter schools," Thomas said, adding that he appreciated the governor's stance on prioritizing public education funding.

During public comments, resident Jared Houghton questioned the board about the legal fees associated with the education lawsuit, expressing concern that increased education funding could lead to higher property taxes.

Thomas responded that education in Wyoming is a constitutional right, and that the lawsuit demonstrated the state's failure to provide adequate funding. He emphasized that property taxes alone cannot cover educational costs and that proper funding from the state is essential.

"Fund education appropriately," Thomas stated, arguing that Wyoming, despite being a wealthy state, has persistently underfunded education.

Only eight out of 48 school districts participated in the lawsuit, but Thomas remains hopeful that the ruling will lead to necessary reforms, benefiting students across Wyoming.

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Community

EHS music students perform with All-Northwest Choir

By Kayne Pyatt
Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — Outstanding music students from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming received top honors by being selected to participate in one of the 2025 NAME (National Association for Music Education) All-Northwest performing groups.

The nine Evanston High School students: Julia Barton, Zander Hernandez, Lukis Hill, Kade Peart, Evie Stahl, Hunter Wilt, Tawnya Beck, Bellatrix McGuire and Liesl Botts joined over one thousand other outstanding high school student musicians for the event held in Spokane, Washington on Feb. 14-15.

EHS students went through a rigorous audition process with students auditioning in six states. The nine students were selected from more than 3,500 students who auditioned to participate in this event. The EHS students fundraised to pay for their expenses to attend the event.

Peart, a senior at EHS, told the *Herald* that the auditions were recorded and sent to the judges, who were members of the Washington Music Educators Association. The student auditioning was required to sing excerpts from songs picked by the judges; sing scales and do a timed sight singing when given a note and they had to complete it with song.

“It was tough and we only had one chance to repeat our recording,” Peart said. “I was excited to be auditioning, though.”

Barton, Hernandez, Hill, Peart, Stahl and Wilt sang with the mixed concert choir; Beck and McGuire sang in the treble choir; and Botts performed in the orchestra.

Upon arriving in Spokane, the students rehearsed and performed in concert under the direction of world-renowned conductors. Well-known Northwesterners who have participated in past years’ All-Northwest groups include trumpeters Doc Severinson and Allen Vizzutti, Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist and columnist David Horsey, and jazz saxophonist Kenny G.

The *Herald* met with six of the nine honored students during Heather Blackwell’s music class. The students were asked about their favorite part of participating in the event and whether they plan on continuing with music in college or making music a career after graduation.

Peart said, “I loved the director, John Byun, that we worked with; he was very skilled. I loved the convention center at the university where we sang, and the campus was beautiful. I plan to go to UNV in Las Vegas and study pre-med, but I might stay in a choir if they have one.”

Stahl, a junior, agreed with Peart, and added that she loved how the director explained why he chose certain songs and why they were important to him.

“I also loved hanging out at the hotel and sharing our experiences with the other students,” Stahl said. “I’m not sure yet, but am considering joining the Navy or becoming a vet, but I would like to stay in choir.”

“I liked meeting kids from all over the U.S., Alaska and others from far away,” Hernandez, a junior, said. “As far as after high school, I am thinking about sports physical therapy or being a sports trainer. I may join a choir if there is one.”

Hill, a junior, said the way the choir of 250 voices sounded was amazing — the best he had ever heard.

“The power the girls in the choir had was amazing,” he said. “They portrayed feelings with their voices. I plan on going to a trade school and becoming a diesel mechanic.”

“Bella and I were in the treble choir,” Beck, a senior, said. “Listening to the other choirs perform was my favorite part; they were so balanced and cool! I loved meeting all the different people. I plan to go to Weber State and major in musical theater after I graduate.”

McGuire, a freshman who is the youngest in the group, said, “Getting to know others in this group from EHS was my favorite part and also meeting all the others from other states. When I graduate and go on to college, I want to major or minor in music.”

All of the students interviewed said the experience was very memorable and they highly recommend other students take the opportunity to audition in the future.



Several Evanston High School students participated in the All-Northwest Choir last month. Pictured at a December concert are (front row) Bellatrix McGuire, Julia Barton, Evie Stahl and Tawnya Beck; (back) Hunter Wilt, Kade Peart, Zander Hernandez and Lukis Hill; (not pictured) Liesl Botts. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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Questions

Kelsey Brinkerhoff
Server at Kate's

What do you like most about living in Evanston?
The people.

What are the three best reasons for living in Wyoming?
Open spaces, the people and the lack of people.

If you had a super power, what would it be?
To speak any language at any time without having to study and learn it.

Do you have a dream you've yet to fulfill?
Opening my own oddity shop.

What would you like to see happen in your life this year?
Pay off credit card debt.

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do with the money?
Open my own oddity shop.

What's something interesting about you that most people don't know?
I hate onions.

What are some of your favorite TV shows?
"American Dad," "Family Guy," "The Simpsons" and "90 Day Fiancé."

What is your proudest accomplishment?
Graduating college.

If you could meet a famous person, living or dead, who would it be?
Alive — Dave Grohl;
dead — Robin Williams.

What do you like to do in your free time?
Cross stitch.

Where do you get information on what is happening in Evanston and in the world?
For Evanston, the Uinta County Herald and Facebook; for the world, Reddit.

What's a place you'd like to see but haven't yet?
Amsterdam and Greece.

What is the best thing about winter?
Skiing.

What is your favorite genre of music?
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Red Devils, Lady Devils 3rd at UVU Invite



Red Devil hurdler Timber Fitch finished second in the 300 hurdles and fourth in the 110 hurdles at the UVU Invite in Orem, Utah. (HERALD PHOTO/Kati Baxter)



Red Devil senior Paul Baxter splashes down in the frigid water en route to a 7th-place finish in the steeplechase Saturday at the UVU Invitational in Orem, Utah. Baxter also won the 1600 meters, while the Red Devils and Lady Devils both placed third in the team standings. (HERALD PHOTO/Kati Baxter)

Hartzell wins 200, 400 meters; Baxter wins 1600

By Don Cogger
Herald Sports Editor

The Evanston High School track and field teams pushed back the start of Spring Break for a day and traveled to Orem, Utah, on Saturday, competing at the UVU High School Invitational.

The Red Devils and Lady Devils each placed third as a team. In all, the Red Devils finished with 21 individual placers — including two champions — while the Lady Devils had 15 placers.

Red Devils

The boys had a pair of individual winners in Ayden Hartzell in the 200 meters (22.33) and 400 meters (49.72), and Paul Baxter in the 1600 meters (4:37.54); Baxter also placed seventh in the 2K steeplechase (6:55.45).

The 4x400 relay team of Aidan Conrad, Ayden Hartzell, Jayden Rieker and Carter Brown also finished in the top spot, posting a time of 3:26.69.

Sophomore hurdler Timber Fitch placed second in the 300 hurdles (43.14) and fourth in the 110 hurdles (7.59); he also placed eighth in the 100 meter dash (11.68). Fellow hurdler Skylar Tippetts also placed in both hurdle events, finishing seventh in both.

Cole Brown placed in three events — both on the track and in the field — finishing third in the pole vault (11'6"), fifth in the 400 meters (54.38) and seventh in the high jump (5'2"). In sprints, Jayden Rieker finished fourth in the 200 meters (23.01) and sixth in the 100 meters (11.60).

Joining Paul Baxter on the podium in the 1600 were Aidan Conrad (4th, 4:56.46) and Bryan Baxter (5th, 5:01.80). In the field events, Tyce Weisenbaker finished third in the long jump (19'), while Luca Flores finished fourth in the shot put (45'10.25") and eighth in the discus (120'10").

Lady Devils

For the girls, junior Emma



Lady Devils Brette Francis and Sophia Olivas compete in the 1600 meters (left), while senior thrower Kiernynn Simmons lets one fly in the shot put at Saturday's UVU Invitational, held in Orem, Utah. Simmons finished fourth in the event, while Francis was 12th and Olivas 10th. (HERALD PHOTO/Kati Baxter)



Lonsway finished second in the 300 hurdles (49.59) and fourth in the 100 hurdles (17.64); she also cleared nine feet in the pole vault to finish fourth.

Alyssa Brown was runner-up in the discus (114'8") and finished third in the shot put (35'2.5"), while Cassie Barker was third in both the 100 hurdles (16.45) and 300 hurdles (50.32) and sixth in the high jump (5').

Lady Devil thrower Kiernynn Simmons' senior season is off to a solid start, with fourth-place finishes in both the shot put (34'7.5") and discus (95'10"), while senior hurdler Celeste Swensen finished eighth in both the 100 hurdles (19.14) and 300 hurdles (56.96); she also finished fifth in the long jump (14'1").

UVU Invitational Results

Boys Results

1. Cedar Valley 140, 2.

TRACK B3

Pokes' Aaron Bohl begins spring refurbish on defense

UW DC getting new faces, returners on same page

LARAMIE — Aaron Bohl feels like he is herding cats right now.

Wyoming's second-year defensive coordinator is charged with getting a list of newcomers — two linebackers, four defensive linemen and five defensive backs have been added to the roster via the transfer portal — on the same page with the returning Pokes during spring practice.

Bohl and head coach Jay Sawvel are determined to get the defense to play at a high standard that slipped during last season's 3-9 finish.

"My hair is going to be looking like my dad's probably by the end of the spring," Bohl, the son of former UW head coach Craig Bohl, quipped after Thursday's practice in War Memorial Stadium. "It is stressful. It's good though."

UW only returns three

starters from the defense that started the 15-14 victory at Washington State to close the 2024 campaign.

Defensive end Tyce Westland, nose tackles Ben Florentine and Dante Drake, defensive tackle Jayden Williams and cornerback Keany Parks were part of the unit that allowed only 44 points over the final 10 quarters last season.

"Looking back at last year, obviously there were a lot of struggles. I thought we kind of turned a corner over the last two and a half weeks and really got down to the nitty gritty of just attacking," Bohl said. "That's really what defense comes down to. All the fancy terms, the fancy blitzes and everything ... it's about tackling, getting off blocks, using your hands."

"We've made a big em-

POKES B3



Pokes defensive coordinator Aaron Bohl has a bevy of newcomers he's tasked with getting on the same page with his returners as spring ball gets underway this week. (UW MEDIA-ATHLETICS)

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Meet The Devils

Adalee May — EHS Girls Soccer



Q: How long have you been playing soccer, and how did you get into it?
A: I started playing soccer from kindergarten to 5th grade, and then started playing again as a freshman.
Q: Are you involved in any other sports/activities?
A: I am also involved in marching band, jazz choir and cross country.
Q: What are you enjoying the most about this year’s team?
A: We have improved so much more since last year. I love that the underclassmen have brought a lot of energy and hustle. They really have a desire to score, and it reflects in the way they play.

Q: What are your hobbies outside of sports?
A: Like I mentioned before, I love music. I love singing and playing my french horn. I also read a ton of books, and some of my favorites are by C.S. Lewis and the Jackaby series. I also just love hanging out with friends.
Q: Do you have a favorite movie or TV show?
A: One of my favorite movies is “Gifted.” It’s so touching.

Q: Playing keeper is not for the faint of heart. What do you enjoy most about playing in net?
A: I really enjoy the intensity that comes with playing in the net. It’s also a hype feeling when I have a great save. Also, one v. ones are so much fun, because It’s kinda fun taking people out.

Q: In your opinion, what makes a good teammate?
A: A great teammate is someone who sacrifices everything for the team. That includes hustling, stepping to every ball, communicating and putting in the work



outside of practice. They also look at themselves before they start pointing fingers at those around them. They also lead by example, and with strong work ethic. They radiate and encourage positivity and good sportsmanship. They act like a Lady Red Devil, on and off the field.
Q: What’s it like competing for coach Barton?
A: Coach Barton is really an amazing example. She has put her whole heart and commitment into this team. Even when we have not performed the best, she has never made us feel like we are less than. She sacrifices so much time, energy and peace to be head coach. It’s been a great experience playing for her.
Q: Any big plans for Spring Break?
A: Just senior project stuff and soccer.

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April 11

'Handel's Messiah'
Spring Concert
7:30 p.m.
Davis Middle School

Monday- Friday,
April 7-11
Adolescent Immunization Action Week

Trust good resources, ask questions, schedule an appointment and know where to get vaccinated. Contact Uinta County Public Health in Evanston at 307-789-9203 or in Lyman at 307-787-3800.

Monday, April 7
Diaper Bank

United Way of Southwest Wyoming will host its community diaper bank the first Monday of every month. It will be open from noon to 5 p.m. at Uinta BOCES No. 1, room 103. Anyone needing diapers can participate;

there is no income guideline to qualify. Must be a parent or legal guardian of a child.

Tuesday, April 8
City Council Meeting

The Evanston City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, at Evanston City Hall.

Tuesday, April 8
School Board Meeting

The Uinta County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, at the district's administrative building at 537 10th St. in Evanston.

Thursday, April 10
Family Caregiver

Support Program

The Family Caregiver Support Program is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, at the Uinta County Senior Citizens Center. Lunch will be available on the second Thursday of each month.

Thursday, April 10
Chamber Lunch

The Evanston Chamber of Commerce presents the Wyoming Community Foundation for this month's Lunch & Learn at noon on Thursday, April 10, at the Legal Tender. Cost is \$12 for Chamber members, \$15 for non-members; no charge if not eating.

Friday, April 11
Spring Concert

The Evanston Civic Orchestra and Chorus presents its annual spring concert, "Handel's Messiah," at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 11, at the Davis Middle School auditorium. Free admission and family friendly.

Saturday, April 12
Devotion Championship Wrestling

Live professional wrestling brought to you by Devotion Championship Wrestling. Doors open at 6 p.m., bell at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, at the Machine Shop in Evanston. Front row seats cost \$25; second row \$20; general admission \$15.

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BLM approves SW Wyoming carbon sequestration project

KEMMERER — The Bureau of Land Management issued a decision record and finding of no significant impact approving a subsurface right-of-way for the Southwest Wyoming Carbon Dioxide Sequestration Project.

The decision authorizes Moxa Carbon Storage, LLC, to explore about 605,100 acres of federal subsurface pore space as a potential site for permanent storage of carbon dioxide beneath Lincoln, Sweetwater, and Uinta counties.

The approval does not authorize any surface-disturbing activities or surface occupancy on BLM-administered public lands. The next step is for Moxa to apply for Class VI underground injection control well permits through the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, which regulates the construction and operation of carbon dioxide injection wells.

Carbon sequestration is the process of injecting carbon dioxide deep underground, preventing it from entering the atmosphere, and aligns with President Trump’s executive order to Unleash American Energy.

The decision and supporting documents are available at the BLM National NEPA Register. For more information, please contact BLM Planning and Environmental Specialist Maura Bradshaw, at 307-352-0378.

As corner crossing opens 3M acres to public, advocates urge caution

Disappointed ranchers ponder potential ‘conditions’ on newfound access to public lands.

By Angus M. Thuermer Jr.
WyoFile.com

As access advocates celebrated a court decision guaranteeing access to 3 million acres of public land in Wyoming and five other states, they asked for caution, common sense and respect when corner crossing.

Hunters, hikers and others who corner cross need to understand the entirety of the recent decision by the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, parties in the dispute said this week. A voice for ranchers said cattlemen were disappointed in the ruling. Jim Magagna raised the prospect of Wyoming still imposing “conditions” on corner crossing to ensure all uses of public land are “compatible.”

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REFUSE TO USE GROUP of NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS in Evanston. All meetings start at 7:00 PM: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 50 Yellow Creek Rd., Saturday and Sunday at 736 Center St. All meetings are open. Please join us, we do recover!! www.rtuofna.org Jan 3-TFN

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Mar 19-Apr 02

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In the Matter of the Estate of)
STEVEN JOE MCBRIDE, Deceased.) Civil No. 2025-CV-0028

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 28th day of April, 2025, at the Uinta County Courthouse in Evanston, Wyoming, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Court will conduct a hearing on the Petition of Jack Roger McBride for the ancillary administration of the Estate of Steven Joe McBride, deceased, who was a resident of the County of Montague, State of Texas, and who owned property in the County of Uinta, State of Wyoming, not exceeding the value of \$200,000.00.

Any person objecting to said Petition may appear at said hearing and show cause for his/her objection.

If no objection is made to said Petition on the day set for hearing, then the Court shall make an Order admitting to record in this Court the file-marked copies of the proceedings of the County Court of Montague for the State of Texas, and said proceedings shall be considered and treated from that time as original proceedings in the court.
DATED this 24th day of March, 2025.

/s/ Judge James Kaste
PUBLISHED: April 2, 9 and 16, 2025 04022

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Wyoming Stat. Ann. § 34-4-101 et seq., that:

Ted Paskett, as obligor and mortgagor, executed a Home Equity Line Credit Agreement in favor of Zions First National Bank, nka Zions Bancorporation N.A., secured by a Mortgage in favor of Zions First National Bank nka Zions Bancorporation N.A. as mortgagee.

The Mortgage is dated October 14, 2010, and recorded October 14, 2010, as entry no. R153432, in Book 957, at pages 750 et seq., in the office of the Uinta County Clerk, Wyoming.

The amount due to Zions Bancorporation N.A., as of the date of this notice is Fifty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Seventeen Dollars and 00/100 (\$58,617.00), plus attorney's fees incurred.

The Mortgaged Premises is identified as:
Lot 8 in Block 11 of the Centennial Valley Estates 1st Addition now being located in the City of Evanston, Uinta County, Wyoming, according to plat recorded December 9, 1980, as instrument no. 356758 and correction affidavit recorded June 22, 1990 in Book 575, Page 355, in the office of the Uinta County Clerk.

The property may be commonly known as 97 Union Circle, Evanston, Wyoming.

Default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of the Home Equity Line Credit Agreement and the Mortgage. The Mortgage contains a power of sale which, by reason of 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. A written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage was issued on February 14, 2025, to the mortgagor, and to the record owner and party in possession of the mortgaged property.

The above-described Mortgaged Premises will be sold at public vendue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff of Uinta County, Wyoming, to the highest bidder for cash, at the hour of ten o'clock a.m. (10:00 a.m.) on the 30th day of April, 2025, at the information desk at the Uinta County Courthouse, 225 9th Street, Evanston, Wyoming 82930, subject to redemption as provided by law. The terms of sale are certified funds payable within one hour of the end of sale. A certificate of purchase will be issued upon payment in full.

The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will

not be extinguished at the sale and any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2025.

Zions Bancorporation, N.A.
Steven T. Waterman, Attorney
Dorsey & Whitney LLP
111 S. Main St., Suite 2100
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
(801) 933-7360

Published April 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2025 04026

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.
DORIS EDITH SIEVERS,) 2025-CV- 0000033
a/k/a DORIS SIEVERS)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

The creditors, heirs, devisees and all other persons interested in the estate of DORIS EDITH SIEVERS, a/k/a DORIS SIEVERS, deceased, take notice that Carla Sievers, a/k/a Carla Sievers Ronning has filed an application in the District Court within and for Uinta County, Wyoming, alleging that DORIS EDITH SIEVERS, a/k/a DORIS SIEVERS died on February 21, 2025; and that she owned and left real property in Uinta County, Wyoming, as follows:

The real property is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 2 in Block 4 of the Mountain View Park Two Second Addition, a subdivision located in Uinta County, Wyoming, according to the plat recorded November 24, 1980 as Instrument #R356178, in the Office of the Uinta County Clerk.

The applicant prays that the Court enter a decree establishing that the right and title to the real property and personal property described hereinabove be distributed to the following individuals, as set forth in Paragraph III of the Will of Doris Edith Sievers, a/k/a Doris Sievers:

Name	Age	Share
DEBORAH SIEVERS SCHUTTEMEIER	Legal	1/3
Daughter		
CARLA SIEVERS,	Legal	1/3
alk/a CARLA SIEVERS RONNING		
Daughter		
JOAN SIEVERS ZIER, Daughter	Legal	1/3
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 24th day of March, 2025.		

Carla J. Sievers
a/k/a Carla Sievers Ronning
Petitioner
PUBLISHED: April 2, 9, 2025 04028

PUBLIC NOTICE

Uinta County Commission is soliciting qualifications and experience information to be used in selecting a principal consultant to provide aviation engineering/consulting services for the Fort Bridger Airport. Services to be provided are included in the Request for Qualifications and Experience solicitation document. Interested firms should contact the following to obtain a copy:

- Mr. Jeff Breininger,
Uinta County Maintenance 225 9th Street
Evanston, WY. 82930
Phone (307) 783-0507 Cell (307) 799-5513
Jebreininger@uintacountywy.gov
- Submittals are due on May 30th 2025, by 4:00 pm.

PUBLISHED: April 2, 9, 16, 2025 0402

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Questar Gas Company, d/b/a Enbridge Gas Wyoming (Enbridge or the Company) to amortize the Conservation Enabling Tariff Balancing Account resulting in a rate increase to \$0.28151 per dekatherm (Dth), for all General Service Small (GSS) class customers, and a rate increase to \$0.05480 per Dth, for all General Service Large (GSL) class customers, effective for usage on and after November 1, 2024. The Company submitted additional applications, requesting rate changes to take effect concurrently with this filing, resulting in an overall rate decrease of \$0.24408 per Dth for GSS class customers.

The proposed changes are based on the amortizations of under collected balances of \$676,747.14 for GSS and \$52,694.56 for GSL as of August 2024, and on a 12-month test year ending October 31, 2025. The Company's proposal results in an annual increase of approximately \$20.44 or 2.43% before taxes, for a residential customer using 80 Dth. However, when combined with other proposed rate changes taking effect on November 1, 2024, the net result is a decrease of \$19.53 or 2.32% before taxes, for a residential customer using 80 Dth annually. Actual bills will vary with usage.

Enbridge's Application is available at the Commission or online at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 17692).

Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest, or request for hearing must file with the Commission in writing, on or before April 21, 2025. A proposed intervention or request for hearing shall set forth the grounds, the position, and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Docket No. 30010-229-GT-24 in your communications.

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

Dated: March 25, 2025.

PUBLISHED: April 2, 9, 2025 04023

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act and Chapter 1 of the Solid Waste Rules, Uinta County has submitted a renewal permit application for the Bridger Valley transfer station.

This facility provides for the transfer of municipal solid wastes and construction and demolition wastes which have been generated within the eastern portion of Uinta County. The 10 acre facility is located approximately 7 miles North of Mt. View, Wyoming on Highway 414. More specifically, this facility is located in the SE 1/4 of Section 10, T16N, R115W, in Uinta County, Wyoming. The life of the facility is indefinite as it is a transfer station.

The Department of Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste Division (DEQ) has issued a proposed permit for this facility. Copies of the permit application, the DEQ's review of the application, and the proposed permit can be viewed at DEQ's Cheyenne office at 200 West 17th Street.

Any interested person has the right to file written comments, including objections on the proposed permit. The period for providing comments on the proposed permit shall begin on **April 2, 2025** and end on **May 9, 2025**. Any written comments must be received by 5:00 PM on the last day of the notice period. Comments must be submitted in writing to the Department of Environmental Quality, Todd Parfitt, Director, 200 West 17th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002 or submitted using the DEQ comment portal provided at <https://shw.wyomingdeq.commentinput.com/>.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternative formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

Para español, visite deq.wyoming.gov.

Published in the Uinta County Herald April 2, April 9, 2025 04027

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

To: Whom It May Concern - Notice is hereby given that on April 15, 2025, 10 a.m., at 308 Elm St., , Lyman, WY 82937 the undersigned will sell at public auction in accordance with 29-7-101: 2009 Harley Davidson, VIN 1HD1CZ3129K421531 for \$2,000.00; 1985 Chevy, VIN 1GBJK34M9FS153281 for \$500.00; 2001 Volkswagen, VIN 3VWCK21C41M453965 for \$125.00 for services rendered.

Dated: March 26, 2025 Larry Castle
PUBLISHED: April 2, 9, 2025 03021

PUBLIC NOTICE

Uinta County Fire and Ambulance is accepting bids for a 2012 Dodge Ambulance Chassis. The chassis has approximately 112,000 miles on it. The vehicle can be inspected at 99 East Hayden Ave., in Evanston.

Please send bids to equinney@uintafire.org or mail them to Uinta County Fire and Ambulance, Attn: Eric Quinney, 99 East Hayden Ave., Evanston, WY 82930. Bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on April 14. The Joint Powers Board has the right to refuse any bids.
PUBLISHED: April 2, 2025 04024

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 PROTESTED, 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
Published in Uinta Co. Herald on Mar. 26, Apr. 2, 2025 03263

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 the estate of BONNIE LOU TA YLOR, deceased, take notice that 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

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
a/k/a DESIREE SNYDER,
Petitioner
PUBLISHED: March 26, April 2, 2025 03261

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

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.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: City of Evanston
By: Damon Newsome
Title: City Engineer

PUBLISHED: March 19, 26, April 2, 2025 03197

WGFD supervisor Keith announces retirement



Robb Keith reels in a fish. Keith, the longtime Green River Regional Fisheries supervisor for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, retired last week. (COURTESY PHOTO)

GREEN RIVER — After 30 years of dedicated service to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Green River Regional Fisheries Supervisor Robb Keith announced his retirement, effective March 25.

Keith began his career in Wyoming as a fisheries technician in Laramie. In 1996, he accepted a permanent position as a regional fisheries biologist in Green River.

His leadership and expertise led to his promotion in 2003 to Green River Regional Fisheries Supervisor, where he made a lasting impact on fisheries management in southwest Wyoming.

During this time, Keith mentored numerous biologists who have gone on to have successful careers with Game and Fish, as well as other places.

“Robb is a passionate and dedicated fisheries professional,” said Alan Osterland, Game and Fish chief of fisheries. “His leadership in aquatic invasive species prevention, native fisheries conservation and sport fisheries management has been instrumental in advancing the department’s mission.”

Keith is highly respected within the fisheries community. His collaborative approach has contributed to the success of many large native fish conservation projects. His outreach efforts to engage the public and gain support for fisheries regulations have been exemplary. Among his many accomplishments, Keith has worked tirelessly to manage Flaming Gorge Reservoir — one of his greatest passions.

Throughout his career, Keith has been recognized for his outstanding contributions to fisheries management. His awards include the Trout Unlimited Conservator of the Year, the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Max Rollefson Award of Merit, the Green River Region Peer Recognition Award and two Game and Fish Team of the Year Awards for Flaming Gorge Kokanee Spawning and Aquatic Invasive Species Rapid Response Plans.

Upon retirement, Keith plans to do what he loves most— hunting and fishing in the great outdoors.

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vate land but necessarily pass through the airspace above it.

The March 18 appeals court decision affects access to 3 million acres in 10th Circuit states — Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Kansas and Oklahoma, according to onX, the digital mapping company that’s been a key player in the five-year legal drama.

Western ranching custom and culture treated corner crossing as a trespass; a prosecutor in Carbon County brought the practice’s legality to a head in 2022 by citing four hunters for corner crossing to hunt public land on Elk Mountain. The 10th circuit said it is illegal to block access in such cases, meaning the public can reach its checkerboard land without fear of being convicted of trespassing.

“I didn’t go cheer,” said Magagna, executive vice president of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association. “There’s real concern,” he said, citing potential for trespassing and conflicts between hikers or hunters and herds of stock.

Buzz Hettick, co-chair of Wyoming Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, saw less worry. “There’s more work in the future to educate landowners and [the public] on how we go about this in the right way,” he said. His group spearheaded the hunters’ defense in criminal and civil court cases.

16 feet

The digital mapping company onX uses GPS satellites combined with public land records to show cellphone app users their location in the field. With the app, public land users can locate property boundaries with a measured degree of accuracy.

In the Carbon County case, four Missouri hunters used the app to approach a surveyed monument at a common checkerboard corner. Once they sighted it, they were able to pass over the corner without touching private land.

All of those details, and more, are important, onX said on its website. The 10th Circuit ruling relied on an 1885 law that guaranteed access where “access to public lands is otherwise restricted,” the company states.

“This ruling indicates that if there’s another public route into a parcel of public land, the corner may not offer a short cut or alternative access point,” onX cautions. The company states that it is not giving legal advice and says the particular alternative-access issue “is not clarified” by the appeals court.

Most GPS systems are accurate to only about 16 feet, but corner crossing is “a game of inches,” the company says. “You need to have absolute certainty about the location of the legal corner.

“Don’t cross unless you can find a physical survey marker, usually called a

‘pin’ or ‘monument,’” onX states. Corner monuments need to be “survey-grade.” Although almost all of the Western land boundaries in question have been surveyed, not all of the corner monuments are easy to see or locate, and some may have been removed by one force or another.

Magagna, Hettick and onX agree that fences may not be exactly on property boundaries, so hikers and hunters must be aware of that. It is a hunter’s responsibility, Hettick said, to know where she or he is.

Finally, it’s possible a local sheriff could cite a corner crosser for trespassing. Although the federal court case would likely nullify that citation, “unfortunately, that would only happen when the case got to court,” onX said.

Fence lines

“We may have to live with this,” Magagna said of the six-state decision. However, he noted, Elk Mountain Ranch owner Fred Eshelman, the Carbon County landowner who sued Missouri hunters Brad Cape, John Slowensky and Phillip Yeomans and Zach Smith in civil court, could ask the entire 10th Circuit Court to review the case. He could also ask the Supreme Court of the United States to take up an appeal.

“I think there’s real concern ... issues,” Magagna said. “All these fence lines and corners are not correct.”

What can a hiker or hunter do, he asked, on public land where there’s a herd of cattle or sheep?

Ranchers wonder, “are there conditions I can place on [public access] to make it compatible with other uses?” he said. The court decision “opens some opportunity to us to do something different in Wyoming.”

What that “something different” might be and whether it blocks access in a way the 10th Circuit said would be illegal is uncertain. But the court appeared to conclude that any blockage, threats, intimidation, fences and Wyoming trespass laws cannot be used against corner crossers.

Right now, the Wyoming Legislature has proposed taking up the issue as a study topic before the next legislative session begins at the start of 2026. The Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Committee has proposed corner crossing as its fourth-priority topic.

Discussion would begin with the 2025

House Bill 99, “Access to public lands-corner crossing,” according to the proposed study topic. That measure would have made corner crossing legal under Wyoming law, but it never saw debate during the session and died.

Badass chapter

Conservationists hailed the 10th Circuit decision. Green Latinos, Western Watersheds Project, Earthjustice and Sierra Club Outdoors for All Campaign all issued statements applauding the decision.

“This case was about a multi-millionaire trying to prevent access to public lands so he could have it for himself,” Earthjustice said. The ruling “facilitates wildlife management, supports ecological research, and deepens people’s connection with the landscape,” Western Watersheds said.

Backcountry Hunters and Anglers “and our badass Wyoming Chapter” led the charge for the favorable corner-crossing decision, said Patrick Berry, president & CEO of the nationwide Backcountry Hunters and Anglers group. “BHA chapters helped raise over \$200,000 for the legal defense of the hunters,” he said in a statement.

“The fundraising was a big deal,” Wyoming chapter co-chair Hettick said. MeatEater television and podcast host Steven Rinella offered his platforms for fundraising, Hettick said. Others helped, including access advocate Jeff Muratore, who wrangled attorneys for the hunters’ defense, Hettick said.

“Of all the conservation organizations out there, it was BHA and MeatEater that stepped up to the plate,” Hettick said. “It was one core group of guys willing to put themselves out there for access.”

“It was something that needed clarity,” he said. “I think it’s a good thing that [the 10th Circuit] did take their time and get it right.”

Although disagreeable, the decision that corner crossers “stay in the air” and not touch any property is far better than a ruling that would have said someone can actually set foot on private land, Magagna said. “It was rather narrow,” he said of the decision.

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Progress, challenges and opportunities for local senior citizens’ center

By **Kayne Pyatt**
Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — The Uinta Senior Citizens’ Center has had its share of ups and downs in its long life in Evanston. In November of 2022, a new board of directors was recruited and together they began the process of reorganizing and repairing the reputation of the center.

Board chair Mike Davis said, “I am very pleased with the volunteers on the board; they are dedicated and have a good attitude. We all just want to make the center successful. The smartest thing we did was to hire Glen Roach as the executive director in March 2023.”

The board of directors includes Davis as chair and Daryl Fisher as treasurer, along with Wendy Schuler, Amelia Rutner, David St. Priest and Patricia Arnold.

Davis said Joy Bell has served as a volunteer advisor to the board and her help has been invaluable.

According to Roach, Uinta Senior Citizens Inc. (USCI) recently completed its independent audit for fiscal year 2024. Decoria & Company PC completed the audit on Feb. 28. The auditor confirmed that USCI is headed in the right direction and is in compliance by participating in independent audits as required by agencies that receive state and federal grants to provide services to senior citizens.

Roach said that, prior to the new board and director taking over, the audits re-



Uinta Senior Citizens board chair Mike Davis and senior center executive director Glen Roach recently met with the *Herald* to talk about the progress the organization has made over the past couple of years. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

quired by law were not being done. Decoria & Company PC had done audits for 2022 and 2023 after the new board had taken over. The company said the audit for 2024 was much easier than the two audits they previously conducted and that USCI had greatly improved.

USCI also completed its

“time study” for the fiscal year, a federal requirement that shows how staff in the agency spend their time meeting the needs of persons served. This is required to be in compliance with federal law for agencies that receive state and federal funds to provide services to seniors. This time study

was also not being done prior to the new board and director taking over. USCI could have lost grants due to non-compliance and the city of Evanston did stop contributing funds.

Thirty-four employees make up the staff at USCI in Evanston and Bridger Valley. Those employees,

Roach said, are dedicated to the mission of “providing services that support and help the ability of elderly persons to live more stable, independent and fulfilling lives in the community.”

“These services are critical to help our seniors avoid premature institutionalization that would cost tax-

payers much more money,” Roach said.

USCI delivers 100,000 home meals annually throughout Uinta County — 75,000 in the Evanston area and 25,000 in Bridger Valley. Food and gasoline costs are rising. In the Evan-

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Magazine names Evanston top-10 place to retire in the west



Evanston was recently named a top-10 place to retire in the west. (FILE PHOTO)

By **Bryon Glathar**
Herald Managing Editor

Travel and Leisure magazine recently included Evanston in a list of “10 best places to retire in the Western US if you love the outdoors.”

The report, which it says is based on data from Investopedia, came out on March 11, and said the list includes the best places to retire in Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Nevada, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Evanston ranked No. 8 on the list of 10 outdoorsy retirement locations.

The article praised the Evanston area for the nearby mountains, “which are known for alpine lakes, rugged terrain, wildlife, and, of course, breathtaking views. Camping, hunting, mountain biking, and hiking in the mountains, along with kayaking

and fishing in the Bear River, are popular outdoor activities. In Evanston’s quaint downtown, residents enjoy shopping, dining, and historic buildings like the Uinta County Museum, which dates back to 1906,” the article states.

The magazine also noted the absence of state income tax in Wyoming, allowing retirees to stretch their Social Security income a little further. It notes Evanston’s proximity to Salt Lake City as a plus and mentioned a popular summer event.

“Residents and visitors come out for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo during the annual Cowboy Days at the county fairgrounds,” the article states.

Pocatello, Idaho, was ranked No. 1, followed by Butte-Silver Bow, Montana, at No. 2.

Pocatello was praised for health care available in the area as well

as having four distinct seasons.

“... Outdoor activities range from fishing, boating, hiking, mountain biking, swimming, perusing farmers markets, and concerts in the summer to skiing, snowboarding, and ice fishing come winter. At the L.E. and Thelma E. Stephens Performing Arts Center, residents can enjoy theater, dance, and concerts, and Idaho State University offers continuing education opportunities, sports events, and entertainment,” the article states.

It noted that Idaho also enjoys lower taxes and is two hours from Salt Lake City.

Butte-Silver Bow (a consolidated city-county government) was highlighted for its affordable housing, low taxes and the annual Montana Folk Festival it hosts.

Here is the complete top-10 list

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Lincoln Uinta Child Development Association

LUCDA

LUCDA-Evanston serves children with special needs and typically developing children ages birth through five years old.

LUCDA-Evanston is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

LUCDA-Evanston is operated by the Lincoln Uinta Child Development Association (LUCDA), a private non-profit organization providing services to all children, ages birth through age five, in the two county area. It is one of 14 regional programs with the State of Wyoming to receive funding and other support from the Department of Health and Department of Education to serve children with special needs. Preschool services are offered at six locations for children age three through five. Early intervention services to children under the age of three are home-based and available to families in all communities. LUCDA also offers Head Start services to children in all 6 locations, this is a federally funded program available to children and families who qualify based on income.

LUCDA’s mission is “to improve outcomes for children by supporting families, and designing services to best meet the needs of individual children within the community.” A variety of services are offered through the association, including accredited preschool, developmental screening, developmental assessment, Head Start and disability services.

LUCDA-Evanston has many qualified professionals working with the children. They include a speech/language pathologist, social worker, special education teacher, early childhood teacher, occupational therapist and highly trained educational assistants. The ratio of children to teacher is four-to-one.

A well-rounded curriculum is important and includes the area of literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, the arts, technology and problem solving skills. Each play center promotes learning in every content area. One example is the sensory table, which might contain sand, water, shaving cream, rice or a variety of other materials. It encourages children to learn about volume, measuring, cause and effect, classification, comparison and problem-solving activities.

Throughout the year, LUCDA-Evanston offers developmental screenings for all children birth through age five. Screenings cover vision, hearing, problem-solving, social-emotional development, communication and physical skill development. Additional assessment and therapy for children with special needs are provided. All of these services are free of charge.

LUCDA-Evanston’s classrooms are open to parents, who are encouraged to participate in their child’s program. Opportunities to serve on parent committees are available. Activities for the entire family are offered throughout the school year.

Children with developmental delays receive free preschool and special education services. Income eligible children receive free preschool through Head Start and TANF programs. Private pay cost is \$75 per month, and children attend two half-days a week.

For more information about LUCDA-Evanston, call us at 307-789-7384.



Festival for Families donates to local senior center



Evanston senior center kitchen manager Alesia Alen and executive director Glen Roach happily accept a donation of \$1500 from Festival for Families. Members presenting the award were Trisha Blakeman, Amber Lowrey, Chris Bright and AJ Lamb. The group also volunteered to deliver meals for two routes on Wednesday, March 26. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

Volunteering is good for your health

From Metro Creative Connection

Volunteering makes an immeasurable difference in the lives of volunteers and those they help. Many people may be surprised to learn how positive volunteering can be for volunteers. Indeed, studies show that volunteering leads to better physical and mental health, among other benefits.

According to an article published by the American Heart Association and Jeffrey Burr, a professor of gerontology at the University of Massachusetts Boston, “compared to non-volunteers, volunteers have less depression, less anxiety, higher self-esteem, greater happiness, and a greater sense of meaning in life.” Burr and the AHA note the health benefits of volunteering occur among all ages, and a deep look at how volunteer efforts are good for personal health shows just how profound giving back can be.

- Reduces stress: The Mayo Clinic reports that volunteering reduces stress and increases positive, relaxed feelings by releasing dopamine. When volunteers spend time in service to others, they report feeling a sense of meaning and appreciation, both of which can have stress-reducing effects.
- Lowers depression: Research has shown that volunteering leads to lower rates of depression and anxiety, particularly

among people 65 and older.

- Provides a sense of purpose: AmeriCorps reports volunteering can provide a sense of purpose in older adults, which can help replace feelings of inadequacy due to loss of major role identities, such as wage earner or parent. This sense of purpose can improve life satisfaction and happiness.
- Reduces blood pressure: According to researchers at Carnegie Mellon University, older adults who volunteered for at least 200 hours annually decrease their risk of high blood pressure by 40 percent. This also may lower risk of heart disease and stroke.
- Eliminates feelings of isolation: Volunteers working together link people to others and their communities. This can help people overcome feelings of isolation, which may come from being new to a community or being a senior and

having a smaller social circle.

- Increases happiness: Those who volunteer regularly tend to be happier and more empathetic towards others. Volunteering also instills a sense of pride that can make people happier.
- Keeps the mind active: Individuals who volunteer can improve their cognitive health. That’s because volunteering engages a person in new skills, requires them to solve problems and keeps them mentally stimulated through various activities.
- Improves physical health: Some volunteer activities will involve physical tasks that can contribute to improved physical health because they constitute moderate exercise.

Volunteering offers a number of benefits that can improve both physical and mental health for those donating their time to help others.

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ston area, which includes Bear River and Almy, 120 to 130 home meals are delivered daily.

Staff and board members help to deliver meals when not enough volunteers are available. Volunteers for meal deliveries are always needed and interested parties can call Roach at 307-789-3553. The site director at the Bridger Valley Senior Center is Amy Oehler and she can be reached at 307-782-6502.

USCI continues to provide nutritious meals, education and training, activities, public transportation, personal care through certified nursing assistants and registered nurse services, homemaker and adult day services to seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout Uinta County.

Through a grant, USCI also provides personal care and homemaker services throughout Lincoln County.

“The grant is never enough to provide the care in Lincoln County,” Roach said. “We plan to reach out to Kemmerer officials to ask for help in funding that program.”

Other challenges for USCI involve a loss of \$89,000 in state funding in 2024. A big portion of those funds were designated for in-house and home-delivery meals and for education and training activities. USCI would also likely lose another \$83,000 should the federal government stop the ARPA funding.

Opportunities for USCI could come from local funding. Recently, the Wyoming Community Foundation awarded USCI \$10,000 and First Bank of Wyoming gave \$5,000.

Roach and the board plan to reach out to the city for help in offsetting the cost of water and sewer; they plan to apply in April for grant funding from Uinta Human Services; and they are contacting city administrators and businesses in the county for help in funding. Roach said he is also planning on attending a grant summit in April to be held in Riverton.

“It takes a community effort to support senior citizens,” Roach said. “They all paved the road for us and we need to make their lives easier now. Anyone wishing to make a financial donation or to volunteer, please call me at 307-789-3553.”

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Messiah

April 11, 2025

7:30 p.m.

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Orchestra

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Chorus

Victoria Crossan Cavazos



Trona Valley Federal Credit Union in Evanston recently led a donation drive to help the Uinta County Sexual Assault and Family Violence Task Force. Pictured are Trona Valley FCU Title Clerk Jessica Payne, Member Service Specialist Michala Pearson, SAFV Task Force Advocates Jade Zuehlsdorff and Adelaida Ramirez, AmeriCorps VISTA Housing Specialist Nadine Hajar, SAFV Task Force Director Jesse Barnes, SAFV Bridger Valley Advocate Amber Elespuru and Direct Lending Manager Dani Blakeman. (HERALD PHOTO/Amanda Manchester)

Trona Valley shows support for SAFV

By Amanda Manchester
Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — “Trona Valley (Fed-

eral Credit Union) reached out, as far as donations go, and asked how they could help us,” said Uinta County Sexual Assault and Family Violence (SAFV) Task Force

Director Jesse Barnes. “They started an in-house clothing and supply drive,” she said, adding that the volunteers at Trona Valley organized and advertised a community donation station at Walmart on Tuesday, March 11, and Wednesday, March 12. Their efforts garnered \$350 in monetary

donations and went toward the purchase of several household items, including towels, bedding, living and cleaning supplies, paper goods, diapers and 23 and 13 bags of clothing for the Evanston SAFV office and the Bridger Valley SAFV office, respectively.

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