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National Weather Service meteorologist Kevin Barjenbruch presents Josh Rasnake, who manages the county's emergency management program, with a wall plaque designating Uinta County as StormReady, an educational and implementation project to help communities better prepare for severe weather. (HERALD PHOTO/Amanda Manchester)

Uinta Co. is 'StormReady'

By Amanda Manchester
Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — Josh Rasnake, manager of the Uinta County Emergency Management Program, was recently recognized for his efforts to ensure the community as StormReady. The designation was made by the National Weather Service (NWS) during the Sept. 5 Uinta County Commission meeting.

Kevin Barjenbruch, the warning coordination meteorologist of the Salt Lake City NWS, presented Rasnake with an award designating Uinta County as officially StormReady. The program works to prepare potentially-vulnerable communities for extreme weather, water and climate events.

"StormReady communities are better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe weather through advanced planning, education and awareness," Barjenbruch said. "Thanks to the hard work and commitment of Josh, today we recognize Uinta County as a StormReady community."

Sheriff Andy Kopp also commented on Rasnake's award, saying "I couldn't be more proud of him. Josh works his tail off to make sure the community is updated when it comes to issues such as flooding, storms or resources available to community members to be prepared. Josh getting the StormReady award is well deserved and shows his ability and willingness to work with other entities to accomplish what is best for Uinta County."

Gary Welling, administrator of the local airport board, requested the commission approve the acceptance of a second Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant of \$225,000. The latest grant offering is in addition to a previous grant of \$186,000 from August to execute an FAA Master Plan, an expansion opportunity that only arises approximately every 15 years.

Both grants were provided at 90% by the FAA, 6% by the state, with the cost of the remaining 4% to be divided equally between the city and the county for a project total of \$472,000. The commissioners unanimously voted in favor of the grant.

In other aviation-related news, the Fort Bridger Airport Taxiway and Apron Project two-part pay-

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JUST ALONG FOR THE RIDE



Mac the bull has had enough of bull rider Cody Johansen's foolishness on Day 3 of the PRCA Rodeo at Evanston Cowboy Days, and schedules him a visit to the chiropractor after a ride of 5.61 seconds. Johansen was the only bull rider to brave the weather during Monday's Labor Day rodeo. See more on page A10. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)

ERH focused on changing public perception of local hospital

By Kayne Pyatt
Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — Uinta County Economic Development Commission (UCEDC) chair Dan Wheeler opened the Aug. 23 meeting by saying the goal of the commission is to attract people and businesses to come here and to highlight what Evanston has to offer: good schools, recreation opportunities, medical facilities and the hospital.

He invited Evanston Regional Hospital CEO Cheri Willard to provide an update on any happen-

ings at the hospital.

"The National Rural Health Association presents an annual award to recognize the best out of 850 rural hospitals in the nation. In 2022, we were in the top 100 and, in 2023, we are in the top 20. We are proud of that," Willard said. "There are different metrics we are judged by including staff, turnover, community providers, technology and more. This is a huge thing for Evanston."

ERH now has four primary care providers

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Evanston Regional Hospital CEO Cheri Willard speaks during an economic development meeting last month. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

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SPORTS



Devils beat Wolverines for first win of season **B1**

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"We came home having met just about every goal we had for ourselves — we wanted the boys to be conference champions, girls to be conference champions ... I think all our kids were hoping to make All-Conference. And every one of our kids did just that."

— EHS golf coach Jerry Carroll

WEATHER



Partly cloudy with a high of 68. Low tonight 48.

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Chamber event 'lights up the night'



Kids launch lanterns at the Bear Ice Ponds during the Evanston Chamber of Commerce's annual Light Up the Night Water Lantern Festival, held Saturday, Aug. 26. (COURTESY PHOTO/Gwen Crist)



Balloon artist Diana Root helps to entertain the children at the Evanston Chamber of Commerce water lantern festival on Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Bear Ice Ponds. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

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Weather forecast



Thursday: High of 64; low of 44.
Sunrise: 7:03 a.m.; Sunset: 7:35 p.m.
Increasing clouds with showers developing later in the day. A few clouds at night.



Friday: High of 65; low of 40.
Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.; Sunset: 7:33 p.m.
Mostly sunny skies. Slight chance of a rain shower. Mostly clear overnight.



Saturday: High of 68; low of 44.
Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.; Sunset: 7:31 p.m.
Sunny skies with 5-10 mph winds. Clear skies at night.



Sunday: High of 71; low of 44.
Sunrise: 7:06 a.m.; Sunset: 7:30 p.m.
Sunny skies with 10-15 mph winds. Clear skies at night.

Rendezvous celebrates 50th anniversary

By Virginia Giorgia
Bridger Valley Pioneer

FORT BRIDGER — The 50th Fort Bridger Mountain Man Rendezvous over Labor Day weekend at the Fort Bridger State Site turned time back to the early 1800s as the rendezvous recreated a slice of early American history.

Weather hit the area Sunday evening as the sky opened up and delivered a cloudburst, sending people inside and dispersing the crowd. Monday's rain added to the fast shutdown of the rendezvous as many people packed up quickly and head for home.

But before the heavy rain came Sunday, Fort Bridger was a site of action with many grizzled, buckskin-clad mountain men, pioneer ladies, Native Americans and pilgrims or flatlanders (visitors) traversing the area.

As for the tepees in the



Attendees walk Traders' Row as grizzled mountain men sell their wares during the Fort Bridger Mountain Man Rendezvous over Labor Day weekend at the Fort Bridger State Historic Site. (BRIDGER VALLEY PIONEER/Virginia Giorgia)

primitive village, visitors were welcome, but they are told not to enter lodges unless the owner was there and asked them in. The heavy action, as usual, was

on Traders Row where pre-1840 goods (replicas) were for sale. This included furs, beads, buckskins, knives, tomahawks, candles and much more.

Also a prime part of the Rendezvous is the Native American dancers, who pre-

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Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office announces increased enforcement for out-of-state tags

ROCK SPRINGS (WNE) — Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office announced last week that it will be increasing enforcement efforts of the registration of out-of-state license plates for non-residents working in the state.

By state law, any non-resident who is employed in Wyoming, either temporarily or full-time, and who owns or operates a non-commercial (personal) vehicle while in Wyoming must immediately upon employment purchase a temporary registration or obtain a valid Wyoming registration.

The only exceptions to the law include full-reciprocity agreements with Idaho, New Mexico, Illinois, and Nebraska, in which case non-residents who work in Wyoming who occupy permanent residence in these states may run with their regular registration, and daily commuter reciprocity with Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Utah, in which case non-residents who work in Wyoming and who commute to work daily in Wyoming may also run with their regular registration.

In all cases, anyone who is employed in Wyoming for longer than 120 days must obtain a regular, valid Wyoming registration.

Temporary 30-, 60- and 90-day registration permits may be obtained in any 12-month period, with the temporary permit beginning on the date the owner or operator entered Wyoming or the date of purchase of the vehicle. The fee for a temporary registration is \$50 per month and cannot exceed 120 days per vehicle.

Applications for temporary or standard vehicle registration can be made in person at the county treasurer's office at the courthouse in Green River, located at 80 West Flaming Gorge Way. If you have questions, please contact the treasurer's office by phone at (307) 872-3720.

In Wyoming, failing to properly register your vehicle is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$750.

Concern rises in Teton County as cats go missing

JACKSON (WNE) — A flier posted by the Teton County Animal Shelter warns that more than 10 cats went missing between July 6 and Aug. 1.

Lisa Ruschill, community service officer for the Jackson and Teton County Animal Shelter, said that it's "odd" this many cats have gone missing. She advised community members to keep their cats on lockdown.

Colton Yohe, 21, has lived in Evans his whole life. Silver, a 14-year-old gray Tabby cat, has been by his side ever since he was 7. Silver went missing Aug. 7 after he was let outside in the morning, as was the family's routine. Typically, Silver returned after three days, but he has yet to be found.

Sienna Archambeau is like a "second mom" to Yohe. She said she let Silver out that morning. At first, she wondered whether cats were ingesting poison intended to eradicate mice.

"If cats were being poisoned, we'd find dead cats," Archambeau said. "You'd expect to find some signs."

Ruschill said that one person who reported her cat missing did end up finding "partial remains" on her property.

"And it looked like he had been partially consumed by something," Ruschill said. "I would hate to think of a human doing this. It's probably ... a fox or there's several bald

eagles in that area. I think there are some golden eagles along there. Probably some owls."

Ruschill strongly recommended that people get their pets outfitted with microchips because that's one of the easiest ways to reconnect owners and pets.

She also reminded the community that annual licenses are required for cats and dogs that live in Teton County. Looking up the license information for a pet also aids in efforts to reunite pets and their owners.

Horse shot in Wapiti, circumstances unclear

POWELL (WNE) — A horse was reportedly shot in Wapiti last month, leading to its death, but exactly what happened remains a mystery.

Ranch hands reported the incident on the morning of Aug. 24, after noticing a wound in the horse's lower knee joint, said Monte McClain, a spokesman for the Park County Sheriff's Office. At the time, the animal was being kept in a pasture along the Northfork Highway (U.S. Highway 14/16/20W).

The horse was ultimately euthanized due to the damage and fractures to its leg bones, McClain said. Although there was no lead transfer or bullet fragments, McClain said it appeared to be a gunshot wound.

"At this point we believe it was accidental from someone shooting in the vicinity," he said. "The bullet is just too low on the leg to be deliberate in our opinion."

Sheriff Darrell Steward said investigators haven't come up with many leads.

"It could have been a stray round, from somebody just shooting a target [and a] bullet got away from them. Or it could be somebody shooting at road signs in the dark," he said, adding that those are just guesses. Last month's shooting in Wapiti followed a similar incident that took place in the Willwood area on June 1, in which a mule was hit in the head by a bullet. That animal — which had been in a pasture along the Shoshone River near a highway — also had to be put down.

Prior to this summer, McClain said it had been 13 years since a horse was shot under similar circumstances in Park County, though there have been more recent shootings involving other livestock.

Man arrested by Rawlins troopers for attempted murder

RAWLINS (WNE) — Rawlins Wyoming Highway Patrol troopers arrested a suspect Sunday afternoon for attempted murder.

At 12:41 p.m. on Sept. 3, WHP officers responded to the area of milepost 22 on US 287 for a complaint of a man with a gun, according to a press release. The caller advised dispatch that a relative shot her and another family member.

The victims fled toward Rawlins, followed by the assailant in a separate vehicle. The caller reported the assailant rammed the back of their vehicle and continued shooting at them.

Rawlins troopers were able to intercept the vehicles near milepost 14, where the suspect surrendered. The victims were transported to the Carbon County Memorial Hospital. The seriousness of the second victim's injuries required transport to a trauma center.

The suspect was arrested for attempted murder, and charges are pending through the Carbon County Attorney's Office.

Average gas prices down by 2.1 cents a gallon in the past week

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Average gasoline prices in Wyoming have fallen 2.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.86 per gallon on Tuesday, according to GasBuddy.com's survey of 494 stations in Wyoming.

Prices in Wyoming are 2.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago, and stand 1.2 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 9.6 cents in the last week, and stands at \$4.435 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the lowest price in the state on Monday was \$3.50, while the highest was \$4.69, a difference of \$1.19 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.77 on Tuesday. The national average is down 4.4 cents per gallon from a month ago, and stands 2.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data.

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Viewpoints

Republicans need to weed out performance artist politicians

Modern political campaigns have given rise to a new breed of politician: the performance artist. This type of candidate is known less for their ideas or qualifications and more for their attention-grabbing antics. Whether it be through bombastic statements or through policy proposals with no basis in reality, this type of candidate is far more concerned with performance over policy.

Unfortunately, the performance artist has become a common occurrence in our political world. Bolstered by social media and 24-hour news cycles, they are inescapable. Performance artist politicians take away from the substantive and capable candidates that should be getting fair consideration, leaving us all worse off for their efforts.

Merely being compelling does not make a candidate a performance artist. To the contrary, the best candidates have both substantive proposals and an engaging style that allows them to bring their ideas to a wide audience. Instead, the performance artist lacks the first part. Rather than substantive and well-thought-out ideas, they have only the “look-at-me” attitude.

Their ideas are shallow and ill-considered, and their tactics are attention seeking. Unfortunately, with today’s tendency to see politics as entertainment, they are also elected far more often than they should be.

A few particularly notable examples have come to the forefront recently. The most obvious example is presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy. Although at times entertaining, he comes to the table with nothing that should make him a serious candidate. He has no political credentials, plenty of poorly

considered ideas, and his campaign appears to be based solely on saying or doing something controversial to generate headlines.

Unfortunately for him — but fortunately for society as a whole — people often tire of performance artists once their gimmick is revealed. After Ramaswamy’s time in the spotlight at the first Republican debate, his name identification went up, but his polling numbers did not, and his favorability ratings actually declined.

Further scrutiny following the debate has not been particularly favorable either. It appears that the public may have figured out that Ramaswamy is not a substantial candidate.

For us Republicans in particular, we must be careful to root out the performance artists. We need serious public officials to deal with serious issues. The 2022 elections show what happens when our candidates lack substance. Many Republican nominees in 2022 were more concerned with performing for an audience — whether that be their “base” or former President Trump — than putting forward ideas that address real problems.

The voters punished this behavior and what should have been a very favorable year for Republicans turned into a massive disappointment. Instead, we need officials who are willing and able to lead with substantive ideas, not just put on a show of what they believe the crowd wants.

How do we spot a performance artist politician? There are several warning signs that usually indicate that a politician is not a serious person. First, be on the lookout



By Khale J. Lenhart

POLITICIANS, A6

It really can happen here

Almost a hundred years ago the great American author Sinclair Lewis wrote a political novel called “It Can’t Happen Here.”

The 1935 book was a warning that what was happening then in Europe — the rise of fascism and Nazism — could come to America in the form of a Hitler-type politician who gets elected and then becomes a dictator.

Though the power of the federal government has grown enormously since FDR’s days, we never became a totalitarian country like the fictional one Lewis imagined.

But out here in California, where parents, public schools and the state government are fighting over who has the ultimate control of children, we’re starting to resemble a country from the old evil Soviet empire.

In the latest court case, a judge ruled that the Chino Valley Unified School District has to delay the enforcement of its new policy that requires its schools to notify parents if their child indicates that they identify as transgender or gender-non-conforming.

The case, which is on its way to higher levels of the state court system, has been described in the Los Ange-

les Times as a fight “pitting parental rights and student privacy rights.”

The school district’s lawyers argue — sensibly — that the parents of a student who identifies as transgender should be involved in any discussion of gender-related issues.

The lawyers in the state’s attorney general’s office, however, argue against immediate parental involvement.

They say vulnerable kids who are questioning their gender identity need time to get emotionally ready before they talk to their parents, and that school teachers can help the process.

The Chino case is just the latest example of the state government trying to take control of children from parents.

In June a bill passed in the lower chamber of the California legislature compels parents to provide their kids with “gender-affirming” care. It also would require judges in divorce cases to side with the parent who most affirms the child’s preferred identity.

And earlier this year, a bill was proposed that would amend an old state law to let kids as young as 12 leave home and consent to live

in a group home without their parents’ involvement or knowledge.

The bill, AB65, which its opponents correctly call “state-sanctioned kidnapping,” is stuck somewhere in the sausage-making process and is touted as a way to help kids with mental health issues, particularly gender-related ones.

What the state government here is trying to do to parents of school kids reminds me of what happened to my friends Karl and Sandy in 1984 after they escaped from what was then called the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

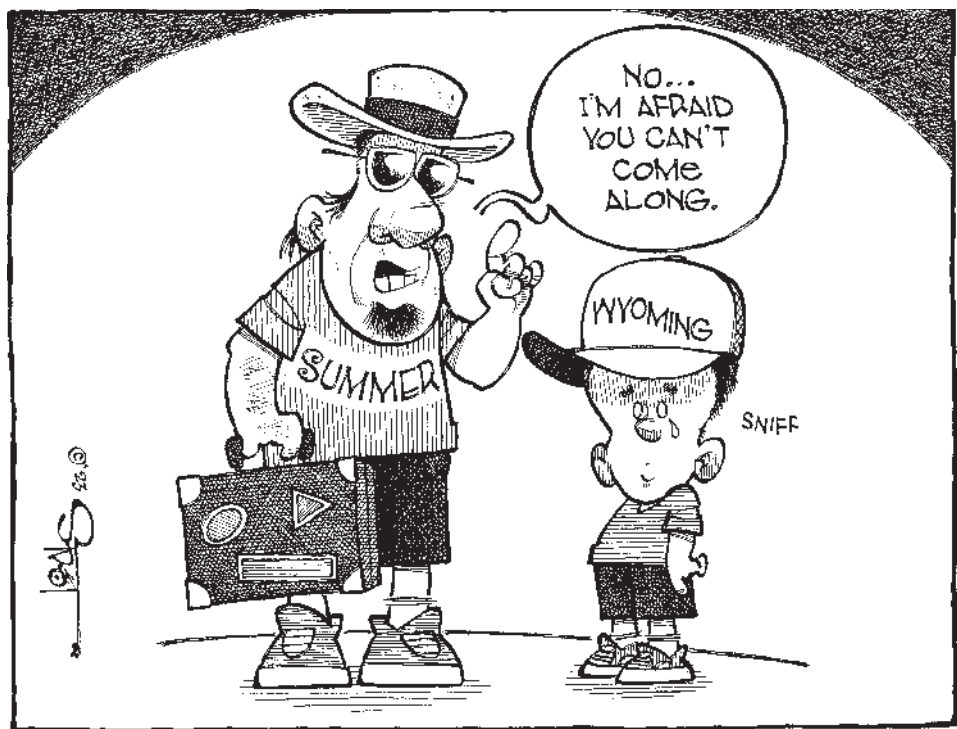
They escaped with their 1-year-old child, lived in Austria for a year and came to Los Angeles without knowing how to speak English or having any money.

Sandy stayed home with their child. Karl got a job in the kitchen at the Disneyland Hotel and began working his way up to eventually becoming a successful contractor specializing in kitchens.

Meanwhile, the communist government in Czechoslovakia put Karl and Sandy on trial for stealing state property — their child.

The government’s thugs beat up Karl’s father but he wouldn’t tell where his son and grandson were.

HAPPEN, A4



Let’s celebrate Wyoming’s recent union wins

What’s it like to try to organize a union in one of the reddest states in the country?

When Starbucks employees in downtown Cheyenne first took their complaints public June 25 at a one-day strike to protest working conditions, one woman carried a sign on the picket line that read, “If baristas are out here, something is WRONG in there!”

Passing motorists gave the workers some immediate feedback.

“We had a lot of people honk in support,” recalled Christina Frakes, one of three shift supervisors leading the effort to start a union. “But others were flipping us off, booing us and telling us to get a life, and get a real job.”

She snickered at the latter comment because she’s worked for the company for a decade and liked her job until what she called a “toxic work environment” invaded. Frakes is hopeful that a union will help the company fulfill its mission to “create a genuine personal connection with each customer.”

Wyoming just celebrated Labor Day, however, overall hostility toward unions hasn’t noticeably lessened in much of this “right-to-work” state. But there are about 14,000 union members here, representing many trades and industries. And in some communities, unions are finally gaining ground.

Add baristas to the growth list. On July 31, Cheyenne Starbucks — by an 8-5 vote — joined Starbucks Workers United, becoming the first in Wyoming. The union now represents more than 8,500 workers at 340 outlets in 40 states.

Tammy Johnson, executive director of the Wyoming AFL-CIO, said she welcomes the Cheyenne Starbucks workers “to Wyoming’s growing union family, where we strive to build an environment where families can make a living wage, have safe jobs, and the ability to retire with dignity.”

She’s also been helping employees of Frontier Ambulance in Lander to unionize. In June, they voted 22-4 to join the United Steelworkers.

But a similar effort was abandoned in Sweetwater County. On Aug. 7, employees of Castle Rock Ambulance Service filed a petition to unionize with the National Labor Relations Board. The Castle Rock Hospital District Board quickly challenged the proposed union election, maintaining the NLRB has no jurisdiction over Castle Rock because it’s an “exempt political subdivision.” The workers dropped the request on Aug. 28.

A major union success story in Wyo-

oming happened when Yellowstone National Park rangers voted 66-15 in July to join the National Federation of Federal Employees. Johnson said she thinks Grand Teton National Park workers may be next to unionize.

“With the [supportive] position of the federal government and Joe Biden on unions, it’s a great time for federal employees to form or build unions in Wyoming,” Johnson said.

The AFL-CIO official said one misconception Wyoming residents have about unions is that many believe they are illegal under the state’s right-to-work law. That’s not true; the law says workers can choose whether or not to join a union.

In the first half of the 20th century, unions transformed a massive industrial population and boosted America’s middle class. When corporations lobbied state lawmakers to pass right-to-work legislation, they greatly diluted the influence of unions and their collective bargaining power. Workers’ wages stagnated and benefits were taken away, while corporate executives enjoyed massive salaries and benefit packages.

Johnson said another reason Wyoming has difficulty building a strong workforce is unsafe working conditions. The state had

the nation’s highest work-related death rate in 2022.

“Unions emphasize safety,” Johnson said. “We have an epidemic of workers falling off roofs, and those are non-union laborers. They don’t know when to stand up to their boss and say, ‘This is too dangerous.’ Unions protect their members so they don’t take such risks.”

Johnson is disappointed the Legislature overwhelmingly passed Senate File 147 — Government contracts-labor organization earlier this year. The law prohibits government entities from including union-specific language in construction-related contracts and grants.

Electricians, construction workers and plumbers all testified before a legislative panel that the bill will hurt union workers in Wyoming. Johnson wholeheartedly agreed.

“When [lawmakers] voted, they did it on a purely ignorant political position against unions,” she said.

Johnson said she hopes the Cheyenne Starbucks workers will inspire union efforts for other Wyoming restaurant employees, who have “unconscionably low wages and an inability to collect their earned tips in many cases.”

WINS, A4



Drake's Take by Kerry Drake

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obituaries

Glenna Foianini Jan. 14, 1935 – Sept. 6, 2023

With her family by her side, Glenna Foianini passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, Sept. 6.

She was born on Jan. 14, 1935, to Wilford and Zula Black. She was raised in Evanston.

She had several jobs before and after school so she could buy cute clothes. She worked making spudnuts, washing dishes, working at the movie theater and at the phone company.

She married Gino Foianini in November 1954. They had three children: Toni (Gerald) Thompson of Roy, Utah; Teri (Gilbert) Torres of Rock



Springs; and Kelly (Janelle) Foianini of Lyman.

She worked side by side with Gino. She helped take and bring the cows from the desert;

she took lunch to the hayfield to feed the crew; and her favorite was lambing season, as she stayed at the barn day and night caring for 500-plus newborn lambs.

She also worked at the school lunchroom and in Fort Bridger during the rendezvous, dressing up in authentic clothing and telling histories of the fort. She was well-known for her cooking and the new recipes she tried out on all the teenagers who came around.

She loved her flowers and working in her beautiful yard. She was a friend to all and the life of the party.

She is blessed with eight

grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren who love her for the candy drawer, special gifts, flooding the yard and crazy nicknames.

Glenna is survived by her three children; her sisters, Barbara Stevens of North Ogden, Utah; and Mary (George) Funk of Washington.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and in-laws.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, at the Urie Stake Center. There will be a viewing the night before, from 6 to 8 p.m., and before the funeral, from 9:30-10:45 a.m.



Decorated water vessels line the Bear Ice ponds on Friday, Aug. 25, when dozens of local women gathered for the annual Ladies Moonlight Paddle. (HERALD PHOTO/Rana Jones)

Ladies Moonlight Paddle raises \$3,500

By Rana Jones
Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — The third annual Ladies Moonlight Paddle was held Friday, Aug. 25, at the Bear Ice Ponds and raised around \$3,500 from the silent auction and registration fees. Funds go to any maintenance or projects for the Bear River Greenway, which serves as a natural and cultural focal point of the community.

The event's coordinator, Marilee Jackson, has been on the board for more than 20 years. Jackson said she got the idea for the moonlight paddle when she and friend Patricia Arnold attended a similar fundraising event at Rockport Reservoir in Utah. She thought it was a great idea and said, "This is right up our alley. We could do this in Evanston."

Attendees formed a drum circle during the event. "After the drumming," Jackson said, "there will be a water ceremony. We try to do it close to a full moon every August."

There was a contest for the best decorated float and the silent auction closed at 9:30 that evening. Food and refreshments were provided at the pavilion where raffle tickets were purchased.

The turnout was a success, with 52 pre-registered participants and even more showing up.

"It's a fun girls' night out," Jackson said. "Each year the event grows."

Varsity Inc. donated T-shirts that were available to registered participants. Alex Moscinski won the paddle board that was donated by GLIDE.

Barbara Jean Staley Anderson Nov. 28, 1960 – Aug. 25, 2023

Barbara Jean Staley was born on Nov. 28, 1960, in Rock Springs. She was one of eight children born to the union of Darrell and Lola (Clark) Staley. Barbara attended Evanston High School and spent the first 39 years of her life surrounded by her large family in Wyoming.

On July 12, 1997, in Evanston, Barbara married the love of her life, Norman Anderson. The couple relocated to Michigan in 1999. They were blessed with three beautiful daughters: Emily, Melissa and Tyson.

Having been born and raised in Wyoming, Barbara loved to be outdoors, feeling the fresh air on her face, working in her garden and tending to her flowers. She enjoyed spending quality time and relaxing with her husband, although on occasion the pair would play Phase 10, or Spite & Malice card games or try their luck at the game Sorry. Barb also spent some of her free time doing various crafts and completing home improvement projects.

Although she was always busy doing one thing or another, anyone who truly knew Barbara understood how much she enjoyed helping others. Whether it was driving others around on errands, helping them accomplish tasks or just lending a caring ear, Barbara was always there. She was a true friend to all she encountered, and her empathy was her superpower that allowed her to



deeply impact people around her.

She also cherished all the many hours talking on the phone with her sisters from Wyoming. Above all, what really made Barbara shine was spending time with her family and her grandchildren, who meant the world to her.

Barbara Jean Anderson, age 62, of Newport, Michigan, passed away, at home, unexpectedly from a sudden heart attack on Friday, Aug. 25. In accordance with her wishes, she provided life to others with tissue and organ donation through Gift of Life Michigan.

Her passing was preceded by her parents, Darrell and Lola; two of her brothers, Darrell and Lee Staley; and one of her sisters, Tracey Staley.

To cherish Barbara's memory, she leaves a loving husband of 26 years, Norman Anderson; three daughters, Emily Marshall (Aaron Shanteau) of Monroe, Melissa (David) Whitman of Peoria, Illinois, and Tyson Anderson of Peoria, Illinois; four sisters, Linda (Phil) Willoughby, LaWanna Staley and Karen Goetz — all of Evanston; and Terrie (Jeff) Hockin of Casper; one brother, Darrin (Tammy) Staley of Evanston; and five grandchildren, Madelyn Whitman, Sabin Whitman, Brayden Shanteau, Kacen Davis and Charlie Anderson.

A memorial service will be held in Evanston at a later date.

HAPPEN

from A3

Karl and Sandy were found guilty of stealing government property and given sentences of 25 and 20 years, respectively, which they

would have had to serve if they ever went back to their communist homeland.

This is what scares me. The government of California — like other state governments — is undermining the control of parents and essen-

tially saying their children belong to the state and it knows what's best for them, not the parents.

That's how the communist governments in the USSR and elsewhere operated. Are we headed down that totalitarian road, where

the government starts arresting parents who disagree with its indoctrination or wrongful edicts?

Sinclair Lewis showed in his fiction how dictatorial things could happen here and I think they already really are.

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WINS / from A3

Frakes said she's heard that some workers at the capital city's two drive-thru Starbucks are interested in joining the union.

At the Central Avenue location, Frakes said the staff's grievances were related to what she described as a hostile work environment, with management drastically cutting hours —

sometimes by half — and favoring certain employees over others.

"We told them, 'we need hours. We have families we've got to take care of,'" Frakes said. "I can't support my family with only 24 hours in my work week, it's just impossible. A lot of us had to forfeit sick time and vacation time just to make it up to 40."

Frakes said like many union efforts in different work sectors, the company tried hard to keep the Cheyenne staff from joining.

"A couple of regional managers visited the Cheyenne store and tried to 'gently' dissuade us, like telling us if you unionize, these things you are accustomed to are going to be slower or won't happen, and it's not true," Frakes said.

"They want you to be divided, and they want you to be scared of losing your job," she added. "It's just good old-fashioned Starbucks' union-busting baloney."

Johnson said the Cheyenne workers won despite "managerial efforts at retaliation and big corporate efforts to undermine their legal right to collectively bargain for decent working conditions."

But Andrew Trull, Starbucks senior manager of corporate communications, denied any retaliation against pro-union employees. "We respect the right of all partners to make their own decisions about union representation, and we are committed to engaging in good faith collective bargaining," he told Cowboy State Daily.

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News

HOSPITAL from A1

and three specialty providers, which include the areas of chronic pain management, pulmonology and neurology. The neurosurgeon, who has performed multiple spine procedures, visits once a month and also provides online interactive services to clients.

The hospital also has a sleep center, Willard said, where staff can test for sleep apnea and other ailments affecting sleep. The hospital also has new up-to-date equipment. Dr. Micah Pullins has performed more than 150 computer-assisted joint procedures.

Willard said they have had a hard time attracting OB/GYNs, so they "stepped out of the box" and recruited four board certified OB/GYNs who all share a full-time position. She said the four have purchased two houses so they can share living spaces when they are in Evanston, and they alternate weeks working at the hospital. They come from multiple states and, Willard said, this is a totally different concept from what the hospital has done before but it has been successful.

"Our goal is to provide high quality healthcare. We are recruiting down to earth physicians in order to fulfill that goal. We also are expanding our use of technology to provide services

as a lack of housing in the city causes us to miss opportunities to secure medical professionals. We have a lot of leakage of medical professionals to Utah where they can secure housing," Willard said.

Willard emphasized that all of the physicians have to be licensed in Wyoming and she said she thinks that is a good law. Nurses do not have to be licensed in each state. Just prior to the pandemic, Willard said, most states formed a compact to allow nurses to work across state lines; there are only a few states where a nurse has to go through their licensing process.

Commission member Jon Conrad asked Willard how they were going to change the negative attitude of the population toward the local hospital?

Willard said she thinks some of the negative attitude comes from ERH's need to transport patients suffering from a heart attack or another major trauma. She said she thinks some of the negative attitudes came from old history, something that happened 20 or 30 years ago. She added that ERH is actively working toward changing that attitude through being more involved in the community and through good public relations.

ERH is actively involved in the community, Willard said. It sponsors the annual Evanston Women's Conference and a local health fair. ERH

also provides educational assistance by paying for tuition for nursing and lab tech programs. Students work part-time at the hospital while studying the programs. In the past, the hospital provided reimbursement to the student but, now, it offers tuition payment up front.

She added that ERH has a close working relationship with the University of Utah Hospital and patients who come to the emergency room can have interactive conferences with the ER doctor and a university hospital doctor.

Willard said a lack of housing and infrastructure in the area has been a definite block in recruiting physicians. She said the majority come from big cities and, when they come here, they see nothing like they had in the big cities.

Conrad then reported on the key performance indicators for the county. He said there are now 59 homes listed for sale. Gary Welling said there are two subdivisions planned in the Bridger Valley and one in Evanston. Conrad said there are 19 active oil rigs; and unemployment was at 3.4% in June.

Wheeler reported that the amount of lodging tax at the end of the fiscal year (June 30) was approximately \$319,000, which is \$2,000 ahead of last year. He reminded the commis-

sion that the city does not get all of the 5% lodging tax that is collected. The City of Evanston gets 3% and the state keeps 2%.

Evanston Community Development Director Rocco O'Neill said that 90% of that lodging tax revenue was spent marketing Evanston. He suggested everyone look at the new website visitevanston.com, which was developed with a grant.

Commission member Brent Hatch said the county also gets a lodging tax. The Uinta County Youth Camp contributes to that tax, as well as the Harmon Hotel in the valley and the KOA in Lyman, Hatch said.

Wheeler explained that the towns in the valley need to set it up legally so they receive that 3% of the lodging tax in the county. He said it is something that takes a vote and a procedure to do — and Mountain View had just done it.

O'Neill reported that the G4 account on the economic development website was finally done and is very active. They had 512 active users in the last 30 days. He said he is getting a lot of leads from it and, in the last few days, there were at least five "very interested" leads from it and one is a "very legitimate" lead.

Evanston resident Sue Vehar who was visiting the commission meeting asked about the old Wyoming State

Hospital buildings and where things stand with the demolition.

"There is a lot of emotion in the community surrounding those buildings," Vehar said. "It would be a shame to see them destroyed. I guess you know there are documents being distributed attempting to save them."

Hatch said the "ball began to roll" in 2013 and the state decided they would demolish them. The utilities have all been turned off in the buildings. Hatch said the state will preserve the old administration building as a showcase for historical value.

"Rep. Lloyd Larsen from Fremont County, who was on the board of health concerning facilities and is now on the Joint Appropriations committee, is sort of ramrodding the whole demolition and they have set July 2024 as the date to begin demolition," Hatch concluded.

Ingersoll added that the whole thing is controlled by two entities — the Wyoming Department of Health and the State of Wyoming — and that more than \$15 million has been set aside for the demolition. She added that if the state were to sell them, they would have to legally put out a request for proposals.

The commission's next meeting will be at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Lyman Town Hall.



Sheriff Andy Kopp explains the tobacco and alcohol inspection grants his office utilizes during the Sept. 5 county commission meeting. (HERALD PHOTO/Amanda Manchester)

COMMISSION / from A1

ments were also approved by the commissioners when presented by JUB engineer Kim Sylvester. The commissioners agreed to preemptively pay over \$28,000 for a navigational aid equipment flight check with reimbursement and a certificate of substantial completion provided by the FAA.

Sheriff Kopp spoke about tobacco and alcohol grants, noting that each contract receives \$1,700 per year, with inspections required twice annually. The inspection entails a person between the age of 18-21 enters an alcohol and/or tobacco retail establishment attempting to purchase products underage.

The agency receives \$85 per successful inspection, and the cashier is awarded a \$10 gift card if the buyer's ID is checked and the purchase is denied. If the cashier sells the item to a minor, a first-time offense is a warning and some education. Kopp said technology is making it more difficult for underage purchases because many registers now require scanning of state-issued licenses.

Uinta County Sheriff's Office Victim Witness Coordinator Gina Sundquist discussed her office's bi-annual grant.

The last items of business was county planner Kent Williams discussing vacating the Butler, Sagebrush and Meadow Park subdivisions, which were unanimously approved.



A dancer performs a Native American dance during the Fort Bridger Mountain Man Rendezvous over Labor Day weekend. (BRIDGER VALLEY PIONEER/Virginia Giorgis)

RENDEZVOUS / from A2

sent various dances indicative of their tribes, performing twice each day.

The Fort Bridger Rendezvous creates a step back in time to the pre-1840s of the American West in the Rocky Mountains in the fur-trapping years. Rendezvous, a French word for meeting, proved to be a place designated in the fall so the mountain men could trade their furs, or plews, for products normally bought with cold, hard cash.

The rendezvous is reminiscent of the trips west by entrepreneur William Ashley and the goods he carried for the mountain men. The plews were like money in the bank and were used to buy the supplies the mountain men would need for another year. The fur companies thought it was better to keep the mountain men in the wilderness to trap instead of returning east for supplies.

The event recreates a time in the Rocky Mountain West when men lived by their wits, spending the winter trapping beaver for the fashionable top hats worn by gentlemen in the east. When the top hats went out of style and the need for furs dwindled, many mountain men continued to live out their lives in the wilds of the Rocky Mountains.

Others, like Jim Bridger, took a second life and did other things. Bridger is credited with creating a post on the Oregon Trail and other westward trails where travelers could get supplies for their journeys.

The Fort Bridger Rendezvous has grown from a handful of tepees, 13 on a cold, rainy, snowy weekend in 1972, to the second largest visitor event in Wyoming — only outdone in attendance by Cheyenne Frontier Days. This year marked the 50th of the rendezvous, having lost 2020's event to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

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Loving proof

By Rebekah Harvey
Cross Talk

There is a song you probably know or have heard called, "What the World Needs Now Is Love," by Jackie DeShannon. Here are some of the lyrics... "What the world needs now is love, sweet love, it's the only thing that there's just too little of. What the world needs now is love, sweet love, no not just for some, but for everyone."

And it is true that we need more love in our world today, but not just more of the emotional or brotherly love although that is needed. The kind of love we need in our world is what Jesus spoke of in John 13, a different kind of love than most people have experienced.

Jesus said, "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." (John 13: 34-35)

This is the God kind of love. It is called "agape" love. Agape love sacrifices itself for another. This is the Jesus kind of love. He was willing to sacrifice himself because he loved the whole world this way. He knew all the evil, mean, wicked things each one of us would do and yet he still chose to love us in a sacrificial way. This is the "new commandment" that he has given us, to love one another completely and sacrificially.

The apostle Paul encourages us in how we are to love one another in 1 Corinthians 13. As you read through it you can ask yourself and evaluate how you are doing with this

kind of love.

Verse 1, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. 4 Love suffers long and is kind; (Ask yourself do I?) love does not envy; (Ask yourself do I?) love does not parade itself, (Ask yourself do I?) is not puffed up; (Ask yourself am I?) 5 does not behave rudely, (Ask yourself do I?) does not seek its own, (Ask yourself do I?) is not provoked, (Ask yourself am I?) thinks no evil; (Ask yourself do I?) 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, (Ask yourself do I?) but rejoices in the truth; (Ask yourself do I?) 7 bears all things, (Ask yourself do I?) believes all things, (Ask yourself do I?) hopes all things, (Ask yourself do I?) endures all things. (Ask yourself do I?) 8 Love never fails..."

Well, how did you do? I certainly have plenty of room for improvement! If we are honest, I think all of us need improvement. This is not to condemn anyone or make you feel judged, criticized or less than.

One of the great things about God's love is that it changes us, we don't have to stay the same. We can submit ourselves to him and allow him to work in us and bring the changes we need. We can allow him to grow his love in us and prayerfully it will make an observable difference in the world around us.

The faithful life God can bless

Do you feel like you're going through a time of testing in your life? Are you struggling with a situation that you're tempted to just avoid, ignore, or run away from because it's too hard to face head-on and overcome?

We all go through hard times and have to choose to trust God to help us deal with them and get through them or give up and give in to them. But if we give up, we won't move forward in life and experience God's best for us. We won't get promoted in any area of life.

God only knows what it took to get me from where I started to where I am today. It was hard, to say the least, to come out of the mess I came out of, being abused for so many years, and let God change my attitudes and teach me all the things I try to teach people from God's word. Trust me, everything took a whole lot longer than I thought it would ... and it was a lot harder than I thought it would ever be.

But I can tell you right now that I am grateful for every single thing I went through because in the process, I learned so many things that developed my character and prepared me to be a leader in ministry today.

I clearly recall the day when God spoke to my heart and said, "Joyce, I always want you to remember this: however many people I let you help, that's as many people as you can hurt." I had zero business being in a position of leadership until I passed my tests, became rooted in my relationship with Christ, and developed the character to keep me there.

Whenever I see a young person quickly promoted to a key position of leadership, it concerns me, because if you

don't have the character to go with the kind of attention that comes with leadership ... all you're going to do is create a huge mess. See, God promotes us after we pass our tests — not when we run away from them, ignore them or avoid them.

Thank God, He's faithful to help us do what we need to do to pass our tests when we keep our eyes on him and trust him. And, just as he's faithful to us, he expects us to be faithful, too.

To be faithful means to be trusted, reliable, sure, and worthy of confidence; firmly and devotedly supportive, loyal, worthy of trust, consistent, steady, constant and steadfast.

In 1 Timothy 3, the apostle Paul tells Timothy how to determine who is fit to be a leader.

Verse 10 says, "These men must first be tested; then if they are found to be blameless and beyond reproach [in their Christian lives], let them serve..." (AMP). You build trust in someone when you see how they respond to different situations over time and are "tested."

Faithful men and women of God humble themselves under the mighty hand of God and trust Him to promote them when He knows they are ready for it (see 1 Peter 5:6). Now, that sounds really spiritual, so I want to make it practical: You're going to be under some human authority that you probably don't like and that you probably don't always agree with.

You may even feel they don't always treat you right. And God is going to ask you to serve faithfully in that position with a good attitude.

The truth is, the only way you're really going to know what you're doing is to go through some things and be faithful — stick with things, don't give up and run away, and don't blame everyone else for your problems.

Proverbs 28:20 says,

"A faithful (right-minded) man will abound with blessings..." (AMP). Faithful people are in it for the long haul. Being faithful literally means you find out what is right and you do it over and over and over. ... Have you been faithful with your health? Do you take care of yourself or have you just abused yourself? Have you been faithful to take care of your possessions or does your car look like a trash can? Have you been faithful with your finances—to save some, spend some and give some — or have you just spent it all?

It's important for us to be excellent and do the best we can in every area of our lives so we can "abound with blessings" from God.

Be faithful during your tests, right where you are, and God will promote you in due time. If you will do what he's telling you to do, faithfully, then there's no person on earth and no devil in hell that can keep you from what God wants you to have and the destiny he has planned for your life.

If you will be faithful and diligent to do what is right — what you are supposed to do — then no one can keep you from the reward God has for you. God will promote you when you pass your test!

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POLITICIANS / from A3

for those that use buzzwords in lieu of explaining their ideas. Buzzwords tend not to convey much meaning, instead only showing which "camp" the user is a part of.

Candidates can say they are fighting "woke" ideas, because the word "woke" is so undefined that it means different things to different people. Buzzwords are intended to trigger an emotional response without tying the candidate to anything concrete. Relying on them is a hallmark of an unserious candidate.

Performance artist politicians also tend to have a problem with their prior statements or records. Part of their game is to try to garner attention, and this sometimes causes them to cross the line. When called out for clearly bad conduct or statements, the performance artist will often outright lie. They will use distrust in large institutions to claim that "the media" is misquoting them or taking their statements out of context.

In their world, perception equals reality, so if they say they are being treated unfairly, they can escape the consequences of prior bad actions. If a politician is constantly saying that everyone is lying about them, it is far more likely that they are instead trying to avoid having to answer for their record.

Lastly, beware of candidates that spend their time focusing on issues that do not apply to the office they seek. When a candidate or official is issuing statements about things that they clearly have no say in or impact on, that is a warning that the official is more concerned about their public image than doing their job well.

We are not immune to performance artist politicians in Wyoming. Many are in office already, and many more will seek office in the future. As voters, we need to be sure that the people we are electing are serious candidates. The attention-seekers can get their fix elsewhere.

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Thursday, Sept. 14 Chamber Lunch & Learn

The Evanston Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly Lunch & Learn featuring Aspen Cinemas as the presenter from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14. This month's event will take place at Aspen Cinemas. Cost is \$12 for lunch, though admission is free for those who do not wish to eat.

Thursday, Sept. 14 Farmers Market

The Evanston farmers market will take place from 3-7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, at

Depot Square.

Thursday, Sept. 14 Civic Orchestra and Chorus Rehearsals

Area singers and orchestral musicians are gathering on Thursday, Sept. 14, to begin rehearsing for a holiday concert titled "Winter Festival." The Dec. 15 concert will feature a mix of traditional music and newer classics. From "O Holy Night" and "Angels We Have Heard on High," to themes from "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "The Polar Express," this festival concert will have something for everyone to enjoy. Rehearsals will be from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. each Thursday. All adults and high school students are welcome to join the orchestra or chorus. Visit www.ECOEvanston.org for more information.

Thursday, Sept. 14 Soroptimist International Meeting

Members of Soroptimist

International of Evanston will hold their monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, in the Director's Room at the Legal Tender restaurant in Evanston.

Monday, Sept. 18 Chamber Mixer

Join the Evanston Chamber of Commerce between 5 and 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 18, for a mixer hosted by YAHA. The event will be held at Don Pedro's Cantina, 203 Bear River Dr., in Evanston. The mixer is free to all and will offer appetizers, music, a cash bar and drawings for prizes.

Monday, Sept. 18 Grief Share

Grief Share began meeting again on Monday, Sept. 11, and meetings will continue each Monday through Dec. 4. Meetings are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at For Pete's Sake Coffee Shop at 900 Main St. in Evanston. There is a \$25 fee for the work-

book, and scholarships are available. There are new videos and new workbooks. You can join at any time. Contact Sue Decker at 307-677-5516 or Judy Jones at 307-679-6284 for more information.

Tuesday, Sept. 19 County Commission

The Uinta County Commission will meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19, in the commissioners' chambers at the Uinta County Complex.

Tuesday, Sept. 19 City Council Meeting

The Evanston City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday Sept. 19, at Evanston City Hall.

Tuesday, Sept. 19 GOP Meeting

The Uinta County Republican Party will hold a central committee meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Lyman Town Hall. The public is invited.

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Mining's deadliest secret: Suicide among men



By **Kayne Pyatt**
Herald Reporter

EVANSTON — A presentation titled “Mining’s Deadliest Secret” was given at the recent Uinta County Suicide Prevention Task Force’s monthly meeting, held Wednesday, Aug. 23. It brought awareness of the shocking facts of the suicide rate among men employed in the mining industry.

Rep. Jon Conrad, who is also the director of governmental affairs for Tata Chemicals, presented the information to the team. Conrad had earlier presented at the annual convention of the Wyoming Mining Association on June 9.

“Because of the subject matter, I used the title Mining’s Deadliest Secret to grab attention and to instill curiosity to promote good attendance at the convention without making it mandatory,” Conrad said. “The challenge is to convince the mines’ leadership to provide suicide prevention as part of their health and safety training.”

Mining fatalities from accidents and injuries have decreased dramatically in recent years. In 1977, there were 250 fatalities and, in 2014, only 17 fatalities from mining accidents and injuries. However, Conrad said, suicide rates among miners have increased.

Wyoming is number one in the U.S. for the number of suicides; 29.66% per capita and Conrad said he believes there is a strong correlation with those numbers to the mining industry.


In 2016, in the mining extraction industries, there were 54.2 suicides per 100,000 men and, in the construction industry, 43.3 per 100,000 workers. There have been 1,149 lives lost to suicide in the mining industry in the last 10 years, Conrad said. Seven of those were from Wyoming mines in the last five years, yet there is no mention on the mining industry website MSHA of suicides in correlation with the deaths of miners.

Miners are perceived as tough, and some rarely show emotions. Since the mines have not trained their staff in suicide prevention, Conrad has taken posters, flyers and 988 cards to the mines and placed them where employees can pick them up — and each month he replenishes the materials. He has also sent the same information to all of the other mines in southwest Wyoming.

Conrad said he tried to educate others at the June meeting, telling them about warning signs when someone might be depressed or suicidal: not eating, talking about wanting to die, behavior changes, not sleeping and talking about feeling empty. Conrad said one mine, the Peabody mine in Gillette, painted a bulldozer purple for suicide awareness and prevention.

“I was really disappointed when some members of the legislature did not pass the bill to support funding the 988

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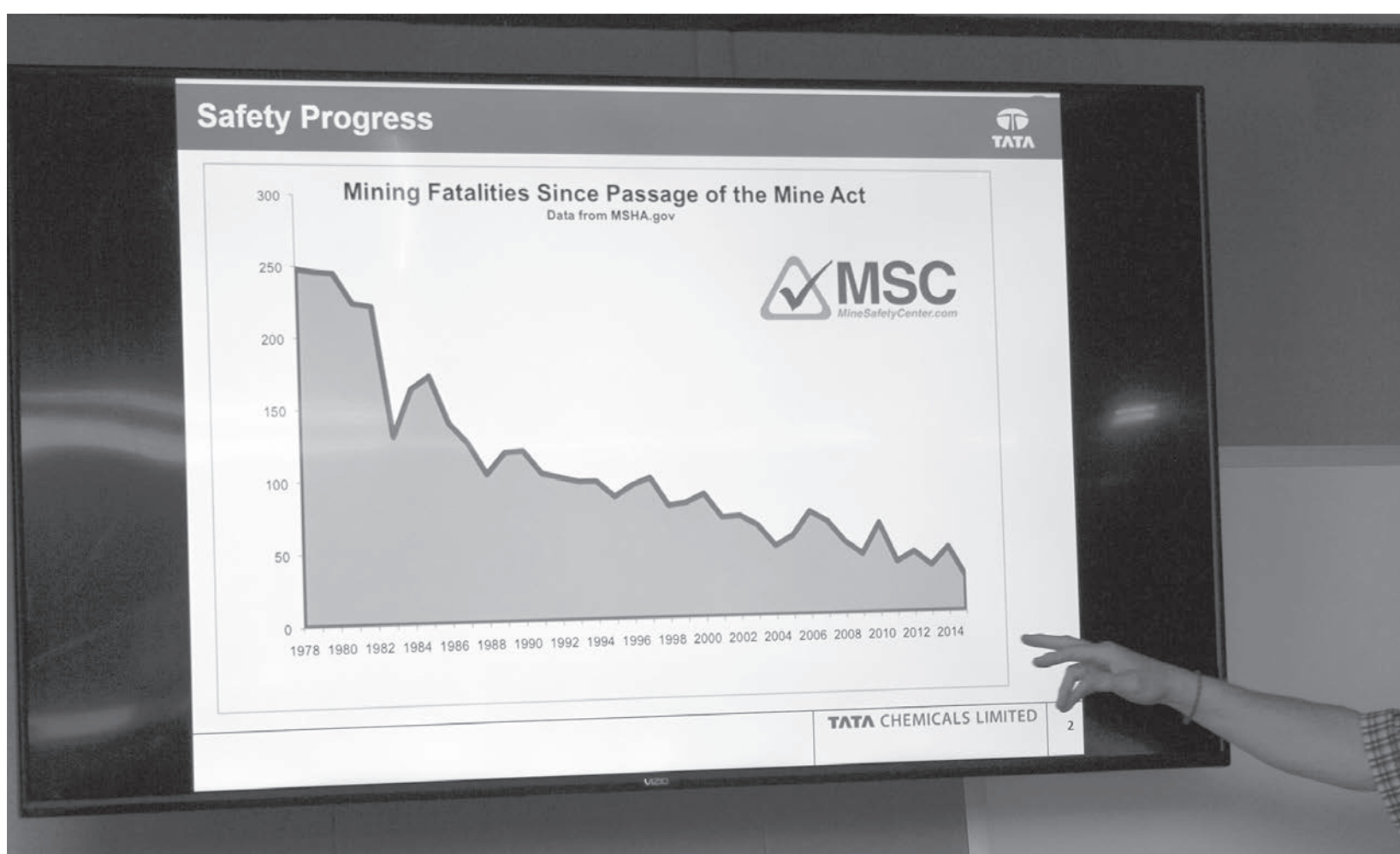
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A slide from Jon Conrad's presentation to the Uinta County Suicide Prevention Task Force on Wednesday, Aug. 23, shows the decline in mine worker deaths since the passage of the Mine Act. Deaths by suicide, however, are on the rise, and Conrad is working to raise awareness to help prevent unnecessary deaths. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

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number this year," Conrad said. "Instead, we were only able to establish a trust fund with zero dollars in it and still members voted against it. In an article I read dated May 24, 87% of Americans don't even know about 988. It's mind boggling; we need to do a better job of educating the public."

Conrad said it is important to get the CEOs and respective plant managers educated and involved. He said the responses he received from management at the June meeting were very positive. They thanked him for the information and said they were not aware of the statistics and wanted to get more posters and information.

"We need to destigmatize men talking about mental health issues and emotions," Conrad said. "Men are reluctant to go to the employee assistance program as they don't want to be seen as the one who asked for help. It just takes one small step to be part of the solution."

What seniors can do to safeguard their mental health

From Metro Creative Connection

No one is immune to issues that can adversely affect their mental health, including men and women nearing retirement age and those who are already retired. Though the term "golden years" suggests life in retirement is one sunny day after another, many individuals 60 and older are dealing with mental health issues.

According to the World Health Organization, approximately 15 percent of the world's adults aged 60 and over suffer from a mental disorder.

What makes that statistic even more troubling is that the WHO acknowledges it likely doesn't paint the most accurate picture of seniors and mental health, as depression is often undiagnosed among older men and women and untreated because it co-occurs with other issues affecting seniors.

In the past, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has acknowledged that late-life anxiety was not readily understood. However, much progress has been made in recent years thanks to a heightened awareness of the problem of seniors and mental health. That means seniors now have ample resources they can look to as they seek to learn what they can do to safeguard their mental health.

Recognizing warning signs

The National Institute of Mental Health notes that recognizing the signs of mental health issues is the first step to getting treatment. Mental



Staying active is one way senior citizens can help stave off depression. (COURTESY PHOTO)

health issues vary, and individuals with anxiety will likely experience different symptoms than those with depression. But the NIMH notes that the following are some of the warning signs of mental health issues.

- Noticeable changes in mood, energy level, or appetite
- Feeling flat or having trouble feeling positive emotions
- Difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much
- Difficulty concentrating, feeling restless, or on edge
- Increased worry or feeling stressed
- Anger, irritability, or aggressiveness
- Ongoing headaches, digestive issues, or pain
- Misuse of alcohol or

drugs

- Sadness or hopelessness
- Suicidal thoughts
- Engaging in high-risk activities
- Obsessive thinking or compulsive behavior
- Thoughts or behaviors that interfere with work, family, or social life
- Engaging in thinking or behavior that is concerning to others
- Seeing, hearing, and feeling things that other people do not see, hear, or feel

Seeking help

As noted, a growing awareness of mental health issues and how they affect seniors has translated to more available resources for aging men and women

who need help. Within the United States, seniors can visit the NIMH Help for Mental Illnesses webpage (<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/find-help/>) to access contact information for various groups that help people in times of mental health crises.

In Canada, individuals can visit the Canadian Mental Health Association at <https://cmha.ca/find-help/find-cmha-in-your-area/> for contact information for various groups across the country.


Behaviors that can be beneficial

The National Institute on Aging notes that most cases of depression cannot be prevented. However, the NIA also notes that healthy

lifestyle changes can have long-term benefits of seniors' mental health. Such changes include:

- Being physically active
- Eating a healthy diet that can reduce risk for diseases that can bring on disability and depression
- Getting adequate sleep, which for seniors is between seven to nine hours per night
- Remaining socially active, including regular contact with friends and family
- Participating in activities you enjoy
- Sharing mental issues or concerns with friends, family members and your physician

Research indicates that seniors are vulnerable to mental health issues. More information about how to combat and overcome such issues is available at nimh.nih.gov.



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(Above) PRCA funnyman Jared Stors and his 2-year-old son Jack entertain the crowd on Monday's PRCA Rodeo, part of the Evanston Cowboy Days festivities. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)

(Left) Tie down roper Jake Hannum, out of Plain City, Utah, turns in a time of 11.4 seconds during Day 3 of the PRCA Rodeo, part of the Evanston Cowboy Days festivities. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)



Chancey Williams performs at this year's Evanston Cowboy Days concert, held Friday, Sept. 1, at the newly-renovated Uinta County Fairgrounds. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)



Members of Calvary Chapel in Evanston braved the rainy weather to participate in the annual Labor Day parade for this year's Evanston Cowboy Days. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)



(Above) Local youngsters participate in the fan-favorite fish catch at Evanston Rodeo Days on Saturday, Sept. 2. (HERALD PHOTO/Bryon Glathar)



(Right) Shoshoni's own Coralee Spratt turns in a time of 4.6 seconds in breakaway calf roping during Day 3 of the PRCA Rodeo at Evanston Cowboy Days. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)



(Far right) Jack Skavdahl of Casper scores a respectable 76 during the saddle bronc portion of Monday's PRCA Rodeo. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)



The concert crowd reacts as Pinedale resident Bodhi Cunningham asks Victoria Bonta of Alpine to marry him. The proposal came during the Chancey Williams concert at Evanston Cowboy Days on Friday, Sept. 1. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)



Rotarians Mike Adams and David Benton are all smiles as they make pancakes for the Evanston Rotary Club's annual Labor Day breakfast. Due to rainy conditions, community members filled the Beeman-Cashin building to chow down. (HERALD PHOTO/Kayne Pyatt)

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Red Devils tame Wolverines for first win



Tight end Clayton Cook (No. 8) celebrates with teammate Kai Barker after Barker's 3rd quarter touchdown catch against Riverton. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)



Red Devil running back Gabe Hutchinson breaks free for a 24-yard touchdown on Evanston's opening drive Friday, during the Red Devils' 34-27 win over Riverton at Kay Fackrell Stadium. Evanston will host Lander this Friday, with a chance to improve to 2-2 on the season. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)

Morrow throws for 3 TDs in 34-27 win; Lander next

By Don Cogger
Herald Sports Editor

Led by a balanced, methodical offensive attack, and a defense that made the big plays when it counted, the Evanston High School football team took a major step toward its goal of returning to the 3A State Playoffs Friday, beating Riverton 34-27 in front of a packed house at Kay Fackrell Stadium.

It was the first win of the Steve Moore era for the Red Devils (1-2), who will have a chance to even their record this Friday against Lander.

"There were still some mistakes, obviously," Moore said. "Still some things to clean up. But we were much improved. I think, across the board, we still have some work to do in the secondary, our pass defense. But as far as offensively, and up front, we felt like we made some major improvements. We're pretty excited about that."

Riverton (0-3) won the coin toss and deferred to the second half, giving the Red Devils the ball to start the game. For a team not known

for its fast starts, Evanston moved the ball well on their first possession, beginning with an 18-yard run by Gabe Hutchinson on the first play from scrimmage.

Nice runs by Brady Roberts followed, including converting a 4th-and-4 that gave the Red Devils the ball on the Riverton 30. Two plays later, Hutchinson caught the corner on a quick pitch and was off to the races for a 24-yard touchdown. Jordan Mendez booted the extra point, and Evanston led 7-0, with just over seven minutes to play in the first quarter.

The Red Devils' defense forced a punt on Riverton's first possession, and Morrow and his offense set up shop deep in Wolverines' territory. Roberts powered up the middle for an 18-yard gain to the Riverton 31. Facing a 3rd-and-1, Morrow kept it himself and found a hole in the middle of the defense, sprinting 79 yards to the house for Evanston's second score of the game. A bobbled snap briefly turned placeholder Brecken Rich into a quarterback on the point after attempt, but



Red Devil receiver Drew Barker catches the first of his two touchdowns during the second quarter of Friday's 34-27 win over Riverton at Kay Fackrell Stadium. Barker also had an interception in the game, and his second TD put the Red Devils ahead for good. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)

his throw to the end zone for a two-point conversion was over the head of Clayton Cook, and the Red Devils led 13-0.

"It felt really good to get our offense in a rhythm early," Moore said. "When you have both the passing game and the

rushing game going, it makes play calling a lot easier." Riverton got its offense going late in the first quarter,

exploiting the Red Devils' secondary for a long pass

FOOTBALL B8

EHS golf teams win 3A West Conference Championships

Lind medalist for boys; all 10 varsity golfers All-Conference

By Don Cogger
Herald Sports Editor

The Evanston High School golf teams had a weekend to remember in Green River Friday and Saturday, sweeping the boys and girls' titles at the 3A West Conference Championships, held at Rolling Green Country Club.

All 10 varsity golfers earned All-Conference honors by finishing in the Top 10, with Red Devil Ryker Lind earning medalist honors on the boys' side, shooting under par for the tournament. "Overall, I'm just so pleased with how our kids did," said EHS head coach Jerry Carroll. "We came home having met just about every goal we had for ourselves — we wanted the

boys to be conference champions, girls to be conference champions, I think all our kids were hoping to make All-Conference. And every one of our kids did just that. We also had the goal of a conference individual champion, and Ryker Lind did that, and Sammy [Dolezal] took second. Overall, just a great weekend — can't put any dampers on it, at all."

Red Devils

Following in older brother Braxton's footsteps, Ryker Lind won the conference championship in impressive fashion, firing an opening-round 72, then following that with a 69 on Day 2 for a 141 to earn medalist honors.

Sam Dolezal was just five strokes behind in second place, carding a 75-71-146.



The EHS golf teams swept the 3A West Conference Championships over the weekend in Green River, with all 10 varsity golfers finishing in the Top 10, and earning All-Conference honors. Red Devil Ryker Lind won medalist honors, and coach Jerry Carroll was Coach of the Year. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Evanston won the team title, carding a 593; Lander

followed with a 640. Pinedale (647), Cody (665),

Powell (681), Lovell (701), Green River (705) and Ly-

man (789) rounded out the

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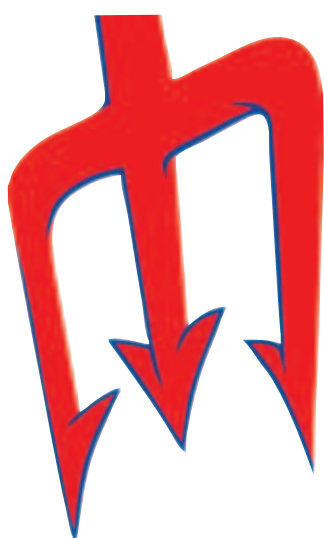
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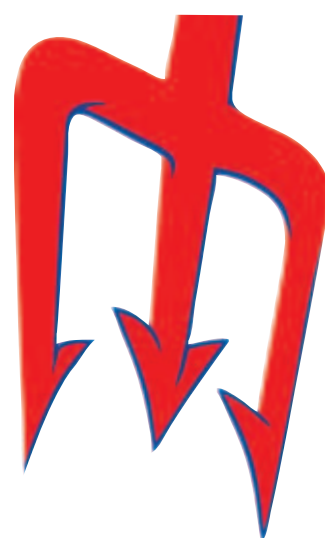
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Jackie Clark - EHS Sports PT, Star Valley Health



Q: How long have you been a PT, and how did you get into it?
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Q: Is EHS the only school you work with?
 A: EHS is the only school I work with and these athletes keep me busy and on my toes!

Q: What do you enjoy the most about working with the various teams?
 A: The thing I enjoy the most is getting to know these athletes on a personal level, and who they are as a team. These kids are going to change the world, and I feel lucky to be involved in their journey and help with the challenges that they face.

Q: What are your hobbies outside of your work?
 A: My hobbies outside of work include spending time with my boyfriend, walking/hiking with my dogs, and exploring Wyoming!

Q: Did you play sports in high school, and if so, which sports did you play?
 A: Yes I did, I was a competitive gymnast until I was 17 years old when a knee injury ended my career. I was also on the drill team at my high school in Texas.

Q: What are some of the challenges you face as a trainer from one sport to another?
 A: Great question! The challenges I face include teaching these athletes the difference between a true injury and soreness, having to deliver bad news of a season-ending or game-ending injury and overall juggling injuries from sport to sport with their rehab and timeline of return. But when an athlete gets to return, that is THE best moment!

Q: Do you have a favorite sport that you follow, whether it be high school, college or pro?
 A: I am a die hard Dallas Cowboys and Texas Tech fan! The Dallas Cowboys will be winning the Super Bowl this year!

Q: What's been the most gratifying part of working with the athletes and coaches at EHS?
 A: The athletes and coaches have been so welcoming to me since I started last year and have truly become family! I cannot imagine being anywhere else and they are the reason why I have the best job in the world!



Q: This year's fall sports teams are loaded with memorable characters. Which team keeps you on your toes the most, and which team keeps you laughing from the start of practice to the finish?
 A: Ohhhh goodness, these football boys have me running around like crazy this year. I am always laughing with them and the volleyball girls. The golf teams, cross country teams and girls swimming always put a smile on my face when I visit them, too!

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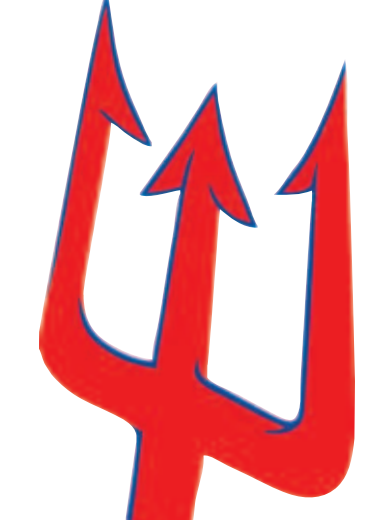
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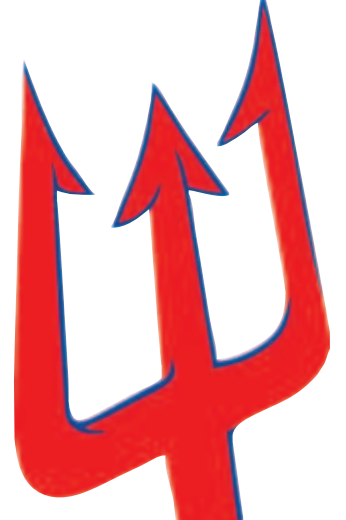


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Red Devil golfers Sam Dolezal, Luke Robinette, Ryker Lind, Caden Hiatt and Porter Hall pose with their trophy for winning the 3A West Conference Championship over the weekend. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Lady Devils Hailee Ridenour, Allie Sanchez-Mackey, Kalli Fackrell, Marlee Torres and Maddi Brown celebrate winning the 3A West Conference Championship in Green River over the weekend. (COURTESY PHOTO)



EHS golf coach Jerry Carroll is all smiles after being named the 3A West Coach of the Year for both the boys and girls' teams, after the Red Devils and Lady Devils won the conference titles. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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field. "On the boys' side, I can't imagine that it could have gone better, honestly," Carroll said. "I think our boys just played unbelievably good golf. When you look at our scores, we don't have an 80 on the board — both days, all five kids, all scores were in the 70s. Anytime you get a scoreboard looking like that in Wyoming high school golf, you are a very difficult team to beat." Porter Hall, Luke Robinette and Caden Hiatt finished 6th through 8th, respectively. Hall was steady both days with a 76-76-152, while Robinette opened with a 79, then shaved four strokes on Day 2 to shoot a 75, finishing with a 154. Hiatt shot a 79-78-157 to finish in a tie for 8th. "Ryker shot under par for

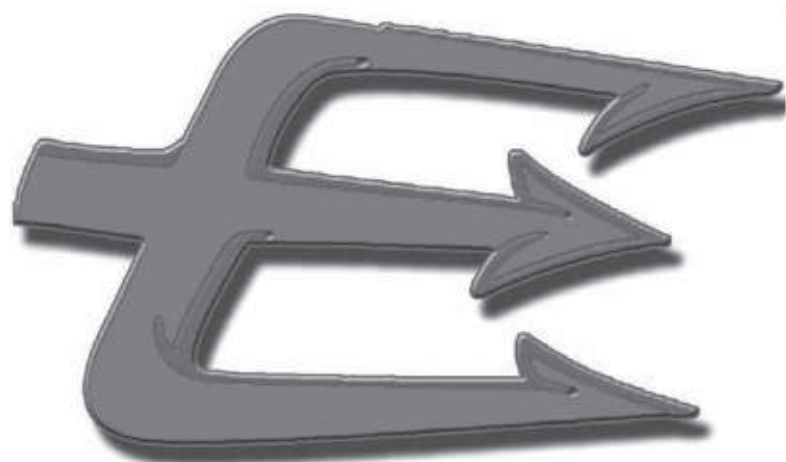
the tournament with a 141," Carroll said. "That's a 72-69 split. Sam takes second overall, with a 75 the first day, and a 71 the second. Porter has been really consistent all year, and he shoots 76-76. Caden Hiatt goes 76-78 — we asked him to improve on the second day, and he did. And then we have Luke Robinette, who always seems to shine the last two weeks of the season — he barely makes fifth man, then comes in and goes 79-75." If the Red Devils can put together two rounds next weekend in Worland like they did in Green River, a state title is definitely within the realm of possibility, according to Carroll. "We always say 320 is a good score for a golf team," Carroll said. "We shoot 302 on the first day, come out on the second day and shoot 291. If we can play to that level next week at state, we'll

be a tough out." **Lady Devils** On the girls' side, Allie Sanchez-Mackey led the charge with a 5th-place finish, carding a 89-92-181. Marlee Torres was close behind in sixth, with a 95-89-184. "Allie was our top shooter on the girls' side with an 89-92, and All-Conference," Carroll said. "I think it was a little more difficult of a course for our girls, a little bit longer, so the scores were a little bit higher. But Allie did a great job. Marlee Torres probably had the best weekend — she's just been showing great improvement. She goes 95 the first day, then goes 89 — her first score ever in the 80s, so that was great." Evanston (548) won the team title, followed by Cody (583) and Lovell (594). Lander (598) and Green River (635) rounded out the field.

Maddi Brown, Kalli Fackrell and Hailee Ridenour finished 8th-10th, respectively, also earning All-Conference honors, and putting themselves in a good position for next week's state tournament in Worland. "The other two girls, we ham and egged it really well," Carroll said. "On the first day, Maddi Brown took a 90, whereas Kalli Fackrell took a 103. On the next day, Kalli shoots the 93, and Maddi goes a little bit up with a 99. But all the girls were stepping up." "Hailee Ridenour finished out with a 97-101, and makes that Top 10, as well," Carroll

added. "I'm just really happy with how things went for girls and boys both. I just think that course played a little bit longer for the girls, but they still finished in first place over Cody by 35 strokes." Asked if he thinks the girls have a shot at a state title, Carroll said he does, though they have some dragons to slay. "I think the girls have a good shot at state, I really do," Carroll said. "But it still goes through Wheatland — they have the same girls that beat us last year. We're gonna focus really hard on the next three days, working

on the weaknesses we saw this weekend." **Carroll named 3A West Coach of the Year for boys and girls** With both teams winning conference championships, Carroll was also honored with 3A West Coach of the Year Awards. "It's always fantastic to get honored like that, but the fact of the matter is, when you have good kids like I have, that just makes the coach look good," Carroll said. "I'm just really pleased that I have the caliber of kids that I have."



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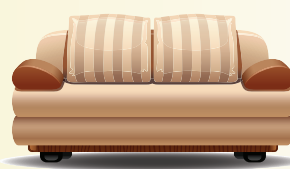
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Tom and Dawn Nichols have applied for a Subdivision Permit to subdivide Block 1 Lot 1 of the Bear River Coal Industrial Park into a new 2 Lot Industrial Subdivision entitled the T & D Subdivision.
A public hearing on this application will be held before the Uinta County Planning and Zoning Commission at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, September 27, 2023, in the Commission Chambers of the Uinta County Complex, Evanston, Wyoming.
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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that on Sept. 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m., at 63 Reay St., Evanston, WY, the undersigned will sell at public auction a 2018 Peterbilt, VIN 1XPBD49X8JD446037 - \$10,000; 2012 Volvo, VIN 4V4NC9TG5CN540238 - \$10,000; 2003 Freightliner, VIN 1FUJBBCK33LM07457 - \$10,000.
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LUCDA Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors for the Lincoln Uinta Child Development Association will hold its Annual Meeting at 5 p.m., September 27, 2023, virtually via Microsoft Teams Meeting. Interested parties may contact the LUCDA Regional Office at 782-6602 for more information.
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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND FINAL SETTLEMENT

To all persons, firms, or corporations who have any claim for any work done for, or any material furnished to CPCCO LLC dba Consolidated Paving and Concrete. for the summer 2023 chip seal project located in Evanston, WY. You are hereby notified that the City of Evanston, Wyoming has accepted as completed, according to the plans and specifications and rules set forth in the contract between the City of Evanston and the aforesaid contractor, the work in connection with the construction of the above, and that said contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore.

You are further notified that upon the 21st of October, 2023, being at least 40 days after the first publication of this notice, the City of Evanston will pay the full amount due under said Contract; and in the event that your claim is not filed with the City Clerk of said City prior to said 21st day of October, 2023, the same shall be waived.

This notice is given pursuant to Section 15-1-113 (h), Wyoming Statutes.
Dated this 13th Day of September 2023.
Kent Williams, Mayor
City of Evanston
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DEADLINES
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF WYOMING IN AND FOR UINTA COUNTY Docket No. 2023-CV-89

In the Matter of the Estate of)
HARLEY G. HIGBIE, JR.,)
Deceased.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR SUMMARY DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION OF REAL PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a sworn application has been made for a decree in the Third Judicial District Court in and for Uinta County, State of Wyoming, establishing in Lolita Higbie, Lorraine Fairmont, Madeleine Wolfe, and Harley Green Higbie, III, the right and title to the decedent's interests in real property, whether herein enumerated or not, including without limitation all fee interests, working interests, royalty interests, overriding royalty interests, production payments, net profits interests, and other payments out of production, situate in Uinta County, State of Wyoming. For a complete listing of such identified lands, a copy of the application may be acquired at the Uinta County District Court, Docket No. 2023-CV-89.

If no objection to the application has been filed within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication of this notice, the Court shall enter a decree establishing the right and title to the aforementioned property located in Wyoming.

Lolita Higbie, APPLICANT

ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT
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County of Uinta)
County Treasurer's Office

Notice is hereby given that I, Terry E Brimhall, the duly elected, qualified and acting County Treasurer within and for the county and state aforesaid, will on the 20th day of September AD 2023, at the county complex at Evanston in the county and state aforesaid, offer for sale, the following described real estate for taxes due and unpaid. The real estate will be sold subject to any special assessments for local or public improvements. Said sales shall take place between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm of said day and will be continued from day to day, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, until all of said land has been sold. All participants in the sale must be registered prior to 9:00 a.m.

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FOOTBALL

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deep into Evanston territory. But despite starting with a 1st-and-goal from the 7-yard line, the Wolverines were forced to settle for a field goal, courtesy of the Red Devils' stingy defense. Evanston led 13-3, as the first quarter ended.

The Red Devils punted for the first time to open the second quarter of play, burying Riverton back on their own 15-yard line. The defense continued to play well, forcing a fumble that nose tackle Aiden Liechty recovered on the 15, giving the Red Devils a chance to blow the game open. A couple of Roberts runs had Evanston 1st-and-goal at the 2-yard line, but the Wolverines' defense proved to be opportunistic as well, forcing a fumble on Roberts' next carry and retaking possession. Riverton took advantage, pulling within three points on a 60-yard touchdown pass from Darrick DeVries to Nick McIntosh to make it 13-10.

The Red Devils answered with a sustained drive that featured a healthy mix of Roberts and Hutchinson on the ground and a long pass on third down to Braunson Sims that extended the drive. Unsportsmanlike conduct penalties had Evanston moving in the wrong direction at different points of the drive, but a 28-yard connection from Morrow to Kai Barker and a pair of passes to kicker turned sure-handed receiver Jordan Mendez eventually set up a 10-yard touchdown pass from Morrow to Drew Barker in the corner of the end zone. Mendez's extra point made it 20-10 with 2:28 left in the half.

The Drew Barker Show continued on Riverton's next drive, as the Wolverines appeared poised to score before the end of the half. But on a 2nd-and-10 from the Evanston 23, DeVries' pass over the middle was picked off by Barker, who briefly lost the handle on it, but was able to

fall on it and retain possession. Evanston ran out the clock, and took a 20-10 lead into the break, where coach Moore had some choice words prepared for his team.

"I got after them pretty good, actually," Moore said. "The personal fouls, the jumping offsides — those things have to stop. So we got after them a little bit, because, honestly, we felt like it should be more than a 10-point lead. We fumbled on the goal line going in, and we gave up some big plays. We need to eliminate those things to be the team that we want to be, to have the end that we want to have. It wasn't 'Hey, we're happy where we're at' — it was 'We should be doing better than we are.'"

Riverton had the ball to start the second half, and promptly drove down into Red Devil territory. Evanston's defense once again proved its tenacity in the red zone, holding the Wolverines to a field goal.

Evanston's first drive of the second half got off to a promising start, before a fumble gave the Wolverines the ball back with a short field at the Red Devils 45. Evanston's defense forced a fourth-down situation, but on 4th-and-7 from the 30, Riverton's DeVries hit McIntosh for a 30-yard score; with the extra point, the game was tied 20-20 with just over two minutes to play in the third.

The Red Devils began their next drive at their own 33-yard line, with Roberts breaking off a 43-yard run on the first play from scrimmage to get down to the Riverton 25. The drive culminated in a 7-yard touchdown pass from Morrow to Kai Barker, and the Red Devils were back on top, 27-20.

Riverton's offense was on the move again as the fourth quarter started, driving into Red Devil territory. Their momentum was slowed somewhat when Evanston's Cole Robinette and Jesse Page combined for a sack of Wol-

verines' quarterback DeVries, setting up a 3rd-and-long on the Red Devils' 25-yard line. Undeterred, DeVries found his favorite target yet again, hooking up with McIntosh over the middle for his third touchdown catch of the night, and bringing the game back to even at 27-27.

A nice return by Hutchinson on the ensuing kickoff had the Red Devils starting at their own 28, with just over six minutes to play. Back-to-back passes to Kai Barker and Roberts had Evanston in Wolverines territory, and facing a 3rd-and-goal from the 17. Morrow rolled right and fired a strike to Drew Barker in the end zone, who went up and over a defender to make the grab.

"That was just a great play call by Coach Barker," Morrow said. "We had hit that play a couple times previous that game, and knew we could find an open man. When I saw the three strong-side routes [covered], Drew just waved his arm at me that he was open, and I threw it and that play ultimately won us the game." Barker agreed.

"I just knew to do my job the best I could, which in that case was running hard on the back side," he said. "I tried to find a window, and Cohen made a great throw."

For his part, coach Moore admitted he thought it might not work, but was pleased with the outcome.

"I thought maybe Cohen threw that pass a little late," Moore said, laughing. "I saw Drew come open across there, and he did a great job of going up and snagging it over that Riverton kid's fingertips. That was a bigtime play, for sure."

Mendez's point-after made it 34-27, though Riverton still had 3:08 to work with.

The Red Devils' defense — playing like the unit coaches and fans expected them to be at the beginning of the season — came out the next series determined to slam the door for good. Riverton quickly



Red Devil linebacker Brady Roberts brings down a Riverton ball carrier during Friday's 34-27 win at Kay Fackrell Stadium. Roberts also ran for 138 yards on offense during the game. (HERALD PHOTO/Don Cogger)

picked up a pair of first downs, and moved the ball into Red Devils' territory at the 43. A holding penalty backed the Wolverines back across the 50-yard line, and after a 3rd-down pass play was broken up by Evanston defensive back Michael Kopp, Riverton was forced to go for it on fourth down to keep their scoring chances alive.

Facing a 4th-and-12 with just over a minute to play in regulation, DeVries called his own number on a quarterback draw, and seemed to find an opening in the defense. Robinette — injured earlier in the series, but back on the field for this play — met DeVries just past the line of scrimmage, dropping the quarterback in his tracks, and securing the win for the Red Devils.

Evanston was able to run out the clock in the victory formation, and the first win of the Steve Moore era was in the books, 34-17.

"It's pretty exciting, to get that first win," Moore said. "I'm happy for the kids, happy to see the smiles on their faces. But we're definitely not satisfied. It's a great win, it's a first win. But we have bigger goals."

Morrow had perhaps his best day under center for the Red Devils, completing 15 of 19 passes for 186 yards and three touchdowns; he also ran for a 69-yard touchdown. Drew Barker was on the receiving end of two of those touchdowns, catching two passes for 27 yards, including the gamewinner. Kai Barker was Morrow's favorite target on the day, hauling in seven passes for 99 yards and a touchdown. Roberts, Mendez

and Sims caught two passes apiece, for 24, 18 and 18 yards, respectively.

"I think Cohen — as far as throwing the ball — that was his best game for us at quarterback," Moore said. "He even checked us out of some things, which we've been coaching him up to do. He played really well. I mean, 15-for-19, and I think we had two drops in there, so it could have been even better. For high school football, that's very efficient. Coach [Roy] Barker called a good game, keeping Riverton on their heels, putting us in second and short quite often. When you can do that, your playbook is wide open, and that's an advantage."

Brady Roberts led the charge on the ground, going over the century mark for the first time this season, grinding out 138 yards on 23 carries. Gabe Hutchinson followed with 53 yards and a touchdown on seven carries, while Morrow finished with 68 yards on three carries.

"That win met a ton," Morrow said. "First, it showed us that we can come out each and every week to play against these teams and win. Second, it showed that we have something special going on within our team."

Defensively, six Red Devils finished in double figures, led by Kai Barker with 19 defensive points (10 tackles, two passes defended). Roberts followed with 16.5 points (10 tackles, forced fumble), while Morrow finished with 12.5 points, including 1.5 tackles for loss and one pass broken up. Drew Barker tallied 11 points, including the game's only interception, while Aiden

Liechty and Braunson Sims finished with 10 points apiece. Cole Robinette and Jesse Page combined for the team's only sack on DeVries; Robinette finished with 9.5 defensive points.

"We've been preaching 'Bend, don't break' on defense, and that's what we did on Friday," Moore said. "We're going to give up plays in front of us — it's those plays over the top of us that have been our nemesis this year. But there's no quit in our kids — we just need to stop those big plays. But we're getting there."

The Red Devils will welcome back a familiar face Friday, as former head coach Jim Burton brings his 0-3 Lander Tigers to town to square off against his former team. Moore said it should be an exciting game.

"It will be good to see coach Burton again," Moore said. "It's going to be another battle — we obviously know what they're going to do offensively, to a certain degree. He may have a few wrinkles for us, but I'm sure we'll have an idea of what they're going to hang their hat on. And they do a pretty good job at it, so we have to be disciplined, read our keys and do our job with that option offense."

Drew Barker agreed with his coach's assessment.

"This next week is a very big, fun week," he said. "I think it is very important to win to show a changed culture, which is something our coaches have been emphasizing. Getting a win would also be huge for our confidence and expectation to win the rest of the year."




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Bear River watershed field tour highlights local restoration projects

By Kayne Pyatt
Uinta County Herald

UINTA COUNTY — A dozen people — including congressional representatives from Sen. Cynthia Lummis' and Sen. John Barasso's offices — attended a field tour of the Bear River watershed conservation projects on Friday, Aug. 18. The tour began at 8 a.m. and ended with a picnic hosted by Upper Bear River Trout Unlimited at 1 p.m. at Hamblin Park.

Those attending included Michael Fiorelli and Jim DeRito from Trout Unlimited; Dave Kimble, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Brett Carlson with Iron Horse Construction; Adrian Hunolt, landowner and irrigator; Kerri Sabey, Uinta County Conservation District; Robert Keith, Wyoming Game and Fish Department; Tori Teegarden, representing Sen. Barasso's office; and Sarah Hale, field representative for Sen. Lummis.

Everyone on the tour was given a handout with photos and summary of the work done on each project so they could follow along as the tour progressed.

The tour began at the Evanston dam where DeRito read a letter to the group from Evanston Public Works Director Gordon Robinson.

"We support the positive environmental impact of this project and are pleased that



Trout Unlimited Fisheries Restoration Coordinator Jim DeRito talks about the restoration project at the Evanston dam on the Bear River, the first stop during a field tour held last month. Also pictured are Brett Carlson of Iron Horse Construction, landowner Adrian Hunolt, Sen. Cynthia Lummis' field representative Sarah Hale and Sen. John Barasso's field representative Tori Teegarden. (UINTA COUNTY HERALD/Kayne Pyatt)

plans have been fulfilled to return the river to its natural stream and to provide better fish and wildlife habitat in the area," the letter states.

Local landowners Wayne and Sherry Unruh joined the tour at the Evanston dam site

where DeRito reviewed the summary of the history of the work done at the area. Unruh complimented the work and said the communication with all involved had been great and he appreciated it.

"Originally, there was

a 100-foot long, 5-foot tall full-span concrete dam here that served as the city of Evanston's water supply diversion, and it was failing," DeRito said. "The dam also created a barrier for fish migration, including the Bon-

neville cutthroat trout and bluehead sucker. Culinary water was diverted at the dam by several landowners. Upstream of the Evanston dam, the Myers ditch irrigation diversion required annual maintenance and push-up dams and the headgate needed replacing."

Culinary wells had been drilled or improved for five homes in 2020 and 2021 and, in 2022, the river was realigned to the west around the dam. The dam walls were demolished, and the dam sill was buried.

About 2,140 feet of river was realigned with 600 feet of toe wood, two cross-channel rock J-hooks, and nine boulder-constructed riffles. A new headgate, sediment sluice and large rock diversion structure were installed for the Myers ditch, eliminating the need for the annual construction of a push-up dam, improving operation and maintenance.

"Removing the dam was a good option for habitat and for all involved," DeRito said. "This is a multi-channel approach and the use of wood on the banks is better than concrete banks, which stops the river's natural flow and spread. You want the

river water to spread over the roller banks, which helps habitat and fish flow. The best thing is to give a river room to flow."

Kimble said natural vegetation would take over in several years, and the realignment will last for a long time. He said that, with the dam, the culinary water had not been good for the landowners along the river and, from a habitat perspective, the trees, shrubs and toe wood along the banks will stop erosion and be a benefit to wildlife. He said the restoration engineers were specialized and skilled at planning for the high and low flow of the river.

Kimble explained it is called "toe wood" as it is placed at the bottom of the slope and the water can flow under it. Burlap and wood stakes hold it in, and it creates a way for the water to flow naturally.

"This has been a six-year project," Kimble said. "Planning started in 2012. We have a total of 12 projects of this same scale left to do."

The Evanston dam realignment project was one of the first infrastructure projects completed with bi-

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Landowner Wayne Unruh thanks Trout Unlimited, Jim DeRito and others for the good communication they provided to landowners during recent construction projects. Also pictured is Tori Teegarden, a field representative for U.S. Sen. John Barasso. (UINTA COUNTY HERALD/Kayne Pyatt)



The completed realignment of the Bear River is pictured following removal of the Evanston dam and the addition of rocks to redirect the river and creating a channel for the irrigation canal. (UINTA COUNTY HERALD/Kayne Pyatt)

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Continuing a family tradition

Nick Small shares love of hunting with three sons

By Don Cogger
Herald Sports Editor

EVANSTON—Evanston resident Nick Small always knew his love of hunting was something he'd eventually want to pass along to his kids. Some of his favorite memories of his childhood involve the outdoors, and that love for wide open spaces hasn't diminished over the years.

"Since the time I could walk, I'd be out hunting with my grandfather and father," Small said. "The outdoors is probably my favorite place to be, and anything associated with it, my favorite hobby, outside of coaching. I take September and October for myself every year, kind of step away from coaching as much as possible — it's my two months to rejuvenate and enjoy the outdoors. I love taking kids and new hunters out, and showing them what the outdoors has to offer."

Small — the head coach of the Evanston Outlaws baseball team, as well as a youth wrestling coach — has been able to

pass his love of the outdoors and hunting down to his three sons, Walker Wilson, Ryder Wilson and Gunnar Small. Walker — a 2023 graduate of Evanston High School and a freshman at the University of Wyoming, and Ryder, a senior at EHS — had the opportunity of a lifetime last November, a chance to hunt trophy elk on the National Elk Refuge in Jackson Hole.

Created in 1912 to provide sanctuary for one of the largest elk herds, the National Elk Refuge covers nearly 25,000 acres of U.S. Fish and Wildlife land in Teton County. As part of the herd management system, Wyoming Game and Fish holds a three-day youth-only hunt for hunters ages 12-17, with a limited number of tags allocated.

"We were up in Jackson last Thanksgiving, for the National Elk Refuge youth hunt," Small said. "We've been up there one other time — Ryder had a tag the previous year. Walker and Ryder both had a tag last year. It's a pretty cool opportunity for the youth to



Walker Wilson and Nick Small pose with Walker's impressive bull elk, taken last Thanksgiving on the National Elk Refuge in Jackson Hole. Walker and his brother Ryder both drew and filled tags last year. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Ryder Wilson poses with his trophy bull elk, taken on Thanksgiving Day last year on the National Elk Refuge outside of Jackson Hole. (COURTESY PHOTO)



Outlaws head coach Nick Small talks strategy with Ryder Wilson (far left), Walker Wilson and Gunnar Small during a game earlier this summer. Small has passed along his love of the outdoors and hunting to all three of his sons. (HERALD FILE PHOTO/Don Cogger)

go out and hunt a trophy-class bull elk. It's a pretty special tag to draw — both boys were very excited when they drew the tags. The weather cooperated — which isn't always the case — and there was an abundance of elk on the refuge."

As evidenced by the photos, both Walker and Ryder filled their tags with impressive bulls, and with time to spare.

"We actually only hunted two of the three days," Small said. "Ryder was successful on Thanksgiving afternoon, and Walker was able to fill his tag on Friday."

"It was awesome, living vicariously through them," Small added. "Seeing the opportunities these kids had, to see the excitement, the enjoyment — it's a lifetime memory, and a great way to continue the tradition of hunting with the family."

Small's youngest son Gunnar is 8 years old, so he's a few years away from going after a trophy elk. But he's been tagging along with his parents and older brothers on hunting trips for years, so when the time comes, he'll be ready.

"You can start hunting in Wyoming when you're 12, so he's got four more years to go," Small said. "We still go out rabbit hunting, and he's in my back pocket every time I go out. Even before he could walk, I had him in the backpack carrier. It's just a

huge family tradition that I'm passing on to my boys."

Asked what he'll remember most about last year's hunt on the National Elk Refuge, Small said sharing in the excitement with Walker and Ryder, and the good-natured arguing that occurs when brothers try to one-up each other.

"Probably how excited both boys were is what I'll always remember," Small said. "When we got both elk loaded in the truck and got back to the hotel, they're bickering, 'Mine's bigger,' 'No, I got the bigger one.' As much as they won't admit it, I know they were both very excited — you talk to those two, and they usually don't have a whole lot to say. But you could see — the next day, Ryder had his elk as his profile picture, and I heard Walker telling stories about the hunt when we got back into the wrestling room. The memories that both of those boys will carry will last a lifetime, and it will be something they'll tell their own kids about."



Nick Small has been bringing his son Gunnar along on hunts for years, though the youngster has a few years yet before he's old enough for a Wyoming hunting license. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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partisan infrastructure law funding nationally. The project was completed in the fall of 2022 and improved fish passage for all species, eliminated a safety hazard and structural liability for the city and provided new culinary water sources for five nearby residences.

A partnership among the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Trout Unlimited, City of Evanston, private landowners, water rights holders and local construction contractors made the completion of the realignment project possible. Iron Horse Construction and B & A Restorations were the contractors for the project.

The second stop on the tour was at the Booth diversion rebuild and restoration project. Water rights holder and rancher Wade Lowham joined the group.

At this site, DeRito explained that a push-up dam of river substrate, concrete slab and other assorted materials was annually constructed by the water user across the entire width of the river to turn the water into the canal. This created a fish passage barrier and created water quality concerns due to 600 tons of sediment pushed into the river each year.

The solution was to use the material from the push-up dam to create new riverbank and a new approach to the canal. Riffles in the river were created with rock and boulders where the river crossed over between the bends. The irrigation diversion was rebuilt, and the Bear River channel was realigned.

Logs and brush were placed on about 700 feet of two upper meander bends, creating deep pools. A large rock cross vane was installed at the upstream end of the canal approach. A series of pools and riffles were created downstream of the new point of diversion to gradually step down the river and provide fish passage.

Lowham said, "This turns the water into the headgate and makes my life a whole lot easier. All I have to do now is open the headgate to irrigate.

No more pushing dirt and making a push-up dam."

Carlson said, "Every time we do something like this and we get a hard winter, I lose sleep. But the toe wood has been key to the success of these projects. We are learning and, overall, we've done well. Wade gets his water, and the river flow is good."

Sabey said they had been studying the results of removing the push-up dam but there was not enough data yet to determine the actual increase in fish.

DeRito said every time they get rid of the sediment issue, the fish can go into the small streams created by the riffles and banks to feed and grow and then return to the main river. Kimble added that when the push-up dams are removed, the fishing gets better.

The last site to be visited was the Sims Creek slough diversion project. This site is closer to residences in north Evanston and the landowners; Lowham Ranch, Hollingshead Ranch and Jay Gee Brothers. Construction will begin on this site in 2024 and the design is 60% completed.

The concern with the Bear River adjacent to the Sims Creek slough diversion is an unstable, aggrading stream where sediment supply and stream power are out of balance. This imbalance has led to rapid channel migration, resulting in land loss for private landowners and excessive sediment being added into the Bear River.

Also, a riverwide push-up dam has to be installed into the river each year to divert water into the canal. It is estimated that bank erosion and the creation of the push-up dam has contributed 752 tons of sediment annually. The push-up dam and bank erosion in this area have contributed to the Bear River being listed on the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality list for suspended sediment.

The push-up dam also creates a barrier for migration of native fish species including the Bonneville cutthroat trout and bluehead sucker, which are considered species of



Pictured is the current dam created by landowners to direct water into canals at the Sims Creek slough along the Bear River. A diversion dam will be built in 2024 using the same methods that were used at the Evanston dam project. (UINTA COUNTY HERALD/Kayne Pyatt)

greatest conservation need by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

The proposal is to rebuild the diversion dam and create a permanent solution that will be fish-passable at all flows and to restore 11,700 feet of streambank using natural channel design techniques.

The intent is to use toe wood to stabilize the banks, rock J-hooks, and cross vanes which will help protect the riverbanks while also returning the river back to a natural state. When construction is completed, natural vegetation will be planted in the construction area.

"Eventually, this site will look more like the Booth diversion we just left," Kimble said. "Fish need a variety of habitat and the way this site is, it does not provide that. We hope to begin in 2024 and it may take a couple of years to complete. The weather in April is a factor as to when we can start."

Trout Unlimited has been working on restoration efforts in the Bear River Watershed for nearly two decades. The entire watershed comprises approximately 7,500 square miles and crosses state bound-



Pictured is the canal at the Sims Creek slough diversion project. (UINTA COUNTY HERALD/Kayne Pyatt)

aries five times on its journey to the Great Salt Lake. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), along with critical funding from the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are supporting conservation projects throughout the watershed.

Upper Bear River Proj-

ect Manager Mike Fiorelli summed up the tour with these words to the *Uinta County Herald*, "I think the tour was an excellent opportunity to see the number of partnerships that must be created to get something like a diversion rebuild completed. Trout Unlimited wouldn't be able to finish projects without the cooperation of

private landowners, state and federal agencies, local conservation districts, contractors and nonprofit organizations. These projects provide direct benefit to the local communities by improving water quality, providing jobs, improving agricultural operations, and creating improved habitats for fish and wildlife species."



The field tour ends the morning with a picnic at Hamblin Park in Evanston. Officials and landowners toured the Bear River watershed projects last month. Pictured are Jim DeRito, Rick Slagowski, Brett Carlson, Robert Keith, Kerri Sabey, Tori Teegarden, Sarah Hale, Dave Kimble, Michael Fiorelli and Adrian Hunolt. (UINTA COUNTY HERALD/Kayne Pyatt)

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Here are some great ideas for game meat

By Jamie Durrant
 Uinta County Herald

I was recently scrolling on Facebook and on one of the many hunting pages that I follow, someone had posted a question asking what they can cook using venison? My first thought was, what can't you cook with venison? Eighty percent of the meals I cook are cooked with either venison or elk meat. I use it just like anyone else uses beef.

For example, tacos or chili are my absolute favorite uses of venison and elk is just good with everything! These two recipes are family favorites and they are part of our regular rotation of meals.

First, venison bacon-wrapped mini meatloaf — these turn out moist and delicious every time and I do not add any additional fat to our venison. Second, bacon cheese elk burger pizza — and this may be my all-time favorite pizza. Everything about this pizza is so good!

Add whatever toppings you like to make it more your style of a cheeseburger. I highly suggest smoking either of these recipes on the smoker if you have one. Happy hunting and enjoy!

Venison Bacon Wrapped Mini Meatloaf

- 1 medium onion diced
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 1/2 pounds ground venison
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup stuffing, crushed
- 1/2-1 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 6 bacon slices
- Topping:
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon spicy brown mustard
- 1/2 cup fried onion pieces

Preheat oven or grill to 350 degrees. Line a baking sheet with foil for easy clean up.

Melt butter in sauté pan over medium heat. Cook onions until fragrant and golden brown while stirring occasionally, about 3-5 minutes. Reduce heat to low and add garlic, cook for 2-3 minutes. Remove from heat.

In large bowl, combine ground venison, egg, stuffing crumbs, milk, Worcestershire sauce, thyme, and cooked onions and garlic. Use hands to mix well, but try not to overwork the meat. Divide into six equal-sized portions and shape into disks. Wrap bacon slices around the edge of disks.

In a separate bowl, combine ketchup with mustard and brown sugar. Divide equally and spread over the tops of the mini meatloaves. Sprinkle tops with crispy fried onions. Bake in preheated oven or grill until bacon is just golden and the center of the meatloaves is 165 degrees, about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Bacon Cheese Elk Burger Pizza

- Your favorite pizza dough recipe or crust
- 1/2 lb ground elk
- 1/3 cup diced red onion
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 lb bacon, cut into small pieces
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup prepared mustard
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon dill relish
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- Dill pickle slices for topping

Preheat oven to 400 and spray a pizza pan with cooking spray. In a large skillet, brown the ground elk and onion. Drain. Add the Worcestershire, salt and pepper to taste. Set aside. In a separate skillet, cook the bacon until done. Let it cool.

Press the pizza dough into the pizza pan. In a small bowl, add the ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, and relish and mix well. Spread the sauce on the pizza dough evenly. Sprinkle on half of the cheese. Sprinkle on the elk mixture and bacon.

Top with remaining cheese, red onions and then pickles. Bake for 12-14 minutes or until cheese has melted and crust is golden brown. Slice and serve.



Bacon cheese elk burger pizza (above) and venison bacon-wrapped mini meatloaves (below) are a couple of fun and delicious ideas for game meat. (UINTA COUNTY HERALD/Jamie Durrant)



How to field dress wild game properly and safely

From Metro Creative Connection

Fishing and hunting are popular outdoor activities. Many outdoor enthusiasts engage in angling or hunting so they can have trophies to put up on their walls. Others rely on hunting and fishing for supplemental food sources. Game animals will have to be cleaned and processed properly whether they're headed to the dinner table or to the taxidermist.

Pathogen contamination is one of the biggest risks when field dressing an animal. As with any animal, game can contain harmful bacteria, such as salmonella and strains of E. coli. Other animals, such as wild hogs, can infect people with a flu-like illness called brucellosis, which can be caught through contact with blood, fluid or tissue of an infected hog. Deer, elk and moose also may have chronic wasting disease, or CWD. Although there is no evidence that links CWD to human illness, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises caution.

Proper field dressing techniques and game transport can help reduce the risk of pathogenic contamination. Here are some tips for getting started, courtesy of Penn State and the CDC.

- Wear safety gear. When handling any game animals, protect yourself with rubber gloves. This will prevent the blood and fluids from the game animal from getting on your skin. Eye protection is also advised when handling carcasses.
- Work quickly. The elapsed time from when the animal is downed until it is processed can affect the safety and the quality of the meat if it will be consumed, according to Martin Bucknavage, food safety extension associate in the Penn State Department of Food Science. Field dress as soon as possible to ensure rapid loss of the animal's body heat, to prevent surface bacteria from growing and to preserve the quality of the meat. Eviscerate the animal to help the carcass dissipate heat and remove the internal organs, where spoilage tends to occur more quickly.
- Watch out for internal organs. Avoid cutting into internal organs, especially the intestines, where the largest amount of bad bacteria tend to reside.



Proper field dressing techniques and game transport can help reduce the risk of pathogenic contamination. (COURTESY PHOTO)

- Chill the carcass. Deterioration will occur more quickly in temperatures greater than 40 F. Therefore, insert plastic bags of ice or snow into the body cavity of the animal to keep the carcass chilled. Move the carcass into a cooler or refrigerator as soon as possible after field dress.
 - Choose tools wisely. Use clean, sharp knives when field dressing and butchering to make it easier to cut through and process the carcass. Use clean water, premoistened wipes or alcohol wipes to clean the knife frequently between cuts to prevent bacterial contamination.
 - Hang game by hind legs. Hang the animal by its hind legs with its head down when aging or butchering. This prevents brain and spinal fluids from contacting the meat.
- Most importantly during field dress, if any of the internal organs smell or look offensive, or if there is oddly colored discharge, do not consume the meat. Hunters and anglers are advised to learn more about field dress techniques to hone their skills. Speak with local fish and game officials about nearby courses.

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