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## Home Plate Championship Celebration



DAILY NEWS/Ryan Mitchel Collins

It was a celebration pile at home plate when the Worland Little League 10-U won the Wyoming Cal Ripken State 10-U Tournament on their home field, Newell Sargent Park, Sunday morning. See page 6 for more on the championship. Worland defeated Buffalo for the title.

## Physician's attorney files answer to wrongful death lawsuit

### Death listed as 'undetermined' in autopsy

By Zach Spadt  
Staff Writer

WORLAND — A response has been filed in connection with a wrongful death lawsuit filed last month.

Cheyenne-based attorney, George E. Powers, issued an answer on behalf of Worland physician, Dr. Edward Zimmerman.

The response is regarding a wrongful death lawsuit which was filed last month in connection to the death of Worland teacher Kevin R. Anderson. The original suit alleges that Zimmerman caused Anderson's death by causing him to overdose on hydromorphone, a pain management medication. The suit further alleges that Zimmerman failed to recognize the signs of hydromorphone overdose including drowsiness and trouble standing. Plaintiff's attorneys allege that Zimmerman is further

responsible for Anderson's death as he allegedly did not properly monitor him.

In the answer, the defense acknowledges that Zimmerman was the attending emergency room physician during the night of July 19 and early morning hours of July 20, 2013, the same time Anderson visited the Washakie Medical Center emergency room. Anderson died July 20, 2013.

The response, however, states that Zimmerman is not in any way responsible for Anderson's death.

Individual allegations are addressed in the response with a blanket statement.

"Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in (...) of Plaintiff's Complaint to the extent that they misstate or omit relevant information from the records relating to the omission."

According to the response, Anderson's death is listed as "undetermined per autopsy." Dr. Thomas L. Bennett of Billings, Mont., performed the autopsy and "found no significant drug or toxin to explain (Anderson's) death," the response alleges.

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## Campers overstaying their welcome on Bighorn National Forest; limit is 14 days

By Karla Pomeroy  
Editor

WORLAND — Long-term dispersed camping on the Bighorn National Forest continues to be an issue for Forest Service officials.

Bighorn National Forest Service spokesperson Suzie Douglas said, "It's been a problem here for a long time, we hear from locals, from travelers." She said most recently, a disgruntled traveler, frustrated with not being able to find a camping spot, emailed an area newspaper.

Douglas said the email said the travelers just wanted to "camp on your forest for a night or two," but they were unable to because there were "so many trailers in the good spots and there's no one there."

Douglas said that's the issue. The Forest Service has a 14-day limit for campgrounds and dispersed camping, but many people just leave their campers for the summer. Some leave them and come back every now and then and move them every 14 days, she said.

The 14-day stay limit is hard to enforce, Douglas said, noting that the Forest Service's recreation employees are patrolling the forest every day. "It's hard to keep track" of when people arrive in a camping spot and if they have been there within the last 24 or 48 hours.

Another issue, she said is the fine is \$125. She said for many campers it is cheaper to pay the fine than to haul the trailer down and back.

Douglas said there is a storage area for people to store campers long term, but it is underutilized. There are also two campgrounds on the Powder River District where campers can stay for 30 days.

"We have to share it. We're a multiple use agency," Douglas said.

Other issues the Forest Service is encountering is people who have pack and camp stock and build temporary fences or corrals, which causes resource damage.

"You also have to wonder about their holding tanks if the RVs

have been there that long," Douglas said, noting the Forest Service has received reports of people digging holes to dump their tanks. "Eventually that gets to water somewhere. That's a health issue," she said.

The camping issues are widespread on the forest, Douglas said, and not specific to any one district.

"We're heavily into education and information. We want people to come and enjoy the Bighorns. The forest belongs to everyone not just a few. We want people to accommodate the rules and regulations without us having to create more rules and regulations," she said.

One of the issues on the Bighorns for the popularity and the increase in usage is that the Bighorn National Forest is "very accessible. We have a lot of roads and big open meadows, that's why we see more campers than the other forests around us. "We're easy to get to," she said, adding that the Bighorn National Forest is located between Mount Rushmore and Yellowstone.

"More people means more users and that means more impacts," Douglas said.

Neighboring Shoshone National Forest has more wilderness and more steep country that is not accessible with a trailer. "They have grizzly bears. People in Park County come here because they don't have to worry about grizzlies. We have black bears but grizzlies adds a level of complexity and people don't want to deal with it," Douglas said.

Douglas said in addition to encouraging forest users to obey the rules and regulations regarding the stay limit, she also reminds them to be mindful of campfires.

"Our fire danger is moderate still, but it is trending toward high. Its hot and dry," Douglas said, adding that the next hot dry windy day the Forest Service doesn't want an unintended fire getting ignited and starting a forest fire.

"Unintentional wildfires is something we'd like to avoid," she said.



## Farmers Market Underway



DAILY NEWS/Karla Pomeroy

Worland jewelry maker Patsy Brost helps Stephan Dooley pick out a necklace at Saturday's Washakie Farmers Market at Ninth and Big Horn in Worland. The market features homegrown vegetables and other produce, along with baked goods and homemade items such as jewelry and soap. Brost said she makes some of her jewelry pieces from broken pieces. "At 83 it gives me something to do," Brost said.

## Wyoming economy impacted by drop in oil and gas prices; diverse counties remain stable

CHEYENNE (AP) — Wyoming's economy is showing signs of the drop in oil and gas prices, according to a new report by the state's Economic Analysis Division.

But the same report notes that those counties that don't rely as heavily on the energy industry remained fairly stable, seeing modest year-over-year growth for the quarter.

The report written by state economist Wenlin Liu focuses mainly on the changes from the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015.

Liu said that while nearly every job sector in Wyoming saw

year-over-year growth and state unemployment has dropped to 4 percent, mining was the one big exception.

That job sector saw a 2.4 percent drop in employment, equating to about 660 jobs.

"The simple reason was a dramatic decline in drilling rigs for oil and natural gas," Liu told the Wyoming Tribune Eagle. "It's not only oil prices, but natural gas prices too. And that's directly affecting Wyoming's economy."

Only one other job sector saw year-over-year declines in employment, and that was "other services," which cover a wide and disparate range of professions.

Employment there fell 2.8 percent, shedding about 270 jobs.

In Wyoming's case, Liu said the "other services" sector includes services that he believes are linked to the energy sector, which would help to explain the decline.

"Lots of these are repair and maintenance services — auto repairs, machinery repairs," Liu said. "And those are also related to the mineral extraction industry."

Aside from government, which was effectively flat, all other job sectors saw modest growth over the previous year.

Financial activities, wholesale trade, transportation/utilities and professional/business services saw

the largest proportional increases, with each having between 3 and 3.4 percent employment growth. In terms of sheer numbers of jobs, professional/business services added the most with 570; construction was just behind at 550.

Overall, Liu said, personal income grew 4.1 percent over the previous year, though the increase in earnings also varied by job sector.

Wholesale trade earnings grew 13 percent, for example, while mining industry earnings only edged up 0.3 percent.

Perhaps the biggest takeaway from Liu's report is the change in taxable sales across Wyoming

since the first quarter of 2014. Overall, taxable sales totaled \$4.3 billion in the first quarter of 2015, a 2.1 percent decline from the same period in 2014, Liu said.

But the change in taxable sales varied widely at the county level. Counties that are more heavily dependent on oil and gas extraction saw much larger declines, with Niobrara County's taxable sales dropping 52.3 percent year over year.

"Decreases occurred in the majority of economic industries, with the largest contraction in the mining sector," Liu said. "That contributed nearly all of the total decrease for the quarter."

Those declines were lower but still present elsewhere, including a 14.7 percent drop in Carbon County, 12.1 percent in Sublette County and 9.6 percent in Fremont County.

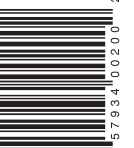
"Hopefully these counties enjoyed the boom, and for budgeting purposes they don't spend all their money when it booms," Liu said. "In Wyoming's economy, these ups and downs are going to happen."

But several counties with more diverse or tourism-based economies actually saw improvement in their taxable sales numbers. Teton County, for example, saw a 6.4 percent jump; Albany County rose 8.8 percent.

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# Lawsuit answer

The original complaint alleged that Anderson could not stand under his own power after being administered hydromorphone and had to leave the emergency room in a wheelchair, a sign of hydromorphone overdose, according to the complaint.

Anderson was found dead by his wife, Stephanie Anderson (who is named as Anderson's wrong-

ful death representative) the next morning.

Donna Clothier was the registered nurse who also treated Anderson. She, along with Banner Health, is also named in the suit as she allegedly ignored the signs of hydromorphone overdose. Attorneys for Clothier and Banner have not released a response as of Monday.

## Death Notice

### Ray Martinez

Ray Martinez, 41, of Socorro, Texas, and formerly of Worland, died on July 7, 2015 in Socorro.

A graveside funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 16, in Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Worland.

### Gurney Hugh McLean

Gurney Hugh McLean, 75, died Saturday, July 11, 2015, at his residence in Thermopolis.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, July 17, 2015, at the First Baptist Church.

## Circuit Court

### Washakie County Circuit Court report for the week of July 6 - 10:

• July 6. James Randall Kirst of Rapid City, S.D. Speeding in a construction zone while operating a vehicle in excess of 26,000 pounds, \$500.

• July 6. George Daniel Nitchman of Worland. No seat belt, driver, \$25.

• July 6. Michael E. Chavannes of Menomonee Falls, Wis. Speeding in a construction zone, \$125.

• July 6. Andrea M. Weatherford of Savage, Minn. Speeding, \$78.

• July 6. Rae M. Corlis of Lovell. No child restraints, first offense, \$55; no child restraints, second offense, \$105.

• July 6. Travis A. England of Cotton Heights, Utah. Speeding in a construction zone, \$90.

• July 6. Teresa I. Hermann of Lagrange, Ill. Speeding, \$75.

• July 6. Benjamin J. Kirster of Riverton. Speeding, \$70.

• July 6. Max E. Longtine of Billings, Mont. Speeding in a construction zone, \$85.

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• July 6. Nathan Berryman of Pensacola, Fla. Speeding \$87.

• July 7. Michael A. Wood of Ardmore, Okla. Speeding, \$113.

• July 7. Linda F. Bliss of Plymouth, Minn. Speeding in a construction zone, \$120.

• July 7. Michele H. Blackmore of Pittsburgh. Speeding, \$82.

• July 8. Kyle W. Inmon of Oklahoma City. Speeding, \$78.

• July 8. Heather B. Bromberg of Buffalo. Speeding, \$78.

• July 8. John Clifford Greco of Worland. Brakes out of adjustment, \$60.

• July 9. Tamara J. Cerepanya of Worland. No seat belt, driver, \$25.

• July 9. Lucas A. Vaughn of Cody. Speeding, \$108.

• July 10. Scott A. Jawors of Buffalo. Speeding, \$92.

• July 10. Shirley E. Gebhard of Cody. Speeding, \$60.

## VITALS & WEATHER

### BIRTHS

None Reported.

### DEATHS

• July 7, Ray Martinez, 41, died in Socorro, Texas.

• July 11. Gurney Hugh McLean, 75, died in Thermopolis.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

• July 9. License issued to Mitchell Sullivan Aagard and Gabriella Nicole Vann.

### DIVORCE ACTIONS

None Reported.

### AMBULANCE CALLS

• July 11 5:42 a.m. Bee Hive Homes.  
• July 11 3:22 p.m. Worland Health-care and Rehab.  
• July 12 1:16 a.m. S. 16th St.  
• July 13 12:08 a.m. Culbertson Ave.  
• July 13 5:32 a.m. Morgan Ave.

### FIRE CALLS

• July 12 2:35 p.m. West River Rd. Controlled weed burn got out of hand.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Law Enforcement report for July 10 - 13:  
• July 10 2:04 p.m. U.S. 16 MP 13. Citation issued.  
• July 10 2:46 p.m. Law enforcement center. Harassment reported.  
• July 10 3:59 p.m. U.S. 16 MP 15. Citation issued.  
• July 10 5:06 p.m. Big Horn Ave. Suspicious vehicle reported.  
• July 10 10:07. Washakie Ave. Suspicious vehicle reported.  
• July 11 5:54 a.m. Pony Express, Ten Sleep. Accident reported.  
• July 11 2:48 p.m. Tyrell Chance Laplante arrested on a warrant.  
• July 11 3:36 p.m. Cynthia Fabela arrested on a warrant.  
• July 11 3:41 p.m. U.S. 16. Suspicious incident reported.  
• July 11 4:17 p.m. Lower Nowood Rd. MP 15. Citation issued.  
• July 11 8:30 p.m. S. U.S. 20. Anthony Haire arrested on a warrant.  
• July 12 12:54 a.m. U.S. 20 MP 162. Citation issued.  
• July 12 2:33 a.m. Reese and Ray's IGA. Suspicious vehicle reported.  
• July 12 2:40 a.m. Big Horn Ave. Suspicious incident reported.  
• July 12 3:58 a.m. Sage Crossing. Property destruction reported.  
• July 12 3:35 p.m. U.S. Citation is-

sued.  
• July 12 4:27 p.m. Law enforcement center. Harassment reported.  
• July 12 10:47 p.m. Grace Ave. Property destruction reported.  
• July 12 11:50 p.m. Robertson Ave. Suspicious incident reported.

### WEATHER

Worland temperatures: High 93, Low 53 Precipitation: 0.00  
**Tuesday:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms after noon. Some of the storms could produce small hail and gusty winds. Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. Light and variable wind becoming northwest 8 to 13 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.  
**Tuesday Night:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Some of the storms could produce small hail and gusty winds. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. Northeast wind 5 to 8 mph becoming west after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.  
**Wednesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Some of the storms could produce small hail and gusty winds. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. Calm wind becoming north northeast 5 to 8 mph in the afternoon.  
**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. West wind 5 to 10 mph.  
**Thursday:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.  
**Thursday Night:** A 40 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 12. North northwest wind between 7 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph.  
**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 91.  
**TEMPERATURES**  
Greybull 93 57 Cheyenne 86 62  
Casper 92 50 Cody 84 57  
Lander 90 57 Laramie 82 50  
R.Springs 86 54 Sheridan 89 54  
Sunset tonight: 8:54 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow: 5:43 a.m.

## LOTTERY

Winning Numbers for July 13  
Cowboy Draw  
13 17 27 20 43



## Devon Energy Shows Generosity to Ten Sleep Fire Department



COURTESY/Devon Energy

A recent donation of \$8,000 from Devon Energy will help the Ten Sleep Fire Department rebuild after the fire that destroyed its station and all five of its fire engines (seen in the background). This year Devon will give a total of \$42,500 to emergency responders across Wyoming. "Devon is committed to supporting emergency responders - the men and women who provide some of the most essential services that protect and serve our communities," said Bill Skelton, production senior superintendent for Devon Energy. Pictured are (l-r) Bill Skelton with Devon Energy; Ten Sleep Fire Chief Norman Mullis; and Robb Thiel, and Alice Emerson, Devon Energy Worland Field Office employees.

## Wyoming

### Casper police shoot, kill person while serving warrant

CASPER (AP) — Casper police say they shot and killed a 27-year-old man while serving a search warrant.

Police are not releasing the identity of the man or the officer or officers involved in the shooting Sunday evening.

The Casper Star-Tribune reported Monday that the number of officers who fired shots also wasn't known.

Denise Mestas, who lives across the street from the house, said she heard four or five gunshots at around 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

The department asked the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation to examine the shooting.

### Sentencing set for Casper man convicted of attempted murder

CASPER (AP) — Sentencing has been set for a Casper man accused of shooting another man at Riverview Park.

The Casper Star-Tribune reports 36-year-old Zechariah Jones will face a judge July 22 in Natrona County District Court. Jones was found guilty in April of attempted second-degree murder and aggravated assault and battery.

On Aug. 24, Jones shot Zachary Albrecht in the chest at Riverview Park, on Casper's north side.

Authorities have said the two men met at the park following a phone call in which Jones told Albrecht's girlfriend that Albrecht was talking to other women.

Albrecht testified at trial that Jones pointed a gun at him and fired.

Jones has maintained that he was present during the shooting but that Albrecht's girlfriend was the one who pulled the trigger.

### Paving closes Yellowstone Park parking lots

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK (AP) — Several parking lots in Yellowstone National Park will be closed this week so crews can pave them.

Yellowstone has received \$3.2 million from a National Park Service program for improving parking lots over two years.

This year, about half of the 5.2 million square feet of deteriorating parking lots in the park will be improved. The parking areas will be leveled, resurfaced and striped.

The following 24-hour closures will be in effect this week: Artist Point starting at 7 a.m. Wednesday; Inspiration Point starting at 7 a.m. Thursday; and Midway Geyser starting at 7 a.m. Friday.

The closure dates are subject to delays due to weather.

The Old Faithful, Upper and Lower Geyser, Uncle Tom's and Wapiti Lake parking lots have already been completed this year.

### Man in Natrona County charged with child abuse

CASPER (AP) — A 32-year-old Evansville man has been accused of whipping three children with a vacuum cord.

Jorge Serafin has pleaded not guilty to three counts of child abuse in Natrona County District Court.

The Casper Star-Tribune reports that he faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

According to court documents, officers responded to a Casper elementary school in May after school officials observed bruises to the children's arms and backs.

One of the children told authorities his mom's boyfriend whipped him and his brothers with the vacuum cleaner cord because they were taking inappropriate photos on their mom's tablet. He said Serafin had also whipped them with a belt.

Serafin is being held in the Natrona County Detention Center on \$10,000 bond.

### Tribes seek to change name of Devils Tower

DEVILS TOWER NATIONAL MONUMENT (AP) — Chief Arvol Looking Horse travels here, to this formation of igneous rock that juts nearly 900 feet into the sky, to pray.

He prays for peace and harmony. He prays for people to reverse their mistreatment against Mother Earth. He prays for future generations.

But before the spiritual leader with the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota Great Sioux Nation can focus on prayer, he must first pass through the national monument's entrance gate, where park rangers welcome him to Devils Tower. They offer him a map of Devils Tower. In the car he glances at signs pointing to Devils Tower.

That name is offensive, the chief says, and invokes anxiety and anger among American Indians who consider the site sacred. It can interfere with their ceremonies and praying. People need to pray with a good heart and mind — free of drugs and alcohol, with purity, holiness, reverence, respect and no ill will against others, he says.

He is leading the effort, backed by spiritual leaders of 20 tribes and two interfaith groups, to change the name of Devils Tower to Bear Lodge, a place where Sioux have prayed and gathered for spiritual ceremonies for 19 generations, and where other tribes worshipped before them.

Devils Tower is not the name any of the tribes use for the area, he says. There is no equivalent concept in Sioux spirituality of the Christian devil. A tribal resolution in support of the change

argues the Devils Tower moniker "equates cultural and faith traditions practiced at this site to 'devil worship,' in essence equating indigenous people to 'devils.'"

"It almost gives me an anxiety attack," says the chief, who is tall and thin, ties his long hair in a ponytail and answers questions by sharing the teachings of his people. "All the people who come here don't know the energy of the sacred site. I pray people have enough respect to just come here with a good mind."

Although tribes have petitioned the government to change the name since the 1920s, it is now urgent: Sioux prophecies of environmental destruction are coming to fruition, he says.

"This is a very important time in our history," says the chief, who lives on the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota.

He is calling for his people to return to sacred sites, including the tower, to pray. The current name of the tower does not reflect its sacredness and makes it hard for people to visit. It must be changed, he says.

But many in Wyoming say the name change is impractical. Not far from Devils Tower, there are mountains and an area of national forest named Bear Lodge. Changing the name will create confusion and even lead to fewer tourists to the state, they argue.

"Over several decades of trying to build the Wyoming brand, we don't want to get that taken away," says Chris Mickey, spokesman for the Wyoming Office of Tourism. "We've worked so hard to build it up to the point where we are now, the amount of tourism we have and the spending, we are at a record high for visitors and for visitor spending and local and state tax gatherings as well."

Chief Looking Horse has submitted two requests for name changes.

He wrote a letter to President Barack Obama to change the name of the national monument, which would require a presidential executive order or an act of Congress. He has also asked the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to rename the geographic rock and the nearby community, both called Devils Tower.

In early 2016, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, comprised of federal employees who mostly live in the Washington, D.C., area, will decide whether to change the name, based on the tribes' arguments and recommendations from

the Wyoming Board of Geographic Names, which is meeting Nov. 19 to make its decision, based on public opinion, including the opinions of people in Crook County.

### Grizzly bears, wolves killing cattle in western Wyoming

JACKSON (AP) — It hasn't taken long for grizzly bears and wolves to start taking a toll on livestock this summer in the Upper Green River drainage in western Wyoming, livestock producers say.

"We probably started going into our pasture system (with cattle) about the 20th of June," said Albert Sommers, a rancher who heads the Green River Valley Cattlemen's Association and is representative for Wyoming's House District 20.

A neighbor who grazes cattle along the Green River bottom had a "bear kill and a wolf kill before we even got there," Sommers said.

"And I think between then and now — this is a guess — there's been about six to eight bear kills and two wolf kills on us," he told the Jackson Hole News & Guide.

The 323-square-mile public lands rangeland complex in the Upper Green, located about 40 miles east of Jackson, is the largest grazing allotment in the U.S. Forest Service system. In places it spans the entire Bridger-Teton National Forest from north to south.

The region is also the most concentrated portion of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem for grizzly bear conflict. The allotments are the site of about 40 bear-livestock conflicts a year, according to Forest Service documents.

When they kill livestock, bears are typically relocated from the Upper Green or, if they've got a bad record, sometimes removed from the population.

Ten grizzly bears have been killed by wildlife managers since 2012 for depredations in the rangeland.

A limit set by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service allows for no more than 11 grizzly bears to be killed over any three-year period. Last year the limit was reset by Fish and Wildlife, which is managing grizzly bears while they're being protected by the Endangered Species Act.

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# Lifestyles

## 2nd Friday Artstroll celebrates all things western

THERMOPOLIS — Western artists and musicians were featured at the Second-Friday ArtStroll in downtown Thermopolis on July 10.

The featured Western artist was Cindy Clancy. Clancy said, "I love antiques, so the treasures I finds becomes my next 'canvas.'" Considering my deep love for horses, many of my paintings center around horses or western scenes. Horseback riding allows me to see the natural interplay of light and color and shadows. Living in Wyoming gives me great opportunities to photograph old buildings, mountain views, and beautiful scenes on horseback, inspiring some of my favorite landscape paintings. I loves to paint barns and other scenes from everyday rural life."

### Other Artists

Jennifer Taylor was one of the featured western folk artists. According to Taylor In 2009 she wanted to get a few goats and decided on the Toggenburgs and Nubians. Her first milk doe was a Toggenburg/Nubian cross doe which gives about a gallon of

milk a day. In 2012 the goats began giving way more milk than was needed so Jennifer decided to play with the soap making.

"I finally have a product that I love making and using. From the very beginning of the process, kidding season, to the final stage, selling the soap, I truly have fallen in love with what I do and the animals that have made it possible" said Jennifer.

Claudia Augustin was another ArtStroll artist, who has been collecting photos of her travels for many years. According to Augustin, since she has moved to Thermopolis she has been inspired to begin compiling her collection for an ArtStroll exhibit. She has been particularly interested in the artistic effects that are possible in photography with the advent of digital technology. Claudia also does drawings. She is looking forward to working on her art interests.

"Thermopolis is a beautiful place. I planned to retire here, and was pleased to find an active art community." Claudia said.

Flying Eagle Gallery had an

opening reception Friday evening for western artist Dianne Axtell. Dianne's work will be on display the month of July.

According to Axtell, she is a fifth-generation cattle rancher and artist from Thermopolis with painting studios in Denver Colorado and Thermopolis Wyoming. A graduate of The Art Institute of Colorado in Visual Communication, she has studied in several artist studios in Denver but still considers herself very much a beginner on the path. "Painting feels to me very much like connecting to a universal hub of energy which an enormous circle of other painters belong to and being a conduit for energy or communication that often has very little to do with me. I'm just showing up to the palette.

"Nothing has ever stopped me from painting and I credit that to being raised on a Wyoming ranch and learning how to fix fence in the rain. Every rancher out there has that one stretch of fence that's straight uphill clinging to the side of a cliff literally steel driven or post hole dug in

rock by homesteading folks. Yes, you know the one. The stretch of fence that doubles as the rock climbing event of the day, the one the cows aim for. So I just keep painting, we can't quit fixing fence so we shouldn't quit painting either." Axtell said.

Spray paint artist Joe Moon (Storyteller) and his chalk art and graffiti art made an appearance at the ArtStroll.

Other artists this month included Glenda Ramsey, painting/multimedia (Ramsey Gallery); Sallie Wesaw, multi-media (Wesaw Studio); Mona Wilson, Thermopolis, hand-painted country collectibles (Hazel N Pearls); Andrey Linn, spinner and other textile artist Joyce Fletcher and Bernice Balog (WOW Store); Jennie Blakesley (Storyteller) jewelry, and Barbara Clothier (City Rags) mixed media.

Musicians will be playing at several locations during the ArtStroll, including Mike Howland, (Wesaw Studio); Stepheny Butcher (Ramsey Gallery); and Shawn McWilliams & Rick Phipps (City Rags).



DAILY NEWS/ Taylor Maya  
Jennifer Taylor set up her homemade soaps and Young Living essential oils at Owl Graphics in Thermopolis at the Second Friday Art Stroll Friday, July 10.

## Extension Notes

By Phyllis Lewis



**Phyllis Lewis**  
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Nutrition & Food Safety

ing our food. Generally, any recipe that says to pressure can at 10 pounds pressure means that, at our altitude, we should can at 13 pounds pressure.

Unsure of how to adjust the time and pressure? Please come by the Extension Office and I will give you the USDA handout. Also, please be aware that there is a new version, just out this year, from Ball Blue Book.

For those of you who plan to enter your food preservation foods in any of the area fairs, please stop by the Extension Office and get the 'official' form to attach to your entry. It asks for the amount of pressure, time, reference you used, etc. and greatly helps the judge make her decision.

Just a quick reminder that starting tomorrow, Wednesday, July 15, there will be a Farmers Market set up in Shopko's parking lot. This will enable people who plan to be out of town over the weekend to be able to purchase fresh produce to take with them. This is the first year the Farmers Market board has organized a Wednesday evening market and we hope many people take advantage of this opportunity. In the past Mark had a one-man-market at True Value but their parking lot got too small for the volume of people who came. This way, more vendors will also be able to sell their produce on Wednesday night.

For more information about having a booth at either Farmers Market, please call Mark at 388-0708. Booths are 10' x 10' and multiple adjoining booths may be rented, if available. The weekly cost per 10' x 10' booth is \$10 and a booth for a block of 5 weeks is \$40. A season pass per booth is \$80. A smaller size booth (5' x 10') is also available for \$5 per day. Also, please keep in mind that one booth space per market is available for non-profits to use. To reserve your non-profit booth, please call Mark.

Sunday, July 19, has been designated National Ice Cream Day. According to what I read on page 12 of the July 2015 Better Homes and Gardens, "Our expert ice cream sources reveal veggies are in! Spotted at Coolhaus in LA: Blueberry Sweet Corn and Avocado Srirache flavors!" I'm not sure a scoop of vegetable-based ice cream will qualify as a serving of vegetables. What do you think?

Tuesday, July 21, starting at 9 a.m., in the Washakie County Ex-

tension Office's meeting room (aka Learning Center), we will have our Fabric and Fashion/Buymanship, knitting, quilting and crocheting 4-H entries judged. We will start off with the modeling portion and then proceed to the interview judging. If things go as planned, we should be done by noon.

Margie Jackson will be the judge. She was the Family and Consumer Science (aka Home Ec.) teacher in Thermopolis as well as a quilting instructor until she retired. Her clerk will be Rita Farmer, who will be assisted by Angela Leone, our Fabric and Fashion leader. Last week Shealee Donahue taught a modeling workshop and she will be on hand to read the scripts.

In the past we had our Public Style Revue the following Monday evening at the fairgrounds. This year, though, we will have the Style Revue at the Extension Office's meeting room (where the modeling workshop was held and where the judging earlier in the day was held). This will start at 6 p.m. and should be done by 7 p.m., including eating a few treats.

By having the style show in our office, it will take the pressure off people to rush, rush, rush to get to the fairgrounds by 5:15, where it is hot and noisy. Also, by having it on the fairgrounds at 5:15, people had to buy a button. This way, you can come sit in an air-conditioned building where you won't have to hear over a noisy fan and others coming through the building talking in their normal voices. Also, we won't have to rush to be done before pig wrestling starts. To me, this is a very positive change and one I hope you will also appreciate.

Don't forget to attend Relay for Life's "Rewindin' to the 80's" this Friday, July 17, 6 p.m. opening ceremonies, at the Warrior Stadium. This year's Relay has been changed to go only from 6 p.m. to midnight. Virgil Bailey, Rick Phipps, Shaun Nicklas, Sa.m. Torrez, Wil Martin, and Lacey Nelson will provide live music throughout the evening.

For more information please email Cheri Bundren at cbun77@bresnan.net or register at the Worland Health Club or Worland CrossFit or call 347-2255 or 431-5876.

## Eco-friendly pest control in the garden

By Melinda Myers

Spots on tomatoes, holes in hosta leaves and wilting stems mean insects and diseases have moved into the garden. Don't let these intruders reduce the beauty and productivity of your landscape. Work in concert with nature to prevent and control these pests and you will be rewarded with a bountiful harvest and landscape filled with beautiful blooms.

**Monitor.** Take regular walks through the landscape. Not only is it good exercise, but it will improve your mood and you'll discover problems earlier when they are easier to control. Look for discolored leaves, spots, holes and wilting. Inspect the underside of the leaves and along the stems to uncover the cause of the problem.

**Identify.** Once you discover a problem, identify the culprit. Your local extension service, garden center or reliable internet resource can help. Once identified, you can plan the best way to manage the culprit.

**Invite the Good Guys.** Toads, lady beetles and birds help control many garden pests. Attract them to the garden by planting herbs and flowers to attract beneficial insects, adding a house for the toads, and birdbath for songbirds. Avoid using pesticides and learn to tolerate a bit of damage. A few aphids or caterpillars will bring in the ladybeetles, lacewings, birds and toads that are looking for a meal.

**Clean up.** Many insects and diseases can be managed and prevented with a bit of garden cleanup. A strong blast of water from the garden hose will dislodge aphids and mites, reducing their damage to a tolerable level. Or knock leaf-eating beetles and other larger insects off the plants and into a can of soapy water.



COURTESY/ Melinda Myers

**Floating row covers allow air, light and water through, but prevent insects like bean beetles and cabbage worms from reaching and damaging the plants.**

Pick off discolored leaves, prune off diseased stems and destroy. Be sure to disinfect tools with 70% alcohol or one part bleach to nine parts water solution between cuts. This will reduce the risk of spreading the disease when pruning infected plants.

**Adjust care.** Reduce the spread and risk of further problems by adjusting your maintenance strategies. Avoid overhead and nighttime watering that can increase the risk of disease. Use an organic nitrogen fertilizer like Milorganite (milorganite.com) which encourages slow steady growth that is less susceptible to

insect and disease attacks. Mulch the soil with shredded leaves, evergreen needles or woodchips. This will keep roots cool and moist during drought, improve the soil as they decompose, and also prevent soil borne diseases from splashing onto and infecting the plants.

**Non-chemical Controls.** If the problems continue, try some non-chemical options for insects. A yellow bowl filled with soapy water can attract aphids, a shallow can filled with beer and sunk in the ground will manage slugs, and crumpled paper under a flower pot for earwigs are just a few ways to trap and kill these pests.

Or cover the plants with floating row covers. These fabrics allow air, light and water through, but prevent insects like bean beetles and cabbage worms from reaching and damaging the plants.

**Organic products.** Organic products like insecticidal soap, Neem, horticulture oil and Bacillus thuringiensis can be used to control specific pests. And even though these are organic, they are designed to kill insects or disease organisms, so be sure to read and follow label directions carefully.

**Take Note.** Make notes on the problems and solutions in this season's garden. Refer to these next year to help you do a better job of monitoring and managing garden pests. And when shopping for new plants, select the right plant for the location and choose resistant varieties whenever possible.

A little eco-friendly gardening can go a long way in creating a beautiful and productive garden.

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# Opinions

## Captivated by drama in Greece

Like a lot of people, I've been captivated by recent events in Greece. I don't pretend to fully understand the economics of the conflict, but I'm still fascinated by what commentators have been referring to as a Greek drama.

I've wondered why I should be interested in Greece. After all, Worland is several thousands of miles from Athens. Greece is a very small country, and it seems unlikely that the fate of Greece will substantially affect the United States, much less Wyoming, a tiny outpost in the American outback whose economy depends mostly on minerals and agriculture. There are people of Greek descent in and around Worland, though, and I can appreciate their strong personal interest.

Too, our skittish stock market bounces around every time someone in Greece sneezes and that will catch your attention. But I don't think those are the primary reasons for the deep interest. I think it's the drama of the event.

Modern communications provide a people to people immediacy unknown just a few years ago. We all have watched interviews of Greek politicians and of people in the streets of Athens, and you can't help but take sides. I've been disgusted by what I view as opportunistic and dishonest Greek politicians, and disturbed by the heart-rending accounts of everyday Greeks who are suffering from the terrible dysfunction of their economy.

Who can fail to empathize with an old woman whose sole source of income, her pension, has been cut off?

Greece's economy has some basic problems. A large percentage of income to Greece comes from tourism. In 2008, when the great recession began, tourism dropped off sharply. Shipping, another big part of the Greek economy, also suffered from the recession. Another basic problem has been the great difficulty of any Greek government to gather enough money to pay its bills. I understand that evasion of taxes is deeply embedded in the Greek culture; the Greek government only collects one-half of the taxes assessed.

But all this only sets the stage. The tale lies in how these basic problems were addressed. After the onset of the great 2008 recession, the Greek government undertook extensive borrowing from private lenders (the extent of which seems to have been hidden), which apparently did not produce sufficient stimulus to invigorate the Greek economy and, in fact, was followed by a spiral in which the cost of money became more and more burdensome to Greece. Unemployment rose from 7.2 percent in 2008 to 27.9 percent by June, 2013.

As Greece hurdled downwards, it faced disaster, a default on the country's debt. So, Eurozone countries and the International Monetary Fund (I'll just refer to them as the Bankers) agreed to a rescue package in May, 2010 giving Greece 45 billion euros in immediate bail-out loans, with another 65 billion to follow. The condition of these loans was the adoption of harsh austerity measures to bring the Greek deficit under control.

The austerity measures were unpopular, however, and in January of this year, the Greek people elected politicians who said that they would make the austerity measures go away.

During 2015, negotiations upon the 2010 loans have taken place between the new government and the bankers. The bankers felt that the Greek authorities were foot-dragging during the negotiations. This should have been no surprise, since the new government had come into office essentially with a pledge not to honor the 2010 agreement of the Greek government.

I was a bank lawyer for over 40 years and bankers, in general, don't have a lot of patience with borrowers who suddenly come up with a hundred reasons why they shouldn't honor the promises earlier made by them to obtain a big chunk of money. But the Greek people had just watched their economy collapse and were desperate.

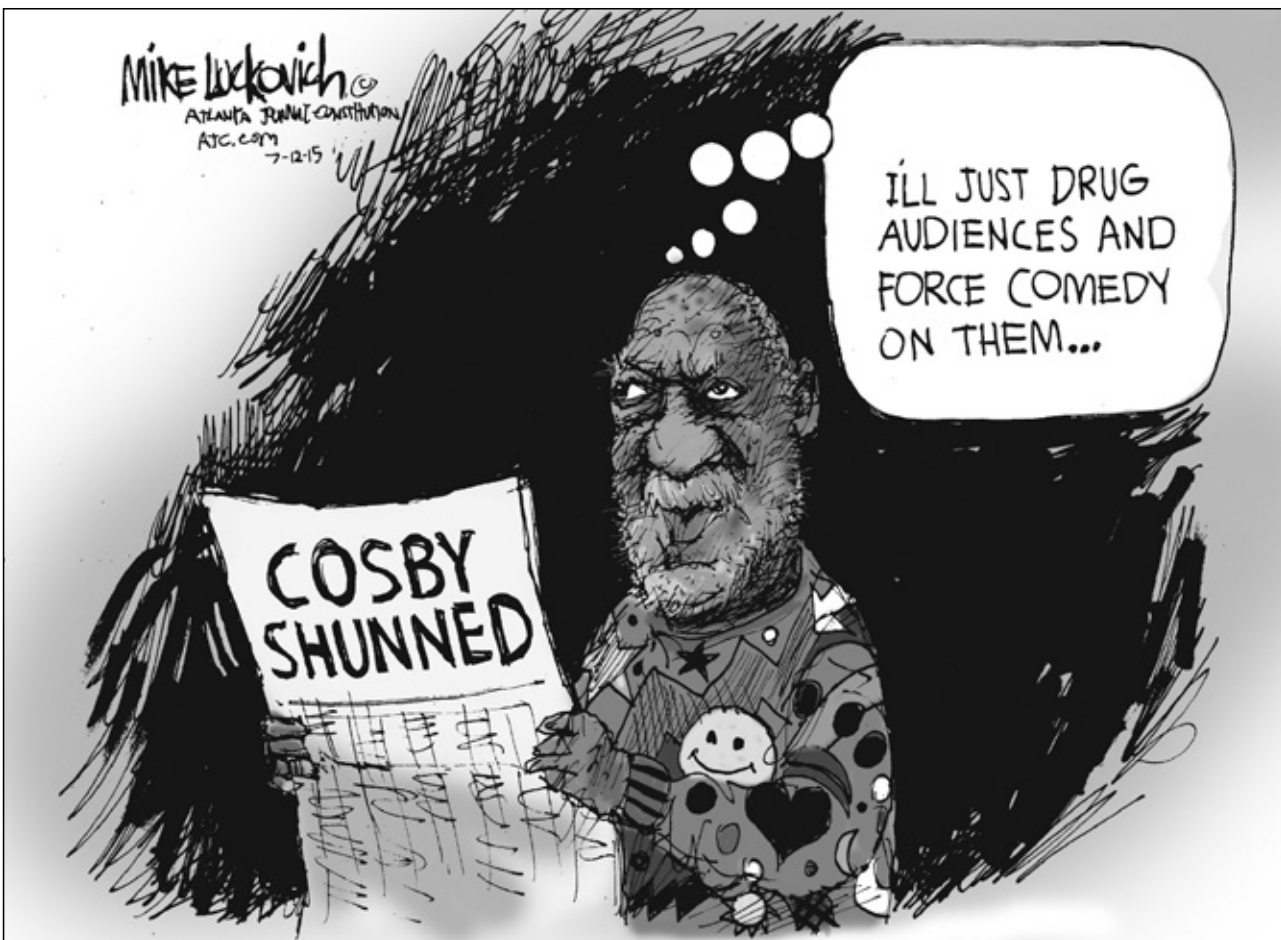
Understandably, in such a climate, all kinds of frantic and angry contentions have been made. Resentment has been expressed especially against prosperous Germany, the strongest economy in Europe and the biggest voice among Eurozone countries; some in Greece declared that Germany should first pay World War II reparations before repayment by Greece.

I kept track of the negotiations between the Bankers and the Greek government, and just from their tone became persuaded that the two sides were not headed toward a compromise, but a big blow-up. Of course, that's what happened. In the coming week, there will be new developments in the Greek crisis, and I'll comment on them in the next column.

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John Davis



## Winds that out-blow any other gusts in the country

Although local Wyomingites are not surprised by this fact, out-of-staters are always stunned by the velocity of our wind. It is scary powerful. And it is probable that our wind is cursed more often than it is viewed as a blessing.

But when it comes to the future of renewable energy in America, Wyoming's abundant, cool afternoon winds are viewed as a gold mine. And one of the biggest prospectors in this modern day gold rush is an incredibly patient Denver billionaire with some Wyoming history.

Phil Anschutz has been trying to get the country's biggest wind turbine project built for the past nine years and it is still stalled by regulations and environmental studies. All these cautions might guarantee that this most-environmental friendly project in the country may never come to fruition.

If there ever was a project that deserved a fast track from the feds, this could be it. But that is not meant to be. Anschutz might as well be building a coal-fired power plant or even a nuclear plant.

The plan calls for a 500-windmill project in phase one that would transport electricity along a proposed power line from Wyoming to California.

California people have also been wondering what the holdup is with this project that long ago was designed to provide green clean energy for them.

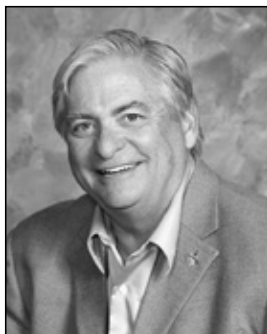
A media outfit called Pacific Standard sent reporter Gabriel Kahn to find out. His story focused on Greybull native Bill Miller who has worked at the 500-square mile property in Carbon County called the Overland Trail Ranch.

It was Miller who first took notice of the ever-present monstrous winds that blew every afternoon.

Wyoming's afternoon winds are of high value to California power brokers because power is generated here at the same time that it is needed the most out west.

Some years ago, a map of Wyoming was distributed which showed the highest wind rates across the state. The highest areas were in the Laramie Peak area. Also along an area paralleling Interstate 80.

It seems that not just Union Pacific trains and huge semi trailer trucks follow that Interstate 80 route – but brisk winds do, as well. Of course, we all know that. Most anyone who has driven that Interstate has horror stories to recall.



Bill Sniffin

Anschutz's horror stories are of environmental regulation issues. He hired squads of observers because there was fear that the 32-story high windmills with their 200-foot long blades would obliterate eagles. Some wind farm owners across the country have been fined large amounts and treated like criminals because of eagle kills. Few eagles were even spotted here, though.

The Pacific Standard article included some very interesting insights, including:

"Roxane Perruso, the project's general counsel went to an American Wind Energy Association convention where someone asked her how big the farm would be. Being modest, she responded that it was over 2,000 megawatts. 'He put his hand on my shoulder, sighed, and said, Oh, sweetheart, I think you're confused— you must mean 200 megawatts.'

"Confused, no. Audacious, yes. The wind farm, which

Miller named the Power Company of Wyoming, would be so big that the construction phase would amount to a modern version of pyramid building. Just getting the first 500 turbines up and running would take two years. To get around the fact that the turbines were too large to bring in via standard 18-wheelers on the public roads, Miller's engineers drew up a plan to build a two-mile rail spur leading to the ranch from the old Union Pacific rail line. Trains 100 cars long would haul the first batch of turbines to a special staging area where they would be unloaded.

"From there, they'd be moved into place along the ranch's ridges and bluffs via 500 miles of newly constructed access roads. To build the roads, the engineers would first have to dig out limestone and gravel from a quarry on the ranch. Rural Wyoming lacks the manpower for such an endeavor, so workers would have to re-locate to the area. The project called for building a 'man camp' with up to 500 beds and an RV park that could handle 250 trailers."

The ultimate bad news for Anschutz in all this is that these regulatory delays could cause the project to be much smaller than envisioned. So much green power is now being generated by local California resources, the obvious need for Wyoming wind power of just a few years ago may not be as acute today.

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Robert McDonough Jr.'s letter last week on the Supreme Court decision on same-sex marriage should have read. Civil marriage in the US IS a contract between two persons recognizing their promise to love and honor each other. The word NOT was mistakenly typed in the letter.

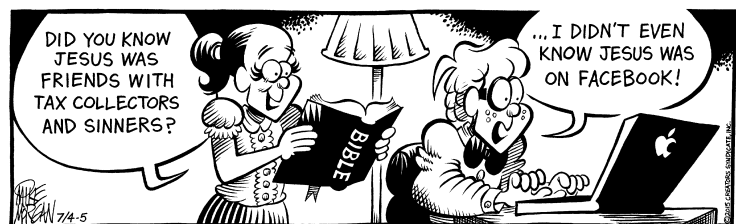
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# Healthy Lifestyles

## Wyoming Dept. of Health offers tips on West Nile Virus

West Nile virus has returned to Wyoming with the season's first case, involving a Sheridan County resident, being reported to the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH).

"We want to remind residents to take steps to protect themselves and their families from mosquito bites," said Katie Bryan, epidemiologist with WDH. Mosquitoes spread West Nile virus (WNV) when they feed on infected birds and then bite people, animals and other birds.

The "5 D's" of West Nile virus prevention include:

1) DAWN and 2) DUSK - Mosquitoes prefer to feed at dawn or dusk, so avoid spending time outside during these times.

3) DRESS - Wear shoes, socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt outdoors. Clothing should be light-colored and made of tightly woven materials.

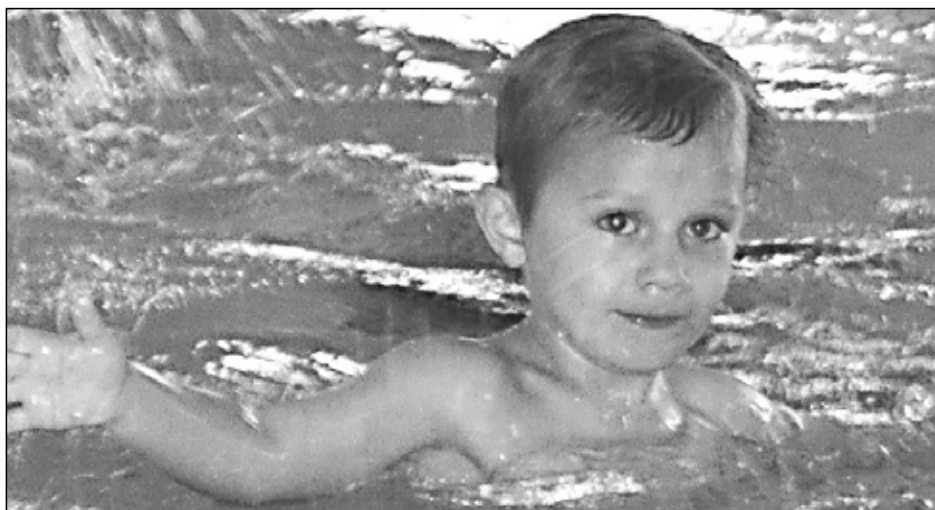
4) DRAIN - Mosquitoes breed in shallow, stagnant water. Reduce the amount of standing water by draining and/or removing.

5) DEET - Use an insect repellent containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide). When using DEET, be sure to read and follow label instructions. Other insect repellents such as Picaridin (KBR 3023) or oil of lemon eucalyptus can also be effective.

Bryan said at least two states surrounding Wyoming have also had confirmed West Nile virus cases so far this season.

In Wyoming last year, five human WNV cases were reported. Since WNV first appeared in Wyoming in 2002, reported human cases within a year have ranged from two with no deaths to 393 and nine deaths. Most people infected with WNV don't have symptoms. Among those who become ill, symptoms include fever, headache, body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph nodes. A very small number develop West Nile neuroinvasive disease with symptoms such as severe headache, fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions and paralysis.

## Summer Splashes at Worland Aquatic Center

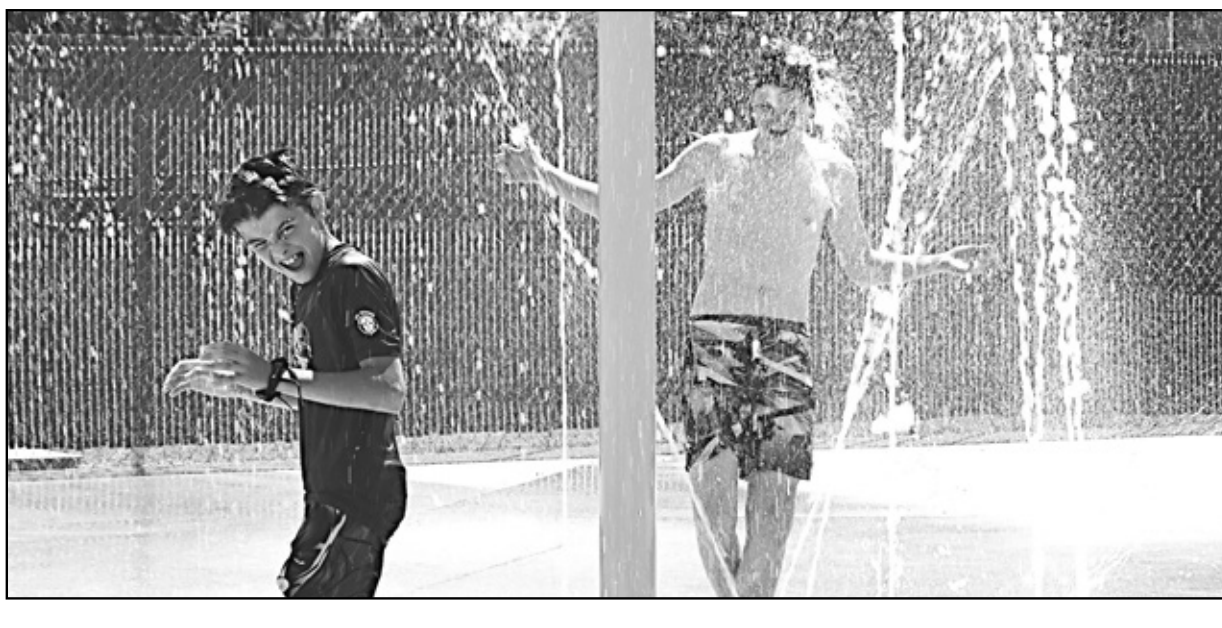


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One way to stay active during the summer is swimming. The Worland Aquatic Center was full of little kids cooling off from the heat Monday afternoon and getting active.

LEFT: Garrett Bond swims at the Worland Aquatic Center Monday afternoon.

BELOW: Thomas Kocher (left) and Joseph Gilmore (right) cool off in the outdoor water park Monday afternoon at the Worland Aquatic Center.



## Gonorrhea outbreak detected in Wyoming

The Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) has detected an alarming increase in reported gonorrhea cases across Wyoming this year.

"So far this year, 61 cases of gonorrhea have been reported to us in comparison to 31 infections by this time last year," said Courtney Smith, Communicable Disease Surveillance Program manager with WDH.

"This increased number of cases is large enough for us to describe the situation as an outbreak."

Gonorrhea is transmitted through unprotected sexual activity. If left untreated, gonorrhea can cause serious complications such as pelvic inflammatory disease in women and infertility in men and women.

"The two-fold increase in gonorrhea infections is definitely a concern and it is essential for anyone at risk get tested and properly treated," Smith said.

"We're seeing individuals with ages between 20 and 29 account for almost half of the infections."

Surrounding states have seen gonorrhea outbreaks closely followed by more serious outbreaks of sexually transmitted diseases such as syphilis and HIV.

Tai Wright, Communicable Disease Prevention Program manager with WDH, said "The risk of gonorrhea combined with the potential threat of other sexually transmitted diseases makes it so important for those at risk to seek

testing and treatment for themselves and for all sexual partners. We know telling partners can be hard, but we have specially trained staff members who can help you notify partners anonymously."

To learn more about the risk behaviors for gonorrhea infection, visit [www.knowyo.org](http://www.knowyo.org) or contact a medical professional.

The [www.knowyo.org](http://www.knowyo.org) site also provides a voucher code for free or low-cost gonorrhea, chlamydia, HIV and hepatitis testing.

Wright said most people who have gonorrhea or other STDs do not show symptoms or feel sick.

"The only way to know for sure is to get yourself tested," she said.

## Stopping family grudges before they get out of hand

### Annie's Mailbox



Kathy Mitchell and Mary Sugar

Dear Annie: My brother, "John," one of nine siblings, has not spoken to our 83-year-old mother in more than 12 years. He lives less than five miles from her, drives past her house daily and never stops in. At first, he sent birthday and Christmas cards, but even that stopped. Mom con-

tinues to send cards and reach out, but receives no response.

Evidently, John is upset with Mom because she asked whether he would testify in court against his pedophile stepfather if it became necessary to do so. John and his three older siblings were victims, and Mom wanted to protect her youngest child (my stepbrother) so that he would not be left alone with his pedophile father. John was so upset by the request that he cut off contact.

As far as I'm concerned, John is dead. My children don't know him. His daughter has missed out on an entire family of cousins, aunts and uncles. But my mother would like to reconnect with him before she dies. I'd like to help her do this, but frankly, I'm very angry with him. I don't want John at Mom's funeral. How could he have the audacity to show up there when he doesn't have the decency to speak to her while she's alive? Should I hire someone to ask him to leave the funeral? — Angry Sis

Dear Sis: It's possible that the idea of testifying against his abuser was more traumatic for John than he could

process. John might actually want to get back in touch, but doesn't know how and is afraid he would be roundly and repeatedly chastised. In order to reconcile, you may have to let the past go.

Is John in contact with any of his siblings, relatives or mutual friends? Would one of them be willing to act as a go-between? Could one of you speak to John's wife and ask what can be done?

As for the funeral, your anger is understandable, but be prepared for a ruckus if you try to keep John out. And the knowledge that you are punishing him this way will likely keep him from ever reconciling with his siblings. We trust you are not the only one making this decision. Please talk to your siblings about it, and also speak to your mother about her wishes.

Dear Annie: I'd like to recom-

mend that your readers talk to their doctors about the shingles vaccine. Five years ago, I got a painful rash on the right side of my torso. I was diagnosed with shingles, given a prescription and began taking the medicine immediately. By the next evening, I was much more comfortable, and in a few days, the rash, itch and pain were mostly gone.

If you suspect a new rash might be shingles, please seek medical attention immediately. — Papillion, Neb.

Dear Papillion: Thanks for the warning. Shingles is a reactivated chickenpox virus. Anyone who has had chickenpox can get shingles and it is terribly painful. The lifetime risk is 50 percent. Shingles most commonly occurs in people over age 50 and those with immune system disorders. The vaccine decreases (but doesn't eliminate) the risk, and we hope our readers

will check with their doctors about getting it and whether or not their insurance covers the cost.

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## Department encouraging online death registration system use

Increased use of an online registration system for death notices will help smooth the process for loved ones following the passing of a family member, according to the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH).

Vital Statistic Services (VSS), part of WDH, has had an online registration system since 2009. "This system allows funeral homes, hospitals, doctors, coroners and others to file, check and change death registrations online," said Guy Beaudoin, deputy state registrar with WDH.

Beginning August 1, VSS will only accept death filings submitted electronically.

"Currently, 96 percent of funeral homes and about 70 percent of physicians throughout the state use this system to complete death filings electronically," Beaudoin said. Vital Statistics Services will be working with funeral homes, medical offices and hospital administrators as needed to help them make the transition to electronic filing. "Reducing the need for mailed paper documents can shorten the time family members must wait to receive the death documentation they often need to file for financial benefits such as insurance," Beaudoin said.

Beaudoin noted the online system allows nearly immediate notification to the Social Security Administration regarding deaths, which can help avoid situations where family members must try to refund payments made by the federal government after someone has passed away.

State law requires death notices be filed with the state within three days of a death.

Family members can find details about ordering death certificates, which are certified, printed documents, by visiting [http://www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/vital\\_records/certificate.html](http://www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/vital_records/certificate.html) online. VSS can only issue certified copies of certificates for events that occurred within Wyoming.

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# Sports

## Worland 10-U baseball team caps off state tournament with 17-5 drubbing of Buffalo in championship

Isaiah Leyva tabbed as tournament's MVP

WORLAND — Worland's Cal Ripken baseball team displayed pure dominance over the weekend, capping it off Sunday with a 17-5 win over Buffalo in the championship game of the Wyoming Cal Ripken State 10-U Tournament.

Worland dismantled Buffalo the day before by a score of 18-1, but Buffalo was able to battle its way back through the loser's bracket to earn a second shot at Worland.

Led by tournament MVP Isaiah Leyva, Worland proved to be too much for Buffalo to handle once again as it captured its second consecutive state championship.

After celebrating with a dogpile on home plate, the team then gathered for a ride on a fire truck courtesy of the Worland Fire Department — a tradition for state championship teams in Worland.

With the win, Worland will be making its second consecutive trip to the Pacific Northwest Regional Tournament which is being held in West Linn, Oregon this year. The team will be holding a pancake breakfast this Saturday, July 18 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 44 to serve as a fundraiser for their trip to the tournament.



Isaiah Leyva of Worland swings into what would become a double, bringing home the first two runs of the Cal Ripken Baseball 10-U State Championship game. Worland won the game 17-5, defeating Buffalo, with Leyva being named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. The team will now be traveling to West Linn, Oregon to compete in the Pacific Northwest Regional Tournament July 23.

DAILY NEWS/Ryan Mitchel Collins

## Troy Tulowitzki homers as Rockies sweep Braves with 11-3 win Sunday

DENVER (AP) — Troy Tulowitzki showed why he is headed to another All-Star Game.

Tulowitzki homered a day after being named to his fifth NL squad, Charlie Blackmon had three hits and drove in four runs and the Colorado Rockies beat the Atlanta Braves 11-3 on Sunday to complete a four-game sweep.

Drew Stubbs also went deep for the Rockies, who took four from Atlanta for the first time in team history.

"To end the first half like this proves that the guys embrace the fact they take the All-Star break to the last out," manager Walt Weiss said.

Tulowitzki was chosen as an injury replacement for the National League on Saturday, right after his 21-game hitting streak ended.

He started another one with a three-run homer in the sixth off reliever Dave Carpenter that gave Colorado an 8-3 lead.

"I missed some pitches earlier in the game but to come up with a big home run to make the lead a little bigger was nice," Tulowitzki said.

Fellow All-Star DJ LeMahieu had two hits to help the Rockies end the first half of the season on a strong note.

Colorado has won four in a row for the third time this season.

"I don't think we've gone on quite a streak," Tulowitzki said. "Hopefully this is the start of some-

thing."

Blackmon did his damage against Atlanta starter Alex Wood (6-6). His two-run single in the second gave Colorado a 3-0 lead and his second two-RBI single came two batters before Tulowitzki's 10th home run.

Tulowitzki has reached base in 38 straight games, tied for fourth in franchise history. He is hitting .364 since May 29 and has at least one hit in 34 of his last 36 games.

Wood started Sunday after being limited to two pitches in the series opener on Thursday. A rain delay in the bottom of the first lasted 2 hours, 6 minutes and ended his outing early.

"I really thought I threw pretty decent. I felt good," Wood said. "I just had really one big mistake, that curveball to Blackmon that I hung there in my last inning."

Carpenter, who made his Braves debut on Tuesday, allowed a two-run homer to Stubbs in the seventh, his fifth on the season.

The Braves tried to avoid their first four-game sweep of the season with a rally in the top of the sixth.

Kelly Johnson and A.J. Pierzynski had RBI singles and Jonny Gomes tied it at 3 with a ground-rule double to right off Chad Bettis.

Bettis (5-4) avoided further damage by fanning Wood and getting Jace Peterson to ground into a

forceout.

"It's huge for me," Bettis said. "I wanted that. It's not something I wanted to hand over."

Eury Perez had three hits for Atlanta, which has lost five straight and fell seven games behind Washington in the NL East.

The Braves (42-47) are five games behind the Mets for the second wild card and could become sellers at the July 31 trade deadline.

"We'll see what happens," manager Fredi Gonzalez said. "We have not spoken as a front office and coaching staff about moving people or dumping people."

**Trainer's Room**

Braves: RHP Jason Grilli will see a specialist when the team returns to Atlanta. Grilli ruptured his left Achilles' tendon when he ran to cover first base on a grounder Saturday.

OF Cameron Maybin was a late scratch from the starting lineup due to illness. He pinch-hit in the ninth.

**At The Top**

Nolan Arenado's run-scoring single in the eighth gave him 70 RBIs, tied with Arizona's Paul Goldschmidt for the major league lead.

His total is the highest in franchise history at the All-Star break since Vinny Castilla had 71 in 2004.

"I wish I would have gotten more hits or drive in more runs but it was a good first half. I'm happy, but we have a whole second half to go," said Arenado, who will take part in his first All-Star Game this week.

**Up Next**

Braves: RHP Julio Teheran (6-4, 4.56) will open a weekend series against the Chicago Cubs on Friday. Teheran is 2-0 with a 3.81 ERA in four career starts against the Cubs.

Rockies: Weiss said LHP Jorge De La Rosa (6-3) will get the start at San Diego on Friday. De La Rosa had his third straight quality start against Atlanta on Saturday but got a no-decision in Colorado's 3-2 win.

## UW football lands commitment from Nebraska offensive lineman

By Robert Gagliardi  
WyoSports

CHEYENNE -- After three visits to campus, Gavin Rush knew where he would be attending college and playing football.

The 6-foot-3, 280-pound offensive lineman from Aurora High in Aurora, Nebraska committed to the University of Wyoming Sunday.

"It was just the fit. I was comfortable with the program and the coaches. I felt really happy on campus," said Rush during a phone interview Sunday afternoon.

Rush is the fifth known verbal commitment for UW's 2016 recruiting class, along with the second offensive lineman and second prospect to commit from Nebraska.

Rush said he visited UW last October for the San Jose State game. He also was there for junior day in February of this year and for camp earlier this summer. Rush said he received a scholarship offer from UW after camp.

As for the coaches, Rush said he really likes how UW offensive line coach Scott Fuchs coaches his players.

"I love coach Fuchs. The way he coaches is what I need to thrive," Rush said. "He's a good guy. He's not going to scream at me to teach me what to do. He's going to be pa-

tient with me, and teach me."

Rush plays offensive guard, and is expected to play there this season as a senior. Rush is projected to play guard or center at UW.

According to Rivals.com, Rush runs a 5.1-second 40-yard dash, can bench press 315 pounds and squats 450 pounds.

Rush said he has Football Championship Subdivision scholarship offers from North Dakota State, South Dakota State, South Dakota, Montana, Colgate and Cornell. UW was Rush's first scholarship offer from a Football Bowl Subdivision school, but said there was interest from Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas and "a little bit early on from Nebraska."

"I wanted to (get this decision)

over with, but I wanted to wait and make sure I was comfortable where I was going," Rush said. "After I got the offer from camp, I knew where I wanted to go."

Below is the list of known verbal commitments for UW for its 2016 recruiting class:

--David Engelhaupt, LB/DE, 6-4, 235, Catholic HS, Norfolk, Nebraska

--Chandler Garrett, QB, 6-4, 215, Mustang HS, Mustang, Oklahoma

--Jailyn Mays, LB, 6-1, 215, Dunbar HS, Fort Meyers, Florida

--Gavin Rush, OL, 6-3, 280, Aurora HS, Aurora, Nebraska

--Dustin Weeks, OT, 6-9, 260, Westhope HS, Westhope, North Dakota

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## Horsing Around in Big Horn County



LEFT: Waiting to compete Monday morning at the Big Horn County Horse Fun Day in Basin are (l-r) Wyatt Bolken, Dusty Miller, Allie Lungren, Scotlyn Flitner and Bella Lungren. ABOVE: Jace Sorenson works to tie a goat during the open class goat tying competition at the Big Horn County Horse Fun Day in Basin at the Big Horn County Fairgrounds. Look for 4-H and FFA results and more photos from the day in Wednesday's edition.

DAILY NEWS/Karla Pomeroy

### Region

#### Billings man pleads guilty to stealing from elderly woman

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A 44-year-old Billings man has acknowledged stealing nearly \$16,000 from an elderly woman who lived at the senior living center where he worked.

The Billings Gazette reports Todd Michael Garlock pleaded guilty on Friday to exploitation of an older person and deceptive practices. Both charges are felonies. Sentencing is set for Sept. 21.

Prosecutors said while Garlock worked at River Ridge Assisted Living he obtained a 79-year-old's debit card and PIN number to purchase her medications. He spent \$446 on medication and made nearly \$15,900 in unauthorized purchases.

#### Court to consider medical marijuana commercial sales

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Advocates are asking the Montana Supreme Court to reject the state's push to end commercial sales of medical marijuana, saying that elderly and disabled patients' access would be cut off if they can't buy the drug.

The attorney representing 11 industry advocates, patients, providers and doctors said Monday the medical marijuana industry would die if the high court lifts a

Helena judge's block on portions of the 2011 Montana Legislature's overhaul of the medical marijuana system.

"This is indefensible what they've done, trying to shut down commercial traffic for those in need," Bozeman attorney James Goetz said. "There are plenty of people who are just unable to grow their own."

Goetz filed his response with the court earlier this month to an appeal by the state to District Judge James Reynolds' permanent injunction against three provisions of the 2011 medical marijuana overhaul.

Reynolds blocked parts of the law that would bar medical marijuana providers from charging patients for the drug and limiting them to a total of three patients. Reynolds' injunction also prevents the state from enforcing a ban on advertising by providers and from reviewing doctors who certify more than 25 medical marijuana patients in a year.

Other parts of the 2011 law have gone into effect, including stricter requirements for proof of certain medical conditions that qualify for medical marijuana and restrictions on providers. The new regulations have helped reduce the number of registered users from more than 30,000 at its peak in 2011 to about 12,000 last month.

Assistant Attorney General Stuart Segrest said in the state's appeal to the Supreme Court that the rest of the law should be allowed to take effect. Eliminating the profit motive of suppliers would further help end the abuse of a drug that is illegal under federal law, he wrote.

Medical marijuana has been legal in Montana since voters approved a ballot initiative in 2004. This is the second time state attor-

neys have gone to the high court seeking to overturn Reynolds' block on portions of the 2011 overhaul of that voter-approved law.

The state was successful in overturning Reynolds' previous injunction in 2012. The Supreme Court then said Reynolds used the wrong constitutional review standard to make his decision.

Reynolds blocked the provisions again with a permanent injunction when the justices sent the case back to him with instructions to apply a different review standard.

The Supreme Court will take additional filings from both sides before deciding how to proceed, Goetz said.

#### Helicopter pilot hospitalized after crash in southern Utah

ESCALANTE, Utah (AP) — The pilot of a helicopter that crashed in southern Utah Sunday has been taken on a fight-for-life flight to a different hospital.

The Garfield County Sheriff's Office said the crash happened about 1 p.m. Sunday nine miles above Main Canyon, west of the city of Escalante.

The four cylinder helicopter was struggling when it tried to turn around and was caught in a gust of wind that sent the tail hitting the ground.

The pilot was taken to a local hospital but was sent by a Life Flight about 100 miles south to Dixie Regional Hospital in St. George.

County Spokeswoman Cheryl Church said the pilot's condition is unknown and a passenger was also being treated for injuries.

#### Skydiver, 20, in critical condition after parachute folds

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Police say a skydiver is in critical condition after his parachute folded and caused him to fall 200 feet to the ground.

KUTV-TV reports that 20-year-old Trevor Sandberg was skydiving in Tooele on Sunday afternoon when the accident happened.

He was taken to the University of Utah by medical helicopter.

No other people were with him when the parachute collapsed.

#### Soldier's grave has new headstone thanks to local group

CALLAWAY, Neb. (AP) — The grave of a Civil War soldier has a new headstone thanks to the efforts of a local organization in central Nebraska.

Before the headstone was installed, the only memorial at Henry Barnacassel's grave was an old silver marker with slide-in letters falling off and an incorrect emblem of his service, The Grand Island Independent reported.

Vice commander Tim Hiatt of the Sons of the American Legion in Callaway said that the group simply set out to do the right thing by getting a headstone for Barnacassel. The project led the organization on an unexpected journey, bringing members and Barnacassel's family together to honor the soldier more than 90 years after he died.

sel's family together to honor the soldier more than 90 years after he died.

"Just to see how much they appreciated it, I think made the project so much for me," Hiatt said. "We were just thinking we were doing the right thing getting a headstone for a veteran."

The group's efforts started after Kari Chesley, who helps care for the Waldheim Cemetery with her family, made contact with the organization. She said she knew the grave needed attention, but she didn't know of any family members in the area.

She asked the organization if they knew of anyone looking for a project, and Hiatt stepped up.

Hiatt said learning information Barnacassel was a worthwhile experience. The organization learned that Barnacassel's given name was Francis, but that he went by Henry, and that he was born in May 1846 in North Carolina. Barnacassel had fought for the Confederate army, enlisting in June 1864.

Hiatt said the headstone cost a few hundred dollars, and that he thinks "every veteran deserves a headstone no matter what."

#### Nebraska city considers LED streetlights to save money

BELLEVUE, Neb. (AP) — City officials in Bellevue could replace nearly 4,800 streetlights with more efficient LED lights in hopes of saving money.

The Omaha World-Herald reports that the city is considering LEDs as a way to cut its \$1 million annual power bill by more than one-third.

The city began exploring the idea in 2013. The Bellevue City Council has heard pitches from Siemens, Schneider Electric and Phillips over the past two months.

Assistant City Administrator Larry Burks says there's no exact timeline for the possible change. If the lights were installed, the city would have to wait about six years before the savings offset the cost of the conversion.

The current lights cost about \$207 a year each to operate, while LEDs each cost \$133 a year.

#### Church based in Philippines starts services in town it bought

SCENIC, S.D. (AP) — A Philippines-based church that bought up the small South Dakota town of Scenic four years ago has started holding services there.

Services are held in the Scenic Community Hall on Thursdays and Sundays, minister Jose Ventilacion told the Rapid City Journal. The church thought it best to start by "reaching out to people and build from there," he said.

Iglesia ni Cristo, which translates from Tagalog to English as "Church of Christ," effectively bought the town from a longtime resident for about \$700,000 in 2011. The church didn't divulge its plans, and that created some unease in the area.

The church wants to build a house of worship, but needs to build its membership first, said Ventilacion, who arrived in South Dakota in April. Attendance is steadily rising, he said, with about 10 to 15 members from Sturgis, Deadwood, Scenic and Rapid City.

## Horoscopes by Holiday

#### TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Superstitions may not be scientific, but they are an integral part of your experience, and something about them fits the way your mind works. Connections can be precarious. If you believe it, you'll see it. If you don't, you won't.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). A lot of serious developments come out of silly things. So don't be afraid to be a bit silly. Also, anyone who brings out this side of you is bringing out something essential and good.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Some say there is no cure for curiosity. You almost wish there were some kind of exciting distraction to divert your attention from the thing that captivates you against your will.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You were at least partially formed in the small struggles of youth. They

prepared you for the bigger challenges. Alas, it's not time for that. This is the period of smooth sailing.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You've already chosen the task. Now all you want are powers that are equal to or greater than it. You will get what you want in time. Today's exercise will help.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Untrustworthy people will say whatever they think will get them out of a bad situation or into a desired one. Trustworthy people will say what is, and they also will live it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe you're emotionally fragile now, so it's good to have people around you who agree with you. Otherwise, you prefer opposition. It is, after all, much more useful. It's how you become great at what you do.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Relationships are important. Material possessions remind you of relationships, and that's why you

find them so important. Without meaning, this property has no value to you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Every day you wake up to a new day. But you're not always as excited about the possibilities as you are on this day. You are practically vibrating with potential.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Lately you've been questioning your lifestyle. Do the things around you really add value to your life, or are they just taking up space? It turns out you need a lot less than you think you do.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some of your favorite people are those who know how to temper your dreams with a healthy dose of reality. It's the earth signs who help you keep realistic expectations when your eyes are bigger

than your budget.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes the bad ideas go undetected for a while, and you wind up putting a fair amount of work into them before you realize the problem. Once you realize it, though, stop immediately. Don't throw good efforts after a bad idea.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 14). You are beautiful, not because of one isolated feature or fact, but because everything about you is working together to make a joyful impact on the world. Your environment will reflect new values and aesthetics. The person you used to worry about and help will grow strong and help you back. New business comes in October. Pisces and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 34, 3, 22 and 38.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cottonwood/Grass Creek Watershed Improvement District will hold a public hearing July 21, 2015 to present the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year June 30, 2016. The meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Hot Springs County Weed and Pest Office.

#### PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

	2013-2014 Actual	2014-2015 Estimated	2015-2016 Proposed	Final Approval
S-1 Total Expenditures, Cash Requirements	\$77,618	\$58,159	\$67,740	\$0
S-2 Total to be added to Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
S-3 Total Cash and Forecasted Revenues	\$82,571	\$64,528	\$73,228	\$0
S-4 Additional Financial Support Required	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
S-5 Amount as approved by County Commissioners	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Analysis of additional financial support required:</b>				
S-6 Tax levy (for entities able to make levies)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
S-7 Other County Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

July 14, 2015

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

#### WASHAKIE RURAL IMPROVEMENT AND SERVICE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the proposed budget for Washakie Rural Improvement and Service District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, which is now being considered by the Board of Washakie Rural Improvement and Service District will be held at 1100 North 10th Street, Worland, WY on the 15th day of July 2015 at 5:30 pm, at which time any and all persons interested may appear and be heard respecting such budget. Copies of proposed budget can be picked up at the district office Monday thru Friday.

Kyle Tharp, Chairman

July 14, 2015

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### PROPOSED BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the proposed budget for Big Horn Regional Joint Powers Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, which is now being considered by the Board of Big Horn Regional Joint Powers Board will be held at 1100 North 10th Street, Worland, WY on the 15th day of July 2015 at 6:30 pm at which time any and all persons interested may appear and be heard respecting such budget. A summary of such proposed budget follows:

#### SUMMARY OF BUDGET

FUND	Estimated Total Cash & Revenues	Estimated Total Budget	Estimate of Tax Requirements Amount	Mill Levy
General Fund	\$1,266,543	\$733,563	\$0	\$0
<b>DETAILS OF DISTRICT GENERAL FUND REQUIREMENTS</b>				
Administration .....			\$	137,172
Operations .....			\$	193,404
Indirect Costs .....			\$	66,700
Capital Outlay .....			\$	8,500
Debt Service .....			\$	327,787
Provisions for Tax Shrinkage .....			\$	0
TOTAL CASH REQUIREMENTS .....			\$	733,563

July 14, 2015



**Nation, World**

**Walker reminds voters of union wins as he enters 2016 race**

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker declared his candidacy for president on Monday, casting himself as a “fighter” who muscled through an aggressive conservative agenda in a state that typically supports Democrats.



**Scott Walker**  
GOP presidential candidate

The second-term governor becomes the 15th high-profile Republican to enter the GOP presidential contest, yet he says he occupies a unique space in the congested field.

“In the Republican field, there are some who are good fighters, but they haven’t won those battles. And there are others who’ve won elections, but haven’t consistently taken on the big fights. We showed you can do both,” Walker said in a video released by his campaign. “I am running for president to fight and win for the American people.”

Walker is highlighting his clashes with labor unions as the foundation for his candidacy. His late-afternoon announcement is set in the same convention hall where he hosted his victory party after winning a union-backed recall election.

The 47-year-old governor enacted policies weakening organized labor’s political power and became the first governor in U.S. history to defeat a recall election. Now, he’s working to remind Republican voters about the four-year-old fight and the recall election sparked by his efforts to weaken unions — and a series of lesser-known triumphs he says set him apart from the crowded Republican field.

**Diplomats: Iran nuclear agreement likely Tuesday**

VIENNA (AP) — An Iran nuclear agreement appeared likely within hours, diplomats said late Monday after a day in which American and Iranian negotiators appeared to be struggling to clear final obstacles and looking like they’d miss their fourth deadline in less than two weeks.

Three diplomats familiar with the talks said the announcement could come early Tuesday, possibly during pre-dawn hours in Vienna. One said some of the top officials involved in the negotiation needed to leave Austria’s capital in the morning, thus hastening the declaration.

The diplomats weren’t authorized to speak publicly on the status of the negotiations and demanded anonymity. Their reports of a breakthrough capped a seesaw day of developments that started with high hopes for an accord. The mood soured as vexing questions including the future of a U.N. arms embargo on Iran proved troublesome.

As a midnight target for a deal approached in Vienna, diplomats said the nuts and bolts of the written nuclear accord had been settled days ago. And Iranian President Hassan Rouhani briefly raised expectations of an imminent breakthrough by proclaiming on Twitter: “Iran Deal is the victory of diplomacy & mutual respect over the outdated paradigm of exclusion & coercion. And this is a good beginning.”

Minutes later, Rouhani’s tweet was deleted. He then retransmitted it, adding the word “If” in front of “Iran Deal” to reflect that negotiators weren’t there yet. The proposed pact would impose long-term and verifiable limits on Iran’s nuclear program and provide the Islamic Republic tens of billions of dollars in relief from international sanctions.

At the White House, press secretary Josh Earnest said the talks were “making genuine progress,” and the American negotiating team under Secretary of State John Kerry would remain in Vienna as long as the negotiations advanced. If a deal wasn’t reached Monday, he said, the 20-month-old provisional constraints on Iran’s enrichment of possible bomb-mak-

ing material and other nuclear activity would remain in force as the diplomacy continued. The current round of talks is already in its 17th day.

**Son of Boston police captain charged in terror bomb plot**

BOSTON (AP) — The son of a Boston police captain has been arrested in an FBI sting and accused of plotting to commit terrorist acts in support of the Islamic State group, including the setting off of pressure-cooker bombs at an unidentified university and the slaughter of students live online.

Alexander Ciccolo’s own father alerted authorities last fall that the younger man had a long history of mental illness and was talking about joining the Islamic State, according to two law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release details.

Ciccolo, 23, of Adams, was charged in a criminal complaint unsealed Monday with illegal possession of a firearm for receiving four guns July 4 from a person cooperating with the Western Massachusetts Joint Terrorism Task Force. Because of a drunken driving conviction, Ciccolo was barred from having a gun.

Ciccolo’s father, Robert Ciccolo, is a 27-year veteran of the Boston police force.

**Jail clerical error acknowledged in church shooting gun buy**

LEXINGTON, S.C. (AP) — A jail clerk made a mistake when entering information about the location of a drug arrest for church shooting suspect Dylann Roof, the first in a series of missteps that allowed Roof to purchase a gun he shouldn’t have been able to buy two months before the attack, authorities said.

Lexington County Sheriff Jay Koon told The Associated Press in a statement that the jail discovered mistakes two days after Roof’s drug arrest, but the change wasn’t corrected in the state police database of arrests. So when a FBI examiner pulled Roof’s records in April, she called the wrong agency, and Roof was eventually allowed to buy the .45-caliber handgun that would be used in the June 17 shooting at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, authorities said.

FBI Director James Comey on Friday promised a full review when he said Roof should have never been allowed to buy the gun. The sheriff on Monday also promised he was making changes that would flag discrepancies like the one that appeared to let Roof slip through the cracks. He didn’t name the employee who made the error or say if the worker faced any discipline.

The FBI allows a gun sale if it can’t give a definitive answer about whether someone can buy the gun after three days, which is what happened in Roof’s case. The FBI examiner knew Roof had an arrest record, but couldn’t find the documents.

In 2014, the FBI reported about 2 percent of background checks end with the FBI not getting enough information and failing to give an answer. Officials said they do about 58,000 checks on a typical day, handled by about 500 people at a call center.

There were a couple of mistakes that ended up in the criminal records database. State police records of Roof’s drug arrest pulled by AP after he was identified as the church shooting suspect had the drug charge listed as a felony with the arresting agency as Lexington County Sheriff’s Office. They have since been corrected. The charge is a misdemeanor and the arresting agency was the Columbia police department.

**Pentagon announces plan aimed at lifting transgender ban**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Ash Carter says the Pentagon’s current regulations banning transgender individuals from serving in the military are

outdated, and anyone willing to serve the country should be able to do so.

Carter is creating a working group to do a six-month study on the impact of lifting the ban. Carter says the group will begin with the presumption that transgender people should be able to serve openly.

The plan, which was first reported by The Associated Press, gives the services time to work through questions about health care, housing, physical standards, uniforms and costs associated with the change.

During that time, transgender individuals would still be unable to join the military, but decisions to force out those already serving would be referred to the Pentagon’s acting undersecretary for personnel.

**Little Pluto bigger than scientists thought as flyby looms**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Little Pluto is a little bigger than anyone imagined.

On the eve of NASA’s historic flyby of Pluto, scientists announced Monday the New Horizons spacecraft has nailed the size of the dwarf planet is 1,473 miles, plus or minus 12 miles. That’s about 50 miles bigger than previous estimates in the low range.

Measurements by the spacecraft set to sweep past Pluto on Tuesday indicate the diameter of the dwarf planet is 1,473 miles, plus or minus 12 miles. That’s about 50 miles bigger than previous estimates in the low range.

Principal scientist Alan Stern said this means Pluto has a lower density than thought, which could mean an icier and less rocky interior.

New Horizons’ 3 billion-mile, 9½-year journey from Cape Canaveral, Florida, culminates Tuesday morning when the spacecraft zooms within 7,767 miles of Pluto at 31,000 mph.

Mission managers said there’s only one chance in 10,000 something could go wrong, like a debilitating debris strike, this late in the game. But Stern cautioned: “We’re flying into the unknown. This is the risk we take with all kinds of exploration.”

“It sounds like science fiction, but it’s not,” Stern said as he opened a news conference at mission headquarters in Maryland. “Tomorrow morning a United States spacecraft will fly by the Pluto system and make history.”

Discovered in 1930, Pluto is the last planet in our solar system to be explored. It was a full-fledged planet when New Horizons rocketed away in 2006, only to become demoted to dwarf status later that year.

New Horizons has already beamed back the best-ever images of Pluto and big moon Charon on the far fringes of the solar system.

“The Pluto system is enchanting in its strangeness, its alien beauty,” said Stern, a planetary scientist at Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado.

With the encounter finally at hand, it all seems surreal for the New Horizons team gathered at Johns Hopkins University’s Applied Physics Laboratory. The energy there Monday was described as electric.

Project manager Glen Fountain said New Horizons, at long last, is like a freight train barreling down the track, “and you’re seeing this light coming at you and you know it’s not going to stop, you can’t slow it down.”

“Of course, the light is Pluto, and we’re all excited,” Fountain said.

Three new discoveries were revealed Monday, a tantalizing sneak preview as the countdown to closest approach reached the 21-hour mark.

Besides the revised size of Pluto — still a solar system runt, not even one-fifth the size of Earth — scientists have confirmed that Pluto’s north pole is indeed icy as had been suspected. It’s packed with methane and nitrogen ice.

And traces of Pluto’s nitrogen-rich atmosphere have been found farther from the dwarf planet than anticipated. New Horizons detected lost nitrogen nearly a week ago.

As for pictures, the resolution is going to increase dramatically. Until New Horizons, the best pictures of Pluto came from the Hubble Space Telescope. Hubble did its best from Earth orbit, but managed to produce only crude pixelated blobs of the minuscule world.

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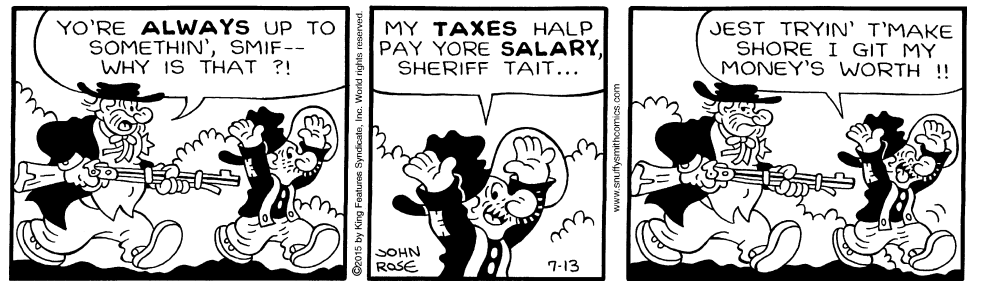
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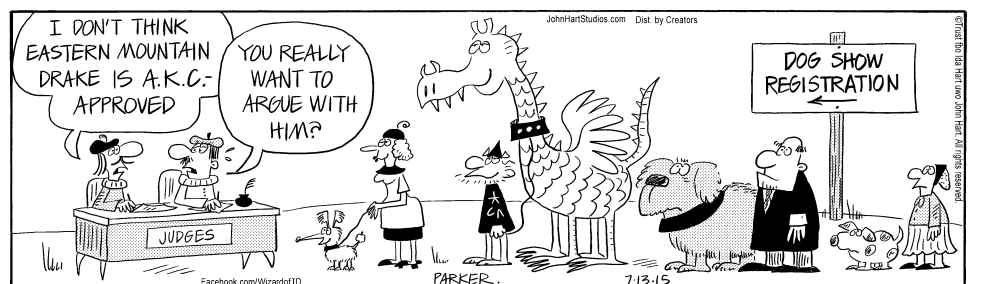
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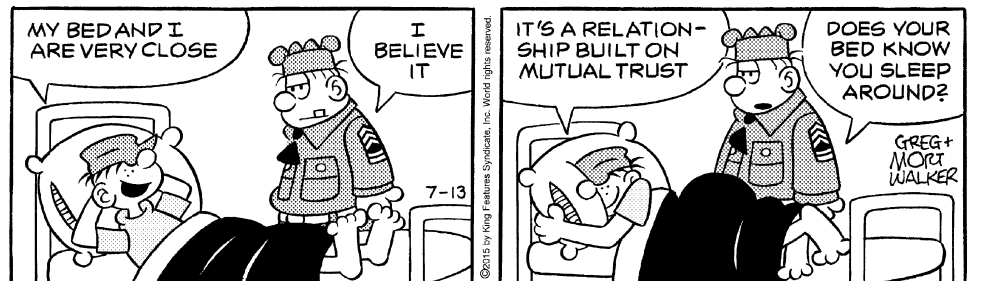
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# Greece strikes deal with creditors, avoids chaotic euro exit

BRUSSELS (AP) — After grueling, often angry negotiations that tested the limits of European unity, Greece struck a preliminary rescue deal with its creditors Monday that should avert an imminent financial catastrophe but also guarantees years more hardship and sacrifice for its people.

Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras flew home to sell the bailout plan to skeptical lawmakers and political allies, some of whom accused him of selling Greece out. Panos Kammenos, leader of the junior partner in Tsipras' coalition government, denounced the deal as a German-led "coup."

"This deal introduced many new issues ... we cannot agree with it," he said after meeting with Tsipras.

Other Greeks rallied Monday night before Parliament in Athens,

urging lawmakers to reject the new demands.

To close the deal with his partners in the euro currency, Tsipras had to consent to a raft of austerity measures, including sales tax hikes and pension and labor reforms — measures he had campaigned vociferously against over the last five years of Greece's financial crisis.

Since his election in January, the youthful Tsipras has faced intense pressure to backpedal on many of his promises to Greece's exhausted electorate. Finally, faced Sunday by the leaders of the 18 other nations that share the euro and the knowledge that Greek banks were just days from running out of money, the moment came when he couldn't resist any more.

A series of supposed red lines

vanished, including objections to tight international oversight of Greece's economy, continued involvement by the International Monetary Fund in Greece's bailout program and cuts to pensions.

The result of marathon negotiations emerged Monday: about 85 billion euros (\$95.1 billion) in loans and financial support for Greece over three years that will preserve its membership in the euro, shore up its banks and allow a modicum of stability to return to the battered Greek economy.

Creditors have also dangled the carrot of a possible future debt restructuring in the event of a smooth bailout.

"We managed to avoid the most extreme measures," Tsipras said.



**Alexis Tsipras**  
Greece prime minister

But in many cases, ordinary Greeks now face tougher measures than those they voted down in a nationwide referendum a little over a week ago.

Syriza's Left Platform, a group of traditionalists in Tsipras' own party, swiftly denounced the agreement as the "worst deal possible ... (one) that maintains the country's status: a debt colony under a German-run European Union."

Financial experts themselves were divided over the result.

"It was the best deal the Greeks could get," says Jacob Kirkegaard, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. "They did not do too badly giv-

en the terrible, terrible, disastrous starting point the current government put them in."

But Ashoka Mody, visiting professor of international finance at Princeton University, says the deal just repeats policies that have already failed.

"The economics of this program have been set up for failure," he told The Associated Press. "In three years, if this program is implemented, the Greek economy will be 10 percent smaller than it was and the debt burden will be higher."

In many ways, Tsipras' hard work begins now. As part of the deal, his government has to get the Greek Parliament to back a series of economic measures by Wednesday that creditors are demanding. And in the weeks to come, Greece will have to make further changes

to its economy, such as opening to competition industries like energy that have long been protected.

"Trust needs to be rebuilt," said German Chancellor Angela Merkel, adding that with the deal "Greece has a chance to return to the path of growth."

Passage of the new measures appears assured, since Greece's opposition parties have pledged to support Tsipras' deal. But dissent within the ruling Syriza party is threatening his coalition, raising the prospect of some sort of national unity government or an early election later this year.

The Greek economy has been pushed to the brink of collapse — banks have been shut down for two weeks, capital controls limit withdrawals to a paltry 60 euros (\$67) per day and normal business has almost ground to a halt.

## Oddities

### Claims 'As Seen on TV' company scammed customers resolved

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A company known for its "As Seen on TV" products including the Pocket Hose has reached a settlement with state officials who said it used high-pressure sales tactics and made it difficult for customers to get refunds.

Telebrands Inc., whose products include the PediPaws pet nail trimmer and the non-spill Wow Cup, has agreed to revise its interactive voice response ordering system and other business practices, state consumer affairs officials announced Monday.

But wait, there's more: The company has to pay the state

\$550,000.

Investigators said they bought Insta Bulb battery-operated light bulbs, the Olde Brooklyn Lantern and the Pocket Hose as part of their probe into Telebrands, based in Fairfield.

Telebrands, whose products are designed to save consumers time and money through convenient solutions to everyday problems, calls itself the largest marketer of "As Seen on TV" products. It said the settlement with the state Division of Consumer Affairs will lead to an improved shopping experience for customers. It said there was no admission of liability but it has made changes to its websites and customer service processes to assure customers "are better informed throughout the ordering process."

"We are a company predicated on consumer satisfaction and if we can improve the experience of our customers, we want to do that expeditiously," said Telebrands CEO Aj Khubani, who designed the red "As Seen on TV" logo.

Telebrands will have to retain at its own expense a consumer affairs liaison for up to two years. The liaison will be subject to state approval and will monitor the firm's compliance with the settlement terms and applicable laws. The liaison also will help resolve consumer complaints and provide quarterly reports to the state.

The settlement resolves a civil lawsuit the state filed last August. The lawsuit alleged that the company scammed customers by aggressively pushing more expensive products, shipping and billing for products not ordered and using misleading advertising.

### Bear found dead in front yard

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Residents of a Colorado Springs community are upset af-

ter a bear was found shot to death in the front yard of a home.

Residents in Cheyenne Mountain Estates say the bear roamed the area and was part of their lives.

The 400-pound bear was found dead Friday.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife says the person who shot the bear could be fined up to \$20,000.

### Turkey Testicle Festival host not ruffled by competing event

EAST DUNDEE, Ill. (AP) — The owner of a suburban Chicago pub that has held an annual Turkey Testicle Festival for 32 years isn't testy at all that a nearby community plans to host its own celebration of the unusual dish this November.

J.R. Westberg, who owns the Parkside Pub in Huntley, told The Daily Herald that his only criticism of East Dundee's plan for its own event the day before Thanksgiving is the organizers' lack of originality.

They gave it the exact same name and scheduled it for the same date and time.

The Huntley festival often attracts more than 4,000 people to snack on the deep-fried turkey bits.

East Dundee businessman Cliff Surges says there's enough interest to support both festivals and that the new one will target a different demographic.

### Chestnut wins 2015 Slugburger gorgefest

CORINTH, Miss. (AP) — Professional glutton Joey Chestnut

didn't get near the Slugburger record, but gulped down 33 buns and deep-fried patties in 10 minutes to win the World Slugburger-Eating Championship and \$1,500.

The Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal reports that the 31-year-old from San Jose, California, had hoped to beat his personal record of 42.

The festival record is 43, set last year by 23-year-old Matt Stonie.

He beat Chestnut at this year's July Fourth hot dog eating championship in Coney Island, New York.

The 28th Main Street Corinth Slugburger Festival ran Thursday through Saturday.

The burgers are made of beef and an extender such as soybean meal, and are garnished with mustard, pickle and onion.

Chestnut and Major League Eating emcee Sam Barclay say it's a great experience of small-town America.

## Game and Fish

### Jackson wildlife supervisor Tim Fuchs retires after 34 years of service

CHEYENNE — Tim Fuchs, Jackson region wildlife supervisor recently retired after more than 34 years of service with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Fuchs began his Game and Fish career as biologist aid in Glenrock. From there he served as game warden trainee in Alcoa, was transferred to Lander at the same position and was promoted to game warden in Lusk in 1982. In 1986 he transferred to Thermopolis as game warden where he served for 18 years before transferring to Jackson as game warden in 2004. In 2008 he was promoted to wildlife supervisor for the Jackson region.

Game and Fish chief game warden Brian Nesvik said Fuchs really mastered both sides of the art and science of wildlife management. "He leveraged his strong

interpersonal skills and expert knowledge of wildlife to make the public full partners in managing their resource," Nesvik said.

Nesvik said that "Tim was able to manage the morass of complex issues unique to northwest Wyoming, in part, through his uncanny ability to interact with a multitude of federal agencies, diverse interest groups and passionate wildlife enthusiasts. His approach is looked at by many as the model to achieve success."

In 1985, he was honored as the Safari Club Wildlife officer of the year for Wyoming. In 1998 Fuchs was presented the Game and Fish Peer Recognition Award and in 2007 was honored by the Game Warden's Association as Officer of the Year.

Fuchs is a native of Cannon Falls, Minn. Prior to coming to the Game and Fish he earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife management from the University of Wyoming.

"Tim's mark on the agency will last for decades," Nesvik said. "He is known as an exceptional game warden, a masterful wildlife manager, a highly respected supervisor and a professional of the highest caliber."

### Ask Game and Fish

Q. Do I need an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) sticker for my rubber raft or float tube?

A. Inflatable craft that are non-motorized and 10 feet or less in length are exempt from the AIS decal requirement.

### How to release fish the right way

CHEYENNE - Catch and release has been a popular fishing practice for many years — and is especially popular among those who enjoy fly fishing for trout. As the summer fishing season progresses, waters in streams and lakes naturally start warming, which increases the importance of following fish-handling steps to help improve survival of fish that are to be released. At this time of year, waters are lower and warmer than they were a month ago. The resulting higher water temperatures can place extra stress on fish.

Fish that are to be released should be played and landed as rapidly as possible to reduce exhaustion stress. This means that anglers may wish to choose heavier tipper or leader sections to enable to play the fish more quickly and get it back in the water in a timely manner. Careful handling of the fish can also reduce mortality. Fish should not be squeezed and anglers should take care to keep their fingers away from the gills. A landing net is helpful in handling a fish and facilitates getting the hook out quickly. Anglers may also consider using barbless hooks as the hook is much easier to remove, which minimizes the handling of the fish and the time the fish is out of the water. Regular hooks can be made barbless by flattening the barb with a pair of pliers. Once the fish is caught it can be revived by holding it gently in an upright position facing upstream in fairly calm water. Move the fish slowly back and forth to get water moving through the gills. The fish can then be released in quiet water after it has regained its strength and is able to swim from your grip. Anglers fishing in a water where bait fishing is allowed who plan on releasing their fish, may consider

using artificial flies or lures as survival of released fish is five to ten times greater using artificial as opposed to natural bait. Information on procedure for releasing fish alive is also found on page 13 of the fishing regulations available at WGFD license agents or online at wgfd.wyo.gov.

### Leftover reduced price licenses on sale July 15

CHEYENNE — Hunters who are interested in purchasing reduced price cow/calf elk licenses and doe/fawn deer and antelope licenses will have the opportunity to make those purchases beginning July 15. Quotas for many areas were filled in the initial drawing but many areas still have licenses available. Reduced price licenses may be purchased separately or in addition to regular full-price licenses.

Full-price leftover licenses have been on sale since July 8 and a number of areas have sold out. Hunters who missed the drawings for elk, deer and antelope licenses

could still have an opportunity to hunt this fall by picking up licenses that were undersubscribed in the initial drawings. Reduced price licenses available include: 10,220 cow/calf licenses, 5,063 doe/fawn antelope licenses and 4,876 doe/fawn deer licenses.

Licenses are being sold via the Game and Fish website wgfd.wyo.gov. The website also has a listing of areas where licenses are remaining as well as instructions for applying for licenses online.

Access in areas with remaining licenses is a mixture of public and private lands. Some areas have a fair amount of national forest lands while others are predominantly private. The majority of remaining antelope and deer licenses are for hunt areas where public access is limited with doe/fawn deer licenses valid only for white-tail deer in many hunt areas.

Hunters are urged to research areas with leftover licenses, and where necessary, obtain permission to hunt from landowners before applying.

Hunters who have questions on hunt areas and applying for licenses can contact the Game and Fish at (307) 777-4600.



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