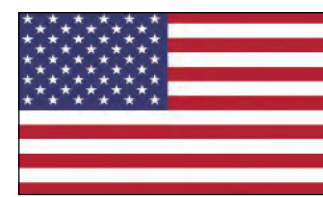




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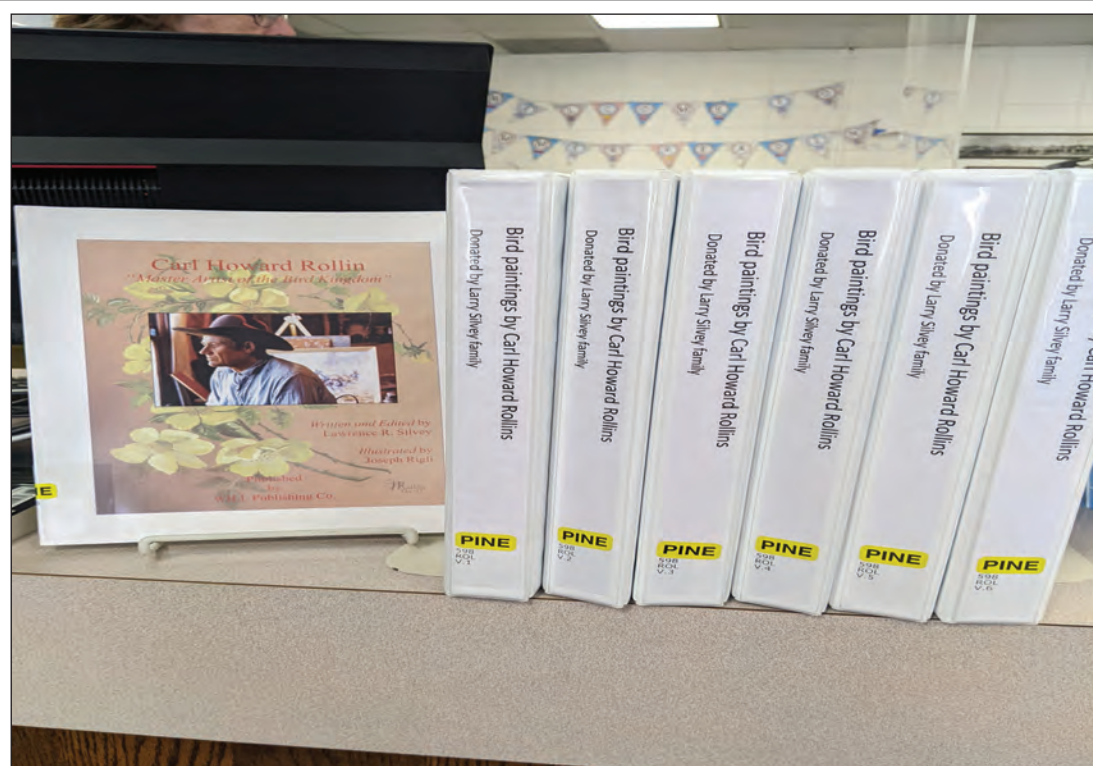
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Above: Holly Bauer of Pine Bluffs Library displays one of the many bird books donated by Lawrence "Larry" Silvey.



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Above: The books filled with watercolors of Birds.

Pine Bluffs Library recipient of Books

Karen Lipska, Pine Bluffs Post

The angles and colors on different kinds of birds give a person enlightenment. This month is National Bird Day on January 5th with next month being National Bird Month. It is a time to respect that over 10,000 bird species are in danger of extinction. It is a time to watch the birds and learn what

their habitat is.

Lawrence Silvey was one of the biggest fans of birds. He gave about 672 watercolor paintings of birds to the Pine Bluffs Laramie County Library. The paintings ranged from the years of 1934 to 1940. The different kinds of birds in the paintings are chickadee, eagles, kingfisher, meadowlark, wrens, hawks, crossbills,

crows, owls, larks, finch, gray jays, and waxwings. These are some of the birds depicted but there were lots of different species that Rollins painted. Silvey's reasons for donating the paintings was that it would be nice for kids to look at and for the adults to use them for reference. Silvey loved to support the library. He was the author of Cowboy Artist from

Weldona C. Howard Rollins said there was nothing going on. He then introduced Aaron Veldheer as the new Chief Deputy of Operations for the Sheriff's Office. Veldheer stated that if anyone had questions to contact him through the Sheriff's department.

The artist was Carl Howard Rollins. Rollins is from Weldona of Morgan county Colorado. Rollins' family homesteaded 320 acres 12 miles northeast of Weldona. Ida and her two sons claimed the land with her husband Axel that stayed in Denver to earn money for the ranch. He died suddenly in 1914. Ida Rollins raised her sons Howard who was born in 1909 and Bernard who was born in 1901. They raised Hereford and Shorthorn cattle. At nineteen, Howard believed he needed his own room to draw his birds. Rollins' paintings started to sell around 1934. He painted birds all throughout Colorado, Wyoming, and Nebraska. Through the years Rollins earned a national reputation. His art gallery in Morgan County had people visiting from all over. Art professors, and governors along with representatives from the Smithsonian came to the gallery. He was named Master Artist of the Bird Kingdom. He painted some specializing in birds as illustrated in Birds of Zion National Park and Vicinity in 1965, Birds pictures of the Southeast in 1966, and Birds of the Big Bend National Park and Vicinity in 1973. After his mother died in 1956 and his brother died in 1963 he sold the 2,200 acres to his neighbor Don Gronsten with an agreement. The agreement was that Rollins got to live on the land as long as he was alive. Rollins was never married or learned to drive. He died in 1983 at the age of 70.

You can find his paintings in the Pine Bluffs Laramie County Library. The lines, the colors, and details of each bird is incredible. This last week Silvey passed away. His passion for this artist is his way to show the world how great people's talents can be.

Human Trafficking Month

Karen Lipska, Pine Bluffs Post

Human Trafficking happens everyday. January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

This week the Wyoming High Patrol is in partnership with Truckers Against Trafficking along with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance. They are keeping extra eyes and ears out for anyone that needs help. There will be extra check points to help out.

There are warning signs to look for: appearing malnourished, showing signs of physical injuries and abuse, avoiding eye contact, avoiding social interaction, avoiding authority figures like law enforcement, seems to adhere to scripted or rehearsed, lacking official identification documents, appearing to lack personal possessions, working excessively long hours, living at a place of employment, checking into hotels with older males referenced as boyfriend or daddy, poor health and teeth, tattoos or branding on back side of the neck or lower back, untreated sexually transmitted disease, small children serving in a family restaurant, security measures that appear to keep people inside an establishment, and not allowing people to go into public alone or speak to anyone.

See Human Page A8

Burns Town Council raises rates for the town

Karen Lipska, Pine Bluffs Post

The discussion of different rates in the town was the top subject of the first meeting of the year. Burns council met on January 9 at 6:30.

Scott Prestidge from Tallgrass Energy introduced himself. He is the manager of Corporate Communications of Tallgrass Energy. The company is working on a project called Trailblazer Conversion. This project will be putting CO2 underground. Prestidge said, "This project will be between Burns and Pine Bluffs. They have started already. The test wells will be done in the next few weeks." He explained about the timelines and how the pipeline was involved. What is the progress of the project and that they will have started test wells in the next few weeks. The company has received grants to help with the project. The first one is from the Department of Energy regarding the hydrogen production facility. The second one is from the Wyoming Energy Authority. It's about the demonstration for hydrogen combustion in a natural gas, combine cycle, power generation and power generator. The company will be building a Tallgrass WEA funding and Southeast Wyoming CO2 Sequestration. Mayor Jim Clark asked what does the company want from the town of Burns and Prestidge said "Nothing. We are informing the town of Burns." Council member Joseph Nicholson asked how does this effect the town wells? Prestidge said, "It will not effect them." The last concern was from Ray Black about not effect CO2 in the air. Prestidge reassured that this will help.

Molly Dennis was next to report on the Burns Youth League. She said, "They have started basketball and will have home games this week." She is still working on the cost of the volleyball net.

President of the Burns Lions Club Kayla Madler gave a report about their next event. The members will not be able have a February dance. They are asking for March 18th for the gym and to get a liquor permit. Council member Judy Johnstone made a motion and council member Nicholson seconded it. The council approved.

Laramie County Deputy Sheriff Robert Gaskin said there was nothing going on. He then introduced Aaron Veldheer as the new Chief Deputy of Operations for the Sheriff's Office. Veldheer stated that if anyone had questions to contact him through the Sheriff's department.

Darius Mandel gave the maintenance report. There have been some issues with the cold snap. The office of Our Family Chiropractic heater decided to freeze up and blow up. They have capped it because it's water. Mandel is waiting on prices for a whole new wall unit for it. In another room they are waiting on the altitude sensors. The town received the new dump truck.

Council member Johnstone reported on the Utility board. First was the contract with the county water has been signed with Mayor Clark. The second item was Cripple Creek Estates has a new sign. They are having issues for the detention pond. It is confusing. The third thing was fees of the sewer, water, and trash is going up but they need a work day to do an audit of the actual expenditures and how much it really costs to the town per gallon.

Mayor Clark explained that the the marshal will be doing 20 hours for the town. The other 20 hours will be with the the Laramie County Sheriff's Department. The town of Burns will be needing to go up a dollar on the pay. It will be \$26.00 per hour. Mayor Clark was waiting for the paperwork. Veldheer said, "We have that figured out now. It was a hold up in the PR department. All the equipment will be supplied by Laramie County Sheriff's Department."

First council member to report was Rick Lakin on the scoreboard. He said he just needs to follow through. They need a new one. The last thing was some concern with the sidewalks being icy for the basketball tournament.

Council member Johnstone would like to thank Kyle Osterman for helping with driveways in town with the snow in December. She is going to WAM and hopes all the other council members are going too. Johnstone did get the rest of the paperwork of WWDC to Town Clerk Tony Shiery.

Council member Nicholson received a quote on the gym floors to be redone from JJ. It will cost \$11,700. The council approved as long as it is this summer. Nicholson received a quote about painting and he feels it is too high. He is getting more quotes. Council member Nicholson said that Burns Insurance would like to put a water feature in the park with Betty named on it. The council thought that would be fine as long as it was not a mess.

For new business the council would like to sell the old dump truck. Mayor Clark knows someone interested in it. The council decided to have sealed bids come in until their February meeting. Next was voting to still have the Wyoming Bank and Trust as their Depository and WYO STAR as the depository of Reserve Funds. An item that was addressed was about The Rustic Plate using the whole community center for their business. It was the kitchen area on the lease. Now they are using the store rooms, too. The council decided to measure the community center to give them a new quote plus to inform them about the issue. The last was going over the review of the fees of the town. Building permits are \$25 for the first \$15,000 dollars. One dollar per each additional \$1000. The council kept it the same. Next was the equipment rental including the operator was \$50 per hour. The council has increased it to \$65 per hour. Snow removal was \$50 per hour. It was increased to \$65 per hour. Dump truck or dump trailer rental \$55 plus dump fees. It was increased to \$70. Room rentals in the town buildings is .35 cents per inch square foot. Because of the increase of the utilities the council feels it needs to be increased. Council member Nicholson suggested 3 cents. All council agreed except the Mayor Clark he would like it at 2 cents.

Mayor Clark has received a thank you note from Shepherd's Closet for the use of the council room for Christmas in the Closet.

The next meeting for the council will be January 23rd at 5:30 p.m. and February 13th at 6:30 p.m. The Utility board meeting will be February 13th at 6:00 p.m. the Town offices will be closed on January 16th.

<p>WEATHER</p> <p>January 12 through January 18</p> <p>Weather provided by Accuweather</p>	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Partly Sunny Hi 43 Lo 28</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>Mostly Cloudy Hi 46 Lo 30</p>	<p>Saturday</p> <p>Mostly Sunny Hi 44 Lo 29</p>	<p>Sunday</p> <p>Cloudy Hi 41 Lo 28</p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>Cloudy Hi 38 Lo 27</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Sunny Hi 39 Lo 24</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Mostly Cloudy Hi 39 Lo 25</p>
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Obituaries

Daniel S. Acheson

Daniel S. Acheson, 77, of Kimball, died in Scottsbluff on Wednesday, December 28, 2022. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 14th at the Kimball Presbyterian Church with Pastor Alan Foutz officiating. Inurnment will be held at a later date. Friends may visit www.cantrellfh.com to leave condolences and stories for the family. Memorials may be given to the Nebraska State FFA Scholarship Fund at https://neffafoundation.org/support_us/. The services for Dan have been entrusted to the Cantrell Funeral Home.



where his family was active in diversified livestock, hay, and grain production and where Dan's love for agriculture and understanding of putting in the work to get the results needed, were passed onto his children. During this time, Dan taught agricultural education and welding, and was the FFA advisor for the Kimball FFA Chapter for 33 years, where he made significant impacts in the lives of countless young people. During Dan's time in advising the Kimball FFA program, the chapter received several accolades including numerous American FFA Degree recipients, countless Nebraska FFA Degree recipients, and Nebraska State FFA officers. But for Dan, the reward was not in the awards earned, but truly in the lives that he touched. To this end, during his time teaching, Dan served as a mentor and confidant for ag teachers across the state of Nebraska, developing lifelong friendships.

Daniel Stuart Acheson was born in Cheyenne Wyoming on April 22, 1945, the son of Charles and Bernice (Dodrill) Acheson. Dan grew up on a ranch outside of Hillsdale, WY where throughout his childhood he developed his appreciation for what a hard day's work will provide and a passion for agriculture – a philosophy that Dan carried throughout his life. He was active in 4-H and FFA, loved showing his family's Angus cattle, and truly relished being on the ranch and all that it had to offer.

Upon graduation from High School, Dan enrolled at the University of Wyoming and his love for agriculture transitioned to college where he elected to major in vocational agriculture education, earning both his bachelor's and master's degree. During his time in college, Dan met his wife Sherry, and they were married on September 4, 1968. Dan and Sherry moved to Kimball and eventually settled on a small farm south of town

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During his early years in Kimball, Dan also became a

real estate agent / broker and auctioneer. On any given weekend, Dan and his family could be found working an auction in the area. And while this path is one that Dan pursued over the past several decades, once he transitioned from his teaching career, he further followed these interests, growing his real estate business within Kimball and the surrounding areas.

Survivors include sons David (Sarah) Acheson of Raleigh, NC and Dean (Nicole) Acheson of Overland Park, KS; daughter Danell Marks of Kimball, NE; brother Fred (Diana) Acheson of Hillsdale, WY; sisters Judy True of Cheyenne, WY and Linda (Jim) Winjum, of Rapid City, SD and (9) grandchildren – Alex, Emma, Molly, Ethan, Taylor, Ashlyn, Amanda, Hannah and Shannen. Dan was preceded in death by his loving wife of 54 years, Sherry, and his parents.

Arthur "Bryce" Sowards

Arthur "Bryce" Sowards, 82, longtime resident of Rapid City, SD and current resident of Pine Bluffs WY, went home to his heavenly father on January 9, 2023 at Davis Hospice in Cheyenne, WY after his nearly ten year battle with cancer.

Bryce was born on October 29, 1940, to Harriet and C. Ed Sowards. Growing up Bryce enjoyed working with horses on the ranch with his father. He graduated from Rapid City Central High school in 1959 and attended Black Hills State University after high school.

On August 3rd, 1963, he married Darlene Powell in Caputa, SD. Bryce and Darlene went on to have two sons, Maurice and Carroll.

During his life Bryce worked at the beef/sheep unit of the SDSU Research Station in Buffalo, SD and as an electrician for the City of Rapid City before going full time into ranching and milking cows. He then drove tour buses for Black Hills Greyline and retired as a school bus driver and teacher's aid in the Special Education Department for the Rapid City School District.

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Bryce had a true passion for horses, ranching and haying. One of his proudest achievements was being awarded for logging 250+ horseback hours with the AQHA Riding Program after his retirement. During his lifetime, he rode over 100 different horses and he could name almost all of them. Bryce was proud of his family and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He also shared his passion for livestock as a long time 4H leader. Bryce had a longing for music, especially the older gospel hymns. Bryce was never afraid to share God's word and his relationship

with Jesus Christ with people he met.

Bryce was preceded in death by his parents and wife Darlene Sowards. He is survived by his son Maurice and his wife Orsi of Fishtail MT, son Carroll and his wife Christine of Burns WY. Brother Dean and his wife Carol of Caputa, SD, brother Wayne and his wife Michael of Clark, CO. His grandchildren, Cody and his wife Michelle, Dustin and his wife Eden, Jessica Willert (Sowards) and her husband Cordell, Colton and his wife Emily. Along with his four great children and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at Crossroads Community Church on January 13, 2023 at 1pm with a graveside service to follow. In lieu of flowers, those that wish may donate to the Crossroad Community Church building fund.



Activities and calls for the Pine Bluffs Police Department during the week of January 5 through January 10

This week we had the following:
 8 warnings for failure to stop at posted stop sign
 4 warnings issued for speeding
 Accident at 6th and Market - No injuries, no citation due to slippery conditions on road.

The above information is a matter of public record and arrest records may be obtained from the Laramie Co. Courts.
 A reminder to slow down in bad weather.
 from the Pine Bluffs Police Dept.

Angelo State University announces Fall 2022 Dean's List

SAN ANGELO, TX (01/03/2023)-- Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, has announced the students achieving the Dean's List for the 2022 fall semester, including Hannah Kinnison of Grover.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Kinnison is majoring in Food Animal Science Marketing at Angelo State.

The complete fall 2022 Dean's List is available at angelo.edu/commencement.

Angelo State University, founded in 1928, is a thriving four-year public school in Texas. Our Ram Family environment and Core Values help

students feel at home, a place where they know faculty and staff care deeply about their success.

Our excellent faculty make it possible for students to conduct undergraduate research, rank above state acceptance averages for professional schools, and receive personal access to instructors and progressive facilities.

We are part of the dynamic Texas Tech University System with campuses across the state. Angelo State has been ranked as one of The Princeton Review's "Best Colleges" in the nation since 2010, and we are also a College of Distinction, a "Military Friendly School" and a First-gen Forward Institution.

For more information, log on to angelo.edu.



Courtesy Photo

Above: More than nine lives kitten, after found freezing in a kiddie pool, kitten is now cropped eared but alive.

Burns resident takes in saved frozen Kitten

Karen Lipska, Pine Bluffs Post

The sound of a meowing kitten in distress got the attention of a neighbor. During the temperatures that dropped below zero in the third week of December had the area buckling down in a warm place. It was the kind of weather that was not safe for human or animal. The possibility for frostbite was in the air. The kitten was found by a neighbor in a kiddie pool frozen to the bottom of it. There was enough water from prior snow melt to be enticing but dangerous to a thirsty animal. The Cheyenne Animal Shelter was called in to help. It took a good hour of using a hair dryer to defrost the kitten from the kiddie pool. Dr. Tessa Winsch, DVM at the Cheyenne Animal Shelter treated the kitten. The

kitten had an upper respiratory infection secondary to the hypothermia. The kitten lost both ears and a toe to frostbite. Sam Cook, who works at The Rustic Diner and lives in the Burns area was contacted about the kitten. Cook loves to rescue animals. This kitten needed someone to nurse it back to health. She and her husband watched over the kitten the whole time. Cook said, "It was rough for the first several days but now the kitten is gaining weight and energy".

Winter time is just as hard if not harder on animals as it is for humans. Ranchers and farmers are always checking their animals that are out in the weather. They make sure there is some kind of bedding which could be straw or wood shavings and shelter. Food and water is needed at all times to keep energy up

in the body. Some ranchers keep the animals moving. This keeps the blood flowing throughout their body.

Pet owners need to have a shelter for their animals along with bedding of some sort outside. Water is important but not so much the animal can be immersed in it and be frozen. Only let animals out for short times. Pets paws and ears can get frost bite like our fingers and toes. Always be careful about anti-freeze in vehicles. The animal can lick it and get poisoned.

Winter time is hard, so be cautious for all creatures of all kinds including humans. This particular kitten was lucky that someone was nearby to hear it. But others may not be so lucky. Cook was thrilled to help the animal and have the results of it living.

Thank You

The Kimball Hospital Foundation and Pine Bluffs Health Clinic gratefully acknowledge those who have given a "Gift of Love" contribution for the 2022 Holiday Spirit Tree in honor of a loved one. This year, the Foundation is raising funds to help purchase new chemotherapy equipment for use in Kimball's new hospital. The support of these thoughtful donors will help provide quality healthcare for our communities for years to come.

Gifts of Love to the Foundation were made in honor of:



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- Mike McKay by Jim McKay
- Johannah Humphrey by Jim & Jeannine Acton
- Ray & Nell Jessop by Roger & Diana Jessop
- Judith Coolbaugh by Harlow & David Coolbaugh
- Avon & Lois Carpenter by Rick & Wanda Carpenter
- John & Roberta Marquardt by Greg & Joleen Marquardt
- Herb & Marilyn Mattson by Greg and Joleen Marquardt
- All the unborn babies by George Romsa
- Lawrence Neilson
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Pine Bluffs Senior Center Weekly Bingo Winner

1/03/2023 Game 1 Bernadette Perez, Rita Reyes, and Glen Romig	Game 4 Lila Lipska	Lila Lipska
Game 2 Liz Berg, Glen Romig	Game 5 Rita Reyes	Game 8 Bernadette Perez
Game 3 Cheryl	Game 6 Cheryl	Game 9 Glen Romig
	Game 7	Blackout Liz Berg

Pine Bluffs Health Clinic

January Clinic Calendar

Call (307) 245-3666 or walk in anytime 8 am to 6 pm, Monday-Friday

 Dr. Judd Dawson DO Family Clinics: Pine Bluffs: Jan. 24 Kimball: Jan. 6, 13, 19, 20, 27, 30	 Dr. William Wyatt, MD-FACS Plastic & Hand Surgery Clinics Pine Bluffs: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 Kimball: Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25	 Rasha Riad APRN, FNP-C Family Clinics: Jan. 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26	 Keri Foster APRN, FNP-C Family Clinics: Jan. 3, 30, 31	 Ellen Otto APRN, FNP-C Family Clinics: Jan. 13, 16, 18, 27	 Ann Anderson RN, FNP-C, CCA, FHRS, CCDS Cardiology Clinics: Pine Bluffs: Jan. 4, 18, 25 Kimball: Jan. 3, 16, 17, 24, 30, 31
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Opinion/Editorial

Looking Ahead to 2023 - This Just Might Be a 'Gap Year' for Big News Stories

Eli Bebout and Dave Bell both have strong opinions about what is going to happen in Wyoming during 2023.

And here during my annual prediction column, these two guys wanted to chime in and I am glad they did.

But first, here's my take:

Hmmm let's see. Looking ahead at 2023, it is easier to see what is not going to happen rather than what is.

Hopefully, we will not have a pandemic like 2020. Or the worst winter storm in four decades as last year (just a few weeks ago). Or a world-class political clash like Liz Cheney and former President Donald Trump's battle that created all the headlines last year.

Looking ahead, it appears that 2023 might be a gap year for big news. And maybe that will be just fine.

I am a big fan of college kids taking a "gap year," now and then -- to get their heads straight and get a breather. Young people who take care of themselves may live to be 110 years old. You have plenty of time, I tell them, much to the chagrin of their parents. But I digress.

The Legislature starts meeting this week and it will generate a lot of news. The state's financial fortunes are dire in the long run, and yet we are awash in cash right now. Spend it all now? Or be prudent and squirrel a bunch of it away for future more needy times?

Bebout of Riverton is the only man to be both Speaker of

the House and President of the Senate. He opines: "Looking back at our history, we seem to always have the same issues. You know what they are: Diversify our economy and tax base, enhance tourism, minerals, and agriculture, keep our young Wyomingites in our state, save for the future, and live within our means."

Bell of Pinedale is a former chairman of the Wyoming Business Alliance. He says: "There must be a way to provide relief to senior citizens in high value markets - which are spreading throughout the state. And that could be citizens of all ages for that matter. A workable solution needs to be found, even if it means amending the state constitution."

In Wyoming, whiskey is for drinking and water is for fighting over. That will happen again as states downstream from us will continue to be so jealous of all our water, we can anticipate some ambitious and greedy attempts to take it from us.

Our inability or unwillingness to build storage facilities will come back to haunt us as water we could have used here will be sent downstream to other states so they can prosper from it.

Wyoming's unofficial state motto for the past three decades has been "America's Energy Breadbasket." We hope that continues but the nation's short-sighted view of not using our vast (and clean) fossil fuel resources will provide black-



Bill Sniffin

outs and brownouts across the country.

We can only hope some sanity will emerge. All those electric vehicles need power - Wyoming has the power. We just need to keep the power-generating facilities running. Please, President Joe Biden and your hare-brained staff - please come to your senses!

It is predicted that even here in Wyoming we could see brownouts and blackouts in 2023 based on industry projections. What a farce that would be. Iowa should never run out of corn. California should never run out of wine. And Wyoming should never run out of energy.

Maybe the Legislature could pass some law that would mandate a reserve of power being held back to protect our local citizens and local businesses?

Bell gets his dander up on this subject: "Even the mention of blackouts and brownouts appears as if we are being conditioned to become a third-

world country. If I were the Governor, I'd be calling the head of every utility company operating in Wyoming and convening a Brownout Summit. The message: This can NEVER happen in our state. Period. If PacifiCorp thinks this is a possibility, then Gov. Gordon needs to be calling Warren Buffett and advising him this WILL NOT happen in our state, and to fix it so it doesn't!"

I will predict that 2023 will be a record year for tourism in Wyoming. Now that Yellowstone has repaired damage caused by horrible floods last year, a true "flood" of tourists are coming.

Plus, we are primarily a state where tourists drive to our sites and sights. With gas prices continuing to drop, folks will jump into their gas-powered cars, trucks, and RVs and head to the Cowboy State.

Our infrastructure statewide is better than ever. From Evanston to Hulett and Cody to Cheyenne, we are ready for tourists. International tourism also will bounce back.

Alas, this year will see even more activity in what is called culture wars.

I will agree to being an old fogey who prefers a more traditional way than what seems to be underway in our state.

Misguided craziness will continue in the area of overly explicit books in our libraries, causing people to somehow compare this to old-time book-burning incidents. No folks,

this is quite different.

Also, we will see more craziness in our schools, at our community colleges, and at University of Wyoming, as folks promoting an extreme minority view will try to bully the leaders of our institutions to comply to extreme views that reflect a tiny portion of our population.

The attempts by this noisy minority to turn Wyoming into California will be costly and toxic.

So far in this column, I have not predicted anything gigantic. If Yellowstone explodes, well, we will not be around to talk about it.

And finally, financially, I hope that the work being done to pioneer small nuclear plants (such as those that power aircraft carriers) could be used in our communities to provide power for Wyoming and the rest of the country. That just seems to make sense to me.

Again, maybe the legislature could fast-track some rules that make having such facilities in Wyoming a possibility? Seems like it would be worth a try.

Eli is an expert on all things nuclear. He says: "I have been a proponent of nuclear power for a long time. It may not be the total answer, but it sure needs to lead the way. Wyoming can be a leader in this area as well as fossil fuel."

Next year, I will write about what happened in 2023. It will be interesting to see how close these predictions were. Happy New Year.

From the Hill

Republican Leadership Calls for Decisiveness and Decorum at the Start of 2023 General Session

CHEYENNE – House and Senate majority leaders began the 67th General Session of the Wyoming Legislature today following the administration of the oath of office.

The Wyoming Legislature is a 93-member citizen legislature. A total of 34 new members were sworn in during today's proceedings. It will be the first year in office for 27 House members and 3 Senate members. The House and Senate bodies elected their leaders after one round of voting for

each chamber. Albert Sommers was duly confirmed Speaker of the House and Ogden Driskill was duly confirmed President of the Senate.

The Republican Leadership expressed optimism in the work ahead to continue to make Wyoming the best place to live, work and raise a family.

House and Senate leaders outlined several priorities leading into the 67th General Session, including:

- Smart fiscal stewardship and planning that creates future

opportunities and bolsters the state's fiscal position

- Cultivating growth in emerging industries while keeping the mainstay energy, agriculture, and tourism sectors strong

- Building the bench of Legislative leaders

- Promoting a responsive, efficient, and limited government mindful of Wyoming's most vulnerable citizens

"Our focus will be on thoughtful planning and saving for the future," said Speaker

of the House Albert Sommers. "We have a responsibility to leverage the recent revenue surplus to benefit generations of Wyoming people. This will be accomplished by building strategic investments, maximizing efficiencies, and placing a priority on helping the most vulnerable among us."

"Together, we must continue to develop Wyoming solutions to the challenges we face," said Senate President Ogden Driskill. "It is our essential purpose, the expecta-

tion of the people of Wyoming, and the duty of each member to welcome robust discussion with respect for each other and for this great institution. Civil, open debate is what we owe the people we serve and it's the best path forward to fulfill our critical obligations and create a stronger Wyoming."

All House and Senate meetings are open to the public. Proceedings will be livestreamed on the Legislature's website: www.wyoleg.gov.

Wyoming Energy Authority Executive Director Announces Resignation

January 9, 2023 – Cheyenne, Wyoming – The Wyoming Energy Authority announced today that Dr. Glen Murrell intends to resign as Executive Director effective March 1, 2023.

The WEA was created in 2020 by the Wyoming State Legislature by merging the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority and the Wyoming Pipeline Authority; Dr. Murrell was the agency's inaugural director.

Under his tenure, the WEA unveiled its Energy Strategy, which champions legacy industries alongside renewables and next-generation technologies. The WEA also formed notable partnerships with the

states of Colorado, Utah and New Mexico to form the Western Interstates Hydrogen Hub and with Idaho National Laboratory to develop a viable nuclear industry in Wyoming.

"We thank Dr. Murrell for his great leadership in getting the Authority up and running," said Governor Gordon. "The Authority is a powerhouse that will drive Wyoming's all-of-the-above energy policy. Wyoming's leadership on nuclear and important climate-related initiatives, from CCUS to renewables, positions Wyoming and the WEA to lead the nation into a bright future."

"Glen has been an excellent Inaugural Executive

Director for the WEA and has helped position Wyoming to meet our energy challenges now and into the future," said Paul Ulrich, Chairman of the Board of Directors. "We are all in a stronger and more collaborative position today thanks to his work and the work of the WEA staff. We now move to the task of finding a replacement for this critical role and ensuring a smooth transition for our team and Wyoming's vital energy industry."

The Wyoming Energy Authority Board of Directors is initiating a job search for Executive Director immediately. Information on the job posting can be found at <https://wyoenergy.org/contact/#jobs>

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Sharing His Word

The Leaders of the Jews Try to Test Jesus

Let's look at Matthew 16:1: "The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven." This week we begin to discuss Matthew chapter 16, beginning with verse 1, where the Jewish leaders – the Pharisees and the Sadducees try to test Jesus, tempting Him to do something at their bidding.

The first thing to note is that these two groups were on opposite sides of the spectrum. The Pharisees were the conservatives. They believed in the resurrection and in spiritual things. The Sadducees were the liberals; they only believed (but not totally) the first five books of Moses – the Pentateuch or Torah, and they did not believe in spiritual things nor in the resurrection. The Pharisees were religious; the Sadducees were secularists. The Sadducees were the ones who held the High Priestly office, because of its political advantages. They had ingratiated and bribed their way into through the various empires who ruled Judea – first the Greek, then the Roman. But these two opposites conspire together against Jesus, for neither group truly followed the Word of God, but put their traditions and philosophy above it. Jesus, the Messiah was an existential threat to their leadership and way of life, for He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and their father was the father of lies (see John 14:6 and chapter 8).

In their opposition to Jesus, they conspire together to tempt Jesus, who "was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15), to get Him to perform a miracle at their request. What hubris! They are a subjugated people under the dominion of the Roman Empires, and they have the gall to think they can get Jesus to perform for them! But like their father the devil, they are more subtle – they don't come right out and demand a sign from Heaven, "they desired Him, that He would shew them a sign from Heaven." Would they believe had He done so? From all the miracles that Jesus performed and their unbelief, and outright antagonism, they would not. Only a few Pharisees believed – Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, who came to Jesus by night. Apparently, none of the Sadducees believed. They had already committed the unforgivable sin by saying that Jesus' works were done by the power of the devil. Now under the devil's influence they come testing Jesus.

What about us, Dear Reader, do we believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the God-Man, the Son of God who came to save His people, or are we testing Him?

Thomas Juodaitis



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Italian Style Meatloaf

Recipe

Ingredients: 1 pound ground pork, 1 pound ground beef, 2 large eggs, 1/4 cup Italian breadcrumbs, 1/2 teaspoon dried basil, 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme, 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano, 1 to 2 garlic cloves, finely minced, 1 small yellow onion diced, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon black pepper, 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese, 1/2 cup marinara sauce, 1/2 cup shredded Italian cheese blend

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a loaf pan. In a large bowl, combine the ground pork and beef, eggs, breadcrumbs, thyme, oregano, basil, garlic, onion, salt, pepper and Parmesan cheese. Place the mixture in the greased loaf pan, and form into a loaf. Top the meatloaf with pasta sauce. Place filled loaf pan on a baking sheet, and bake for 1 hour. Remove the meatloaf from the oven and drain any grease from the meats at this time. Sprinkle the top with the remaining shredded cheese. Place the meatloaf back in the oven, and bake until the cheese is melted. Remove the meatloaf from the oven, and let sit for 5-10 minutes before slicing.

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Thursday 1/12

French Dip Sandwich, Chips, Coleslaw

Friday 1/13

Smoked Sausage, Buttered Noodles, Veggies

Monday 1/16

Soup, Salad, Sandwich Bar

Tuesday 1/17

Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies

Wednesday 1/18

Beef Enchiladas, Rice, Refried Beans

Thursday 1/19

White Chili, Cornbread

Friday 1/20

Chicken Alfredo, Pasta, Peas

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Mobile Health Clinic 9-10 a.m.

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Pinocle 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Friday 1/13

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Coffee Social - 8-10:30 a.m.

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Poker 1-3 p.m.

Monday 1/16

Meatloaf, Hash brown Casserole

Vegetable, Salad, Dessert

WW Bread, Milk

Coffee Social - 8-10:30 a.m.

Tuesday 1/17

Cabbage Burger, Vegetable

Salad, Fruit, Dessert, Milk

Coffee Social - 8-10:30 a.m.

Bingo 1-3 p.m.

Poker 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday 1/18

Ham, Scalloped Potatoes,

Vegetable, Salad, Fruit, Dessert

Roll, Milk

Coffee Social - 8-10:30 a.m.

Bus Trip to Walmart 10 a.m.

Thursday 1/19

Enchilada, Black Beans, Salad

Fruit, Dessert Milk

Coffee Social - 8-10:30 a.m.

Coloring 9 - 10 a.m.

Friday 1/20

Sloppy Joe, Chips, Vegetable

Salad Dessert Milk

Coffee Social - 8-10:30 a.m.

Pinocle 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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Reflections in time...

100 YEARS AGO January 11, 1923

WE NEED A PAYROLL

Yes, we need a payroll. We are not different in that respect from Cheyenne, Casper, Denver, Detroit, or any other community.

Take Detroit's payroll away and you would immediately see gloom and depression settling over that fair city like a pall. Only a few months ago the Ford plant closed for a short time, and the effect was depressing on all other industries and lines of trade.

While Pine Bluffs cannot aspire to a payroll like Detroit's (at least not immediately), there are types of industrial product that might be manufactured here just as well as at any other point. We have cheap power, and there is a surplus of help here at most seasons of the year that should be profitably employed. During the winter season many members of farm families would be pleased to come to the city and work. In this way the matter of help would be solved. Also, whenever the demand arose, more help could easily be secured from outside sources.

There are scores of instances where the starting of a single small factory has been the means of building up a greatly increased community in population.

90 YEARS AGO January 12, 1933

DISASTROUS YEAR

Farm commodity prices during the year 1932 seem to have written a history of wreck and ruin for America's basic industry. Heart-breaking prices in the face of back-breaking debts with high rates of livestock and agricultural interest, has forced a large proportion of American soil tillers to the verge of bankruptcy.

But the new year sees farmers, natural optimists, looking forward with a measure of cheerfulness. They believe three major developments are sure to come during 1933 that may bring them from the slough of despond and the land of despair. The hoped for developments are:

1. International financial cooperation designed to stabilize exchanges and restore markets.

2. Some plan for providing basic farm crops with a higher price in the domestic market through artificial measures, such as proposed by President-elect Roosevelt.

3. Refinancing of the \$12,000,000,000 long and short term farm debt on a lower interest basis, also promised by the president-elect.

The condition of farms today is best illustrated by the industry's gross income statement. This shows total agricultural income earnings for 1932 to have been \$5,240,000,000, compared with \$11,950,000,000 in 1929—a year when agricultural earnings were so far out of line with industrial earnings that congress created the federal farm board and endowed it with \$500,000,000 to bring relief to the farmer.

This decline of 56 per cent in gross income reduced the average farm income this year to

\$832. Interest and taxes on the 2,500,000 mortgaged farms out of 6,000,000 operated in the nation, accounted for an expenditure of about \$400 from this income, leaving \$454 per farmer for his year's expenses—living expenses and production expenses.

80 YEARS AGO January 14, 1943

WAR ON ALL FRONTS

Australia—Land of Tomorrow—Out there in Australia, certain novelties of aviation greatly interest Yank fighting birdmen who roost down between their wallowing flights against the no-longer-so-cocky Jappies.

One of the first observations a Yank airman is likely to make at cocktail parties is that Aussie women are universally air-minded; perhaps more so than their menfolk. While at Aussie fields, probably the first unusual thing to catch his eye is the omnipresent Aussie version of WAAAF's. Here they add an "a" for aviation: meaning Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force. What the famous Australian accent does to the W-triple-a-fs is beyond me to reproduce phonetically.

The WAAAFs work right up in the advanced combat zones. They've had casualties. Their commander is Wing Officer Clare Stevenson, a charming 36-year-old feminist champion. WAAAF's practically run the whole ground show—clerking, serving messes, cooking, driving cars and trucks, tailoring, folding chutes, administering, handling all telephone, cipher and radio communications, and even manning radio location detectors, and making engine and plane repairs. They live and mess exactly on the same basis as soldiers; are permitted but one concession to their sex—hairdressers. They wear Air Force blue uniforms off duty; blue overalls and berets on duty.

The harshness and loneliness of Australia's frontier is emphasized to interested Yanks by a service that is unique to Australia—the renowned Australian Aerial Medical Service; popularly, the Flying Doctors. They have six bases in the more than two million square miles of bush, or outback, as it's variously called. Some 250 principal homesteads have radio sets from which power is generated by a contraction like a bicycle pedal. When a doctor is needed, a messenger may ride horseback as much as 100 miles to a homestead with a radio. From here, a call is sent to the nearest Flying Doctor station, perhaps another 600 miles away.

70 YEARS AGO January 15, 1953

FRONT PAGE NEWS

Wayne Nicodemus, who presided over the monthly meeting of the Laramie County Farm Bureau board of directors Friday, has announced there will be an open meeting at the Plains Hotel Jan. 24, in order that sheep growers may discuss legislation relative to sheep thievery and other items of interest to sheepmen.

Farmers and ranchers of the Pine Bluffs and Hereford communities are to have an opportunity to discuss soil improvement

practices and the use of fertilizers at meetings to be held at the two towns.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller of Hillsdale announce the engagement of their daughter Beverly to Sgt. Lawrence P. Dalgarn, son of Mrs. Ella Dalgarn of Egbert.

King Merritt, 58, rancher in the Federal area for many years and a well-known horse breeder and rodeo performer, died at DePaul hospital in Cheyenne Wednesday morning after a long illness.

Milford Bear of Egbert suffered first, second and third degree burns about his hands and face last Thursday when an overheated oil burner caused a 5 gallon can of oil, which was near the stove, to explode. Mrs. Bear received second degree burns on her right hand when she attempted to help Mr. Bear extinguish the fire on his clothing.

Three men, Robert Smith, Donald Porter and Don Douglas, all of Grover, were installing an antenna beside a trailer house in Grover, when one of the guy wires broke and let the antenna strike the high-tension line. Smith and Porter were standing on the ground and Douglas was sitting on the trailer when the tower fell and all grabbed flying guy wires in an attempt to hold it off the power line. Both men on the ground were knocked down and Douglas was either knocked off or fell off the trailer.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church here Monday afternoon for Warren A. Fisher, 61, who died of a heart attack about 4 a. m. Friday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Frank P. Land and his brother, W. S. Fisher in Pine Bluffs.

60 YEARS AGO January 18, 1963

FIRE DESTROYS ALLEN HOME

Despite efforts of three volunteer fire departments, the five room modern farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Allen, three miles south of Hillsdale, and one mile north of highway 30 was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin during the height of the storm Thursday afternoon. The blaze, which was thought to have started from the flue of a coal furnace in the basement, was so far advanced when discovered that very little was saved from the flames except the clothes Mr. and Mrs. Allen were wearing.

Mr. Allen and his wife Erma were alone in the house when they discovered the fire at about 10:45 a.m. A niece, Miss Betty Jo Burkett, who makes her home with them, was in Cheyenne where she is employed. The couple barely had time to call the Burns and the Cheyenne and the county fire departments before being forced to get out of the house, as it was impossible to remain in the smoke-filled home. Practically nothing was saved.

The Allens estimate their loss at approximately \$10,000, only part of which was covered by insurance. Mr. and Mrs. Allen had lived in the home 16 years. They are making their home for the present with Mrs. Allen's brother Lawrence, and her mother, Mrs. Celia Burkett, and her live one-fourth mile north of the Allen place.

50 YEARS AGO

January 19, 1973

The January 12th issue was omitted from our book. However, we must go on.

THIS & THAT

Requests of four Burns High School Seniors to be granted graduation privileges at the end of the first semester were turned down by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting last week.

Seeing an opportunity to promote a greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support education in agriculture, former members of the Future Farmers of America launched a major drive this week in the Albin area to form an FFA Alumni Association.

Dr. Daryl D. Wills and wife, Jane and daughter Kristy; have moved to Pine Bluffs recently from Glen Ellyn, Ill. Dr. Wills is a graduate of Lincoln National Chiropractic College of Lombard, Ill. He will be associated with Dr. C. M. Nelson here.

Pine Bluffs Elementary School was burglarized again last week, the second such break-in in less than a year.

Joel H. Wiens, president of the Kimball County Bank, announces the promotion of Jim Prince from Vice-President to Executive Vice-President and Cashier.

Terry Gardner and Charles Leonard pinned their opponents and Allen Theobald won by forfeit to account for Pine Bluffs' points in their wrestling match against Lingle Friday evening. The match score was Lingle, 45; Pine Bluffs, 18.

Mike Peterson 6-ft., 5" Albin center, scored at will against the Burns Broncos Saturday night as the Albin Wildcats won, 78-59, in a game at Burns. Peterson, canning 27 points, led all scorers.

In their first game of the Grover Tournament the eighth grade played a good Weldona team. Again by playing a very aggressive defense the stingers came out on top by a score of 24-19.

40 YEARS AGO January 13, 1983

OUR NEIGHBORS

Albin-We still have lots of snow drifts to deal with but the warm winds have done lots toward melting some of them and now we have lots of muddy streets. Albin Mayor, Terry Anderson and several council members were out moving snow and opening streets Christmas day also, as the LaGrange news mentioned last week. Even men from the country came in with their tractors to help move the huge drifts so traffic could move.

Burns-Mr. and Mrs. Ike Brolyer are very proud to announce they have a new granddaughter, Katherine Louise, who was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jon Moore, Wednesday, January 5. The little miss came into the world weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz., and has red hair like her mother and grandmother. Katherine has two other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Moore of Albin.

Bushnell-Mrs. Carl Christiansen and Karlene were in Torrington Friday. They visited with Dale Hunstein, who was superintendent of schools in Bushnell some years ago. They moved to Scottsbluff, but he is

employed by the phone company in Torrington.

Carpenter-Darrell and Connie Lichty and Steve and Shari were holiday guests at the parental Claus Plambeck home having arrived just ahead of the snowstorm December 23, and enjoyed a visit until New Years day.

Egbert-Mr. and Mrs. Don Morse returned their grandson, Christopher Rodman to his home Friday, and later visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Morse and Matthew.

Grover-Jack Annon of Sterling, former teacher, was visiting at the Pawnee school Wednesday. He also visited Rev. Gertrude Horn and other friends in Grover. Mr. and Mrs. Annon also attended the basketball games Friday evening at the school.

Meriden-Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parish and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Petsch and family were among those attending coronation ceremonies crowning Miss Sandy Meyer as the new Miss Rodeo Wyoming, in Cheyenne Saturday evening.

30 YEARS AGO January 14, 1993

UNION PACIFIC LOSES 15 CARS

Fifteen cars derailed on the Union Pacific tracks last Saturday near the Tracy siding west of Pine Bluffs, causing a loss of material of \$132,000 and closing the two main tracks of the railroad while cleanup crews from this area and those especially trained for such emergencies worked to clear the debris for loaded trains east and west-bound to continue their route.

John Bromley, spokesman for the public relations department of Union Pacific at Omaha, said slack action in the eastbound train allowed one car to rear end another, causing 15 altogether to jump the tracks.

The train originated at Elko, Nev., Bromley said.

Two of the cars were loaded with salt and nine with Bearite, a mud solution used in drilling operations, and the rest were empty.

The immediate destination of the train was North Platte, Bromley said, but he did not know the final destination.

It took several hours to clear the tracks, Bromley said, and it was vital to get the two main lines clear for other trains waiting to get their cargoes on the road.

20 YEARS AGO January 16, 2003

ASSESSMENT

Local residents got the chance to share ideas and voice concerns about Pine Bluffs in a two-day listening session as part of a community assessment project that was sponsored by the Pine Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce (PBACC).

The assessment was conducted by people from outside the community to gather data on what the residents of Pine Bluffs think need to happen to improve the community and attract new businesses and residents. Needs that were determined by what the assessment team heard from community members included revitalizing downtown, keeping

the student enrollment in school up, and bringing in more businesses.

Throughout the assessment, team members held listening sessions to gather input and hear concerns about the community from specific and diverse groups of residents.

During the listening sessions, each resident had the opportunity to answer what they thought were strengths and weaknesses for Pine Bluffs as well as what they would like to see happen in the future.

At a special town meeting held by assessment members last Thursday, residents got to hear what ideas and concerns the assessment team gathered during the project.

"There have been 31 community assessments done already (throughout the state), and we would like all 90 rural communities to get the chance to get one done," said Blumenshine.

"This is completely a community-asked project. Some communities pay up to \$85,000 for consultants to come and do the same thing we are doing," she added.

There were seventeen sessions, and approximately 104 people participated, according to Blumenshine.

"I thought the assessment went well. I was pleased about the participation we got from the community members," said Chamber President Scott Zimmerman.

"It's always good to have non-partial people tell you how good your town is, such as volunteerism and the youth," he said.

10 YEARS AGO January 17, 2013

SPORTS

A Tuesday night game at Mitchell last week ended poorly for the Burns Broncos as the Tigers took a swipe at the Broncos and sent them home licking the wounds from a 79-51 loss.

The Pawnee Lady Coyotes traveled to Greeley Dec. 18, to play a non-league game against Union Colony and brought home another win 63-25.

A winter storm provided a change of pace for the Pine Bluffs Hornets, stopping them from their travels to Guernsey Friday. Nothing stopped the Southeast Cyclones from making a trip to the Hornet's nest. But the Hornets did prevent them going home winners, with Pine Bluffs posting a 67-25 victory. The win brings them to 7-4 on the season.

The Pawnee Coyote defense left opponent Otis open at their end of the court much of Saturday's game in Pawnee. Coupled with not making enough fourth quarter shots to compensate for what they left open in the first part of the game resulted in a 43-52 loss for the home team.

The Pine Bluffs Lady Hornets let in a blustery wind courtesy of the Southeast Lady Cyclones Saturday night and suffered a biting 21-58 loss to the visitors.

TJ Pholman placed fifth in the 113lb weight division at the Shane Shatto Memorial Tournament in Douglas the first week-end of January.

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2023 - The Target Is On Your Back

Guest Column
By Mike Heath
Burns, Wyoming

At this time of year most people in the media look back on the prior year and comment on the "top stories" of the year, at least from their perspective. That has always sounded more to me like trying to find something to report on because there isn't anything new to talk about. Everything slows down around the holidays. I'm going to take a different direction. This past year brought about several actions from the Left that will directly affect our lives, mine and yours, whether you're on the Left or the Right, or even if you refuse to take a side. The Left is still coming after us all.

I just reread the transcript from Biden's press conference on November 9, 2022 and he laid their plans out as he bragged about what he's already done. Some actions will directly impact us and some will be indirect. One of the more indirect impacts is the corporate income tax. Biden commented that "55 corporations in 2000 [2020] that made

\$40 billion and didn't pay a penny in federal taxes." He actually said 2000 but the transcript was corrected to 2020. The bill he signed requires corporations to pay 15% as income taxes. At the same time he spoke of lowering inflation. The corporate income tax will raise prices, and inflation, in two ways. First, corporations don't pay taxes. Biden is just misdirecting the fault for higher prices. All business costs are passed on to the customers. Tax increases will be passed on to us by at least the amount of the tax. But there's a hidden cost. That's the administrative costs of paying the corporate tax that will be passed on, too. From just this one act we can expect prices to increase by more than 15% on everything we purchase. Just to help Biden and the Democrats pay for their astronomical, out-of-control spending.

In December the Democrat Congress passed a \$1.7 trillion spending bill. An omnibus bill is a bill that combines multiple spending bills into one bill that only requires one vote in each

house of Congress to pass. Nine Republicans lead by Liz Cheney (Democrat?) helped the Left pass the bill. Rather than wait for the new Congress to be sworn in, Speaker Nancy Pelosi chose to move forward with the plan to saddle Americans with more debt, adding to inflation. A key provision of the bill is an overhaul of the elections system to make it more difficult to challenge and potentially overturn elections. The current system was fine with Democrats as long as they were the only ones using it. When Trump tried to use the existing statutes to challenge the 2020 election, he ran into a firestorm of opposition from the Left and Left-leaning Republicans. In 2022, Maricopa County, Arizona ran into problems with the elections and the Cochise County Board of Supervisors had questions that caused Republicans to try to block the results from being certified until an investigation was completed. Superior Court Judge Casey McGinley (Democrat) ordered the Cochise County Supervisors to certify

their election results immediately. In Maricopa County, Recorder Stephen Ricer testified that 25,000 votes weren't tallied. What wasn't said was who the votes were for. Kari Lake only lost the election for Governor by 17,000 votes. I agree that there needs to be some changes to election processes. Maybe the easiest way would be to follow existing law?

Another indirect drain on Americans is the increase to Pell Grants for college attendance. The bill increases the grants from \$500 per year to \$7,395 per year. Somebody has to pay for that. Since when should the American people be required to pay for someone else to attend college? What ever happened to the concept of taking care of yourself and paying for your own choices... and expenses?

The bill provides an additional \$5 billion to help people pay for energy costs, complaining that costs have soared this year. Costs probably wouldn't have gone up so drastically if the Left hadn't passed so many

policies to increase inflation and damage the energy industry. It provides for an additional \$576 million to the EPA for increased enforcement and compliance operations. This is the same agency that fined Wyoming Rancher Andy Johnson over \$2 million for building a stock pond claiming that it violated the Clean Water Act. Stock ponds are specifically exempted in the Act. Under healthcare, the bill provides additional spending to develop improved countermeasures for pandemics. As I recall, the federal government tossed aside our proven countermeasures that worked for decades and implemented new procedures for COVID that didn't work. Wonder where that money is really going. FYI. Another cost increase.

Earlier in the year, the Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act which funded an additional 87,000 new IRS employees. Not all will be agents but rather tech-types to investigate our personal finances. Biden explained that he only wanted to investigate people

who made over \$400,000 per year. To begin with, it wouldn't take 87,000 employees to investigate those people. According to Emily Guy Birken, Moneying.com, those making over \$400,000 are in the top 1% of earners in the U.S. The bill more than doubles the current number of IRS employees. With that many new employees it's obvious to anyone who thinks that they'll be targeting everyone, not just those few. No privacy for anyone. As far as I know we're all American citizens and have the same rights regardless of income. Why should anyone be investigated without evidence of a crime? This seems to me to fall under the 4th Amendment that prohibits unlawful search and seizure.

There's a lot more to be said but no more room. But don't forget that Biden has already warned us that he's coming after our guns. What other freedoms are we going to lose before we wake up and fight back? Research for yourself and help save our country.

Community Calendar

Items for possible inclusion in the weekly community calendar should be typewritten or legibly printed. All submissions should include the name and daytime telephone number of the person submitting the information in case questions arise.

Items which may be included in the calendar are church events, club meetings, and school events.

If your club will not be meeting or has a change, please contact us so we can update the calendar with the correct information as soon as possible.

Items should be received on Monday at 5 p.m., one week prior to the date they will appear in the calendar.

They may be faxed to 307-245-3325, e-mailed to pinebluffseditor@rtconnect.net, mailed to Pine Bluffs Post, P.O. Box 68, Pine Bluffs, WY 82082, or dropped off at the Post's office located at 201 E. 2nd St.

KEEP IT SIMPLE AA GROUP FRIDAY 7PM.
600 Main St.
Methodist Church
(West Alley Door)

WEEKDAY MORNINGS
Every morning from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. you can get to-

gether with your friends for coffee and conversation at the Pine Bluffs Senior Center.

MONDAYS

Adult Coloring at the Pine Bluffs Senior Center. Coloring pages, cards, gel pens, and colored pencils provided.

EVERY TUESDAY

Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. Bingo is held at the Pine Bluffs Senior Center.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Pick up pickleball will be held Wednesdays at the Community Center from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pickleball is a game played indoors on a small court with a paddle and whiffle ball. Free of charge, everyone is welcome. Equipment provided, just wear comfortable shoes and court shoes!!!

EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

Senior Shape Up at the Pine Bluffs Fitness Center from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. This is a free exercise program designed to promote flexibility,

muscle strength, coordination and general overall fitness.

THURSDAYS

The Pine Bluffs Senior Center will start Nintendo Wii Bowling Leagues. These are 17-week leagues: May-Aug; Sept-Dec. Times are 9-11 a.m. Please come in before to create your Wii profile.

CHEYENNE ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Caregiver Support Group is facilitated by Karen Downs, a CNA with over twenty years of experience working with those living with Alzheimer's and dementia, and their caregivers. Her group meets at Pointe Frontier Senior Living, located at 1406 Prairie Avenue. This group will now meet every second and fourth Thursday at 1:00 p.m. For more information about the Pointe Frontier Support Group, call 307.421.6227.

SHEPHERD'S CLOSET AT THE BURNS PLEX BURNS

Free clothing, and household items Mon-Thurs. 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed Friday, Sat.

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Questions - 307-547-2371.

THE NEW NORMAL CLUB

If you have recently lost your spouse or significant other or even if it has been years ago since your loss, come join us for a time of support and encouragement. We will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12:00 PM at the town hall's multi-purpose room on the 2nd floor. Bring your own sack lunch to enjoy, drinks will be furnished. Our next meeting will be December 21.

PINE BLUFFS LIBRARY BRANCH EVENTS WINTER READING BINGO JANUARY 3-31 LIBRARY HOURS

Beat the winter blues with this reading challenge! Complete the bingo sheet and you will earn a small prize. One lucky reader will win the prize drawing. (All Ages; Pine Bluffs Branch Library)

CRAFTASTIC TUESDAYS TUESDAYS: JANUARY 17, 24, 31 10AM-6:30PM

Get crafty at the library! Make and take home a paper-chain snowman as you warm up in the library. (All Ages; Pine Bluffs

Branch Library)

MAKE IT MONDAYS MONDAYS: JANUARY 23, 30 1-5 PM

Get crafty at the Burns Branch Library! Make and take home a paper-chain snowman while warming up at the library. (All Ages; Burns Branch Library)

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LIBRARY CLOSURES Monday, January 16

SNOWFLAKE NAME ART

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 4-6PM

Use your imagination to create a special snowflake. Use your name or an inspirational word and turn it into a work of art as unique as a snowflake. (Twins, Teens, & Adults; Burns Branch Library)

LUNCH BUNCH BOOK CLUB

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 12-1PM

Join us for an exciting discussion of The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards as we enjoy coffee and cookies. Please bring a lunch for yourself. For more information about the book, please call the library at 307-245-3646 or visit with staff. (Adults; Pine Bluffs Branch Library)

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Community News

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Banner County News Barb Cross

Good morning and here we are in the first month of a New Year. A New Year coming with challenges and changes, some of those which began here last week with the swearing in of newly elected county officials. An estimated 50 plus Banner County residents attended the ceremony and reception which also included a short meeting and district court. We all know that it will take a while for the

wanted to be on the agenda to speak at one of the commissioners meetings. As of that first meeting last Thursday, new times have been set for future commissioner meetings. The first Tuesday of the month the meeting time will be the same as prior, 8:45 a.m. The second meeting has always been on the third Tuesday, which I have seen scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month. I would check this out. The time here has been changed to 5:30 p.m. which will be a great change for many. Seems like a good start in trying to listen to the community.

Tomorrow, January 13th the high school wrestling team will

be headed to Chase County for meets which will begin at 9 a.m., the Speech team will be competing in Scottsbluff, and the boys basketball team will be at Creek Valley for a 1 p.m. game.

On Sunday and Monday, January 15th & 16th there will be Kearny Honor Band competition and also on the 16th there will be high school girls basketball MAC competition which will continue through the 17th. No time or place where these will be held.

Rounding out the week the junior high boys basketball team will play at Garden county at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18th. Safe travel and good luck to each of you, and for more information please call the school at 436-5262.

Well, we still have a lot of snow and my driveway is still needing plowed. I am not enjoying this as much as the chimps at the Riverside Discovery Center in Scottsbluff. If you go to their facebook page you can see them having a great time with some 'sno-cones' made by some of their staff. More information about what is happening there can be attained by calling 630-6236.

Reminds me of a time when a couple of my kids snuck snowcone syrup out of the house and made their own snow-cones..... also using the freshly fallen snow. Guess who???

Tonight, January 12th is an evening you may enjoy at the Midwest Theater with Dailey

& Vincent. This singing duo are five-time Grammy Award winners and members of the Grand Ole Opry and have won numerous other awards during their career. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. The next concert at the Midwest will be on January 20th and will feature Alexias, a Nebraska born composer and guitarist.

Well folks that is all for now. Take care and be safe until next time. Barb Cross at 436-7152.

Hereford News Carolyn Ragdale

On January 8 at the Hereford Community Church the gospel reading was Luke 16:14-18. For the special Shirley Wiggins read The Younger Generation Thinks Our Generation Were Abused. Pastor Opdycke read from the Lamplighter magazine about the signs of a nation that has turned away from God. First God will send prophets to warn that nation to repent. If they do not respond, then God will use nature to warn them with things like drought or insect invasions. If they still do not repent, then God will send judgement, which may be in the form of natural disasters. Pastor Opdycke then referred to Mike Evans who is saying that America is under the spirit of deception. We need revival in America. Our people need to repent, which means to turn back

to God. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says If my own people will humbly pray and turn back to me and stop sinning, then I will answer them from heaven. I will forgive them and make their land fertile again. We still have a chance to save our country. God is a loving God and will show mercy, if we do what we need to do.

If you have news to share, you can contact me at 970-895-2433 or email ckrags2433@gmail.com.

Burns, Carpenter News Kim Kranz

It is kind of quiet in Burns/Hillsdale/Carpenter area this week.

Jan 12th JHBBB Wheatland @Burns 4pm
Jan 13th HSWR West JV @ Burns 6pm

Check the facebook pages for The Rustic Plate and the Rustic Diner for their menus. Hard to pick what special will be the best, they all look good.

Remember to take your donations to The Room. We'll take gently used items and non perishable food as well as financial donations.

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Above: Left: Banner Co. Atty - Mark Lovarik, Laif Anderson, Robin Darnall, Bob Gifford, and Katie West, Clerk. Not pictured is Sheriff - Zane Hopkins, Treasurer Kathy Natale, Assessor Kacy Krakow.

new officials to get their feet on the ground, however, I for one know that it will happen, we will be patient!

People here have often had too take time off of work if they

take em down at an Elm Creek invite, no time listed and at 4 p.m. the high school boys basketball team will play at home verses South Platte.

On the next day the wrestlers

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Above: Label from Country Time Lemonade. Note that they support the Foundation for Childhood Cancer while using a known carcinogen in their product.

Are Food Dyes Safe or Harmful?

Mike Heath
Laramie County Master Gardener

Food dyes have been used to artificially color foods for several decades. Primarily it's a marketing scheme used to make commercial foods more appealing to the consumer thus enticing them to buy. During processing, foods lose color and storage can also cause color loss. Dyes are used to make the foods appear fresher than they actually are. Even meats may be treated with food dye (coloring) to give an appearance of freshness.

Food dyes provide absolutely no nutritional value and some may be harmful. In fact, some of the food dyes approved by the FDA are banned in other countries. They can be natural or synthetic. Natural food dyes come from fruits, vegetables, herbs, minerals, and insects. Some red

Red 3 causes cancer in animals, and there is evidence that several other dyes also are carcinogenic. Three dyes (Red 40, Yellow 5, and Yellow 6) have been found to be contaminated with benzidine or other carcinogens. At least four dyes (Blue 1, Red 40, Yellow 5, and Yellow 6) cause hypersensitivity reactions. Numerous microbiological and rodent studies of Yellow 5 were positive for genotoxicity... The inadequacy of much of the testing... indicates that all of the currently used dyes should be removed from the food supply and replaced, if at all, by safer colorings." Sarah Kobylewski and Michael F Jacobson, International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health, July-September 2012. Multiple studies, some as recent as 2021, show similar results.

The three most common dyes are Red 40, Yellow 5 and Yellow 6. Red Dye 40 is considered to be low concern by the FDA and the World Health Organization because we eat so little of it by weight. However, there are multiple studies that question its safety. To begin with, it's a known carcinogen. It causes cancer. Some studies show that it causes migraines and allergies in both adults and children. True allergic reactions tend to be rare even though we often refer to any reaction as an allergy. The most disturbing reaction occurs in children, aggression and mental disorders. Having had two children with severe reactions to food dyes, this is one I can personally attest to.

Reactions to food dyes are often misdiagnosed as ADHD or other issues because the colorings are considered safe. They simply aren't commonly considered a source of health problems. We finally discovered that the cause of the issues in our children was dietary by withholding certain foods until we finally narrowed down the cause to foods that contained one or more

of Red 40, Yellow 5, Yellow 6 or Blue 1. This article is actually the result of our granddaughter's reaction to "Non-toxic" Play Doh. After her meltdown we suspected a food coloring reaction. She had been playing with the blue Play Doh and had put some in her mouth. Her reaction occurred within about 30 minutes. We researched the product and found that it contained Blue 1 and Hasbro has posted a warning on their website about potential reactions to their products. Such warnings are not required to be put on labels by the FDA. The product is also manufactured in China. China has long been recognized for sending known toxic products to the US, quite often in items intended for children. Until fairly recently, toys from China contained lead paint. It took our government a long time to stop lead-based toys from China from being imported even though we banned lead from all paint here in 1978. Lead is used to stabilize colors.

The Centers for Science in the Public Interest has, for decades, been lobbying to reduce the exposure of children to food colorings because of their links to behavioral and hyperactivity issues. Too many physicians don't look for the true source of problems and prescribe drugs, such as Ritalin, to calm hyperactivity. In 2008, the CSPI petitioned the FDA to ban the use of synthetic food dyes. Their petition was rejected. Yet, in 2021, the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment confirmed the CSPI's concerns over the safety of food dyes from years before. Still nothing has been done about food safety concerning dyes.

The Lancet, the world's oldest medical journal, published a study in 2007 finding "that artificial colors and sodium benzoate preservative in children's diets also increased hyperactivity" as reported by Newbridge Health and Wellness in 2021. According

to the FDA, 3.2 mg per pound of body weight is safe for Red 40. The Lancet reports that 35 mg per day results in children being affected adversely by the additives. A single bowl of cereal or macaroni and cheese can exceed that amount. In the last 50 years there has been a 500% increase in the amount of food dyes consumed by children.

I've long advocated for growing your own vegetables rather than eating processed foods and this is just another reason to make the move. Yes, growing your own is more work and it can be frightening if you've never gardened but help is available with just a phone call. A bit of knowledge about foods is helpful, too. The first seven years of my military career was spent in public health, mostly in food inspection. The military took food safety seriously so we dealt with a lot about foods, food preservation, processing, transportation and storage. Preservation, processing and storage falls right into the use of colorings. Knowing how foods naturally react helps understand food safety versus aesthetics. For example, beef is naturally bright red when it's first cut but quickly becomes an unsightly greyish-brown color with exposure to air and light. This color is mostly on the surface and doesn't penetrate the meat nor does it affect the quality of the meat. Yet, in order to make the meat look more appealing commercial processors will use red coloring to make it appear fresh. Commercially processed meat can be weeks in storage and transport before it reaches the store but it's still bright red. Processed vegetables

will lose some of their color as a natural result of processing, whether commercial or at home. Coloring is added by commercial processors to make the vegetables appear fresh. Some vegetables, such as potatoes, change color when exposed to light.

The alternative to commercially processed foods is to purchase meats from local ranchers and fresh vegetables from local growers. The meat can be processed at one of our local meat plants or, if you're willing to branch out, you can cut it yourself. The benefit of using a local butcher is that you can have the meat packaged according to how your family will use it. Buying produce from local growers always provides the freshest vegetables and fruits. Although best when used fresh, some will necessarily have to be preserved. It really isn't hard to preserve vegetables and you can do it yourself with just a little bit of time and equipment. Both the University of Wyoming and the University of Nebraska extension services can provide guidance if you need help getting started. Above all, stay away from food dyes wherever possible. Check the labels carefully to see if the product contains food dye.

If you need help growing vegetables, ask a Master Gardener. It's what we do. As part of the University system in Wyoming and Nebraska our job is to help you be successful in gardening, whether vegetables or flowers, and to help you with all of your horticultural issues. Better yet, become a master gardener yourself by contacting your local extension service.

WHEAT MARKET	\$7.82 DOWN	-50
CORN MARKET	\$7.14 UP	60



"Be The One to Listen" to A Veteran's Story



Courtesy Photo
Above: Robert Kittrell, out of basic training.

Penny Merryfield, Pine Bluffs Post

One has to listen beyond the words, beyond facial expression and beyond body language to hear sometimes. Not only that, but sometimes one has to listen in a way as to overhear but you know, eavesdrop to hear and understand what someone has gone through or going through. All the changes a person makes after a tragic event such as war, sometimes turns someone into a different person. Thus was the case of Robert E. Kittrell upon his return home from Vietnam.

Kittrell was a U. S. Air Force veteran, who served for over twenty years. In his military travels, he would go to Iceland, Japan, Vietnam and several bases in California. He was an air craft painter.

Kittrell was stationed at Edwards AFB, California in 1965 when he received orders for Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam.

This was a rough time in the life of his family as two of his girls were "teenagers" and the time of "Peace, Love and Rock N Roll" was the way the world was going. Those that served and went over to Vietnam, Thailand or Cambodia were treated badly upon their return.

When Kittrell, who spent a year there, returned home, his family picked him up in Northern California, and as some of the military men and women walked through the air port they were called names such as murderers and baby killers. As his family stood there waiting, anxiety and fear grew as these brave men and women were slurred in name and spit on.

This was only the beginning of the change they would see. Not only in the way people would treat him, but the change in him as well.

The family couldn't fathom why such a change could take place...what happened over there that was so bad, their dad would come home a different man...they just wanted to understand.

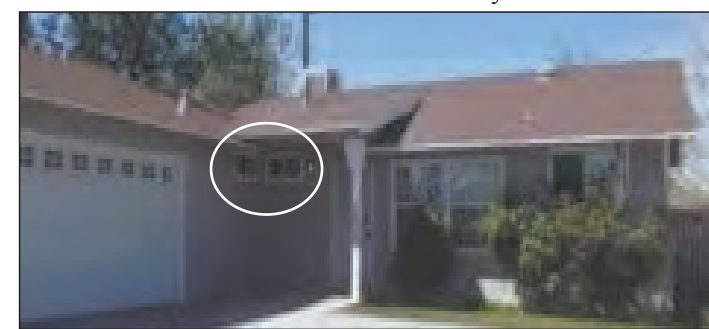
Because of this and all the changes that were taking place, one of his daughters - a teenager- also known as sneaky Pete would go sit in the hallway bathroom crack the window and sit and listen to her dad talk with fellow veterans about things on the front porch. He did not share with his children, or his wife.

Now one must understand, although "Sneaky Pete" was a girl, this was her dad...the girl that went hunting, fishing, and working on Model A's together!! Her dad had changed and the closeness they had as father and daughter changed drastically.

Pete would listen, sometimes take notes on the conversation, but she grew to understand why he didn't talk

about Vietnam. It was a sad time in his life to see how war hurt people. Many innocent such as children.

Pete learned of an incident



Courtesy Photo
Above: The house where the Kittrells lived and talked on the porch - encircled is the bathroom window in which Sneaky Pete would eavesdrop.

that happened and her dad witnessed first hand. It would be engraved in her mind forever. Her dad sat on the porch talking with a friend, and as they talked about this incident, she climbed up to look out the window and saw her dad crying, his friend has his hand on her dad's shoulder



Courtesy Photo
Above: SSgt. Robert Kittrell in Vietnam.

talking softly, consoling and attempting to comfort him. What she came away from

this incident was perhaps the most poignant point in her young life. How could they rig a bomb to a baby, how could they hurt children and

use them to hurt our soldiers?

Yes this was one of the many things she overheard, and while it was wrong, she gained a respect that couldn't be changed. She saw her dad in a new light.

The old saying that "War is hell" lives on today. It is not just the war that happened in Vietnam, but all wars, and they do have lasting effect on the lives of those serving and those connected to those served.

The American Legion National Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola took his office with his "Be The One" campaign. Be The One...to Ask Veterans in your life how they are doing?...to Listen when a Veteran needs to TALK...Be the One to Reach out when a Veteran is Struggling.

In listening to her father talk "Pete" was able to help in later years, from her listening she learned to also Be the One for others.



Courtesy Photo
Above: Dr. Bill Dickey, new ENT doctor to Kimball Health Services.

New ENT doctor joining Kimball Health Services

An accomplished ear, nose and throat specialist with 19 years of experience in the field is joining the growing list of medical providers at Kimball Health Services.

Otolaryngologist (ENT) William O. Dickey will serve at KHS for two days every other week, starting Jan. 9. Dr. Dickey specializes in head and neck surgery and will offer a wide range of otolaryngology services including evaluations and treatment of sinus disease, ear tube placements, nosebleeds, thyroid and parathyroid disease, snoring and obstructive sleep apnea, allergy treatment, vertigo and dizziness, and swallowing and voice disorders.

"I'd say my strengths are in sinus surgery and revision sinus surgery," Dickey said. "I love working with little kids to help them resolve ear infections. I listen to my patients and feel like what they have to say is important. I use that in every patient that I see."

Dickey is often praised by his patients for being very personable,

knowledgeable and for taking time with his patients to discuss surgical and non-surgical options for ear, nose and throat conditions. He is available by appointment starting Jan. 9 at (308) 235-1981 or by referral.

Board-certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, Dickey most recently served as the primary physician at Ear, Nose & Throat of Parker in Colo. He earned his M.D. from Rush University in Chicago, Ill. After finishing his medical degree, he went on to complete an internship in general surgery and a residency in ENT at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center. Dr. Dickey also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental, Populational, and Organismic Biology from the University of Colorado Boulder.

When he is not working, Dr. Dickey enjoys woodworking, photography, snowboarding and scuba diving. He and his family live in Denver.



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6p-7:30p

Adult Pickleball Open Gym

Wednesdays!

Pick up Pickleball ~ Pine Bluffs Community Center
Open Play ~ Round Robin Play
All Level Players Welcome! Check it out!

January 11 - March 29, 2023

Adult Pickleball Opens

Sonja Fornstrom
Pine Bluffs Recreation

Pine Bluffs Recreation – Adult Pickleball Open Gym to begin January 11!

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. The game combines elements of tennis, ping-pong, and badminton. The rules are simple, and the game is easy for beginners to learn,

but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. Pickleball can be played indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court with a net like a tennis net. Players use a paddle that is reminiscent of ping-pong paddles but is bigger and usually made of more advanced materials. The ball used is very similar to a plastic whiffle ball

with holes covering the surface. Pickleball can be played as singles or doubles, just like tennis. Pickleball is truly a game for all ages, shapes, and skill levels. The rules are simple, and many people develop a passion for the sport after just a couple games. Because of the smaller court size and light ball, the game is incredibly popular among seniors looking for a low-impact form of exercise.

One of the greatest positives to the game is the exercise you get while having fun!

The Pine Bluffs Recreation Department currently hosts Adult Pickup Pickleball every Wednesday morning, 9am-10:30am and will begin hosting an evening session on Wednesday nights, 6pm – 7:30pm starting January 11 through March 29.

All levels of players are welcome from beginners to the more advanced. Depending on how many participants we have, there will be open play or round robin opportunities. The Pine Bluffs Community Center has two courts and plenty of equipment to accommodate everyone, all you must do is show up to play wearing comfortable clothing and court shoes!

For more information about the game Pickleball there are various videos available on YouTube that you can check out or call the recreation department at 245-3301.



Karen Lipska/Pine Bluffs Post

Above: The smell of fresh homemade bread was in Burns. Every first Saturday of the month Burns #47 Order of the Eastern Star has a bake sale. January 7th was their first bake sale of the start of the year. There was only one person running the bake sale this time. Her name was Carrie McKinley. There was bread, cupcakes, and cookies and all of the items were homemade. The money earned at each bake sell goes to different expenses the organization has. The other reason is to raise money for scholarships for students. The organization believes that every scholarship counts to help students through college. The students can contact their counselor for more information.



Karen Lipska/Pine Bluffs Post

Above: Author, Liz Roadifer, writes a new book.

Local Author -

Liz Roadifer pens new E-book

Liz with Snowman Cookies in Space? Is that possible? That's the question isn't it! But Liz Roadifer believes it in her new book "Snowman Cookies in Space" that there is such a thing. Roadifer is a local author from Pine Bluffs. She has written eighteen novels and won several awards. Roadifer won the National Ex-

cellence in Romance Fiction Award, took first place in the Colorado Gold Awards-Romance Fiction-twice, the Sheila, the Sandy, the Catherine, and was a Kindle Book awards semi-finalist for "This Time Justice." She loves books and was a part time librarian which got her interested in writing. Roadifer has been hard at work with workshops and others books.

She is always busy working on science fiction stories. Roadifer has not had time to enter more contests due to her schedule. So the awards are just a matter of time issues.

"Snowman Cookies in Space" is her newest book. It was published by The Wild Rose Press as an ebook. The book is a part of their Christmas cookies series and it is a short story. This publisher had different series of short stories on cookies and an ice cream series, "One Scoop or Two." Roadifer was lucky of have them accept her story. They offer the past authors first options to have a story.

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THEME: AGRICULTURE



Above left: Coach Tyler Kimzey of the Pine Bluffs Hornets discusses strategy with the team. Above center: No. 12 - Stu Lerwick goes around the opposing players aiming for the basket. Above right: No. 5 - Justin Lerwick attempts to block the opposing player while No. 22 Collin Jessen prepares to back up his teammate in blocking any shot at the basket.

Courtesy of Ashley Jessen

Hornets come away from 2A East Smackdown 3-1

Jim Merryfield Pine Bluffs Post

The Pine Bluffs Hornets boy's varsity basketball team traveled north to Tongue River to play in the 2A tournament. The team did very well against the teams of Big Horn, Tongue River, Sundance and Wright. It would be a genuine test of the depth of the team as they would be playing without one of the starters. Stu Lerwick was not feeling well and would not play much at all. The Hornets managed a 3-1 record coming out of the tournament for a seasonal record of 10-2. It was a good start to the rest of the 2023 season.

First up would be the Big Horn Rams. The Rams are 9-1 over the season with their only loss to the Hornets. The game was close and the Hornets Ryan

Fornstrom and Dalton Schaefer picked up the slack. Each scored 23 points in the game. Fornstrom went four of 18 in the two-point range and two of seven in the three. He also hit nine of 10 free throws. He was fouled just about every time he put the ball up. Fornstrom was also aggressive on the boards leading the team with 11 rebounds. He had six offensive and five defensive rebounds. He also added two steals and three deflected shots. Dalton Schaefer had the long shots this night hitting seven of 11 from the three-point range and one for four inside the arch. Schaefer did not see the free throw line this night. Schaefer led the team with three steals and an offensive rebound. Collin Jessen was also hot on the boards pulling down seven rebounds and stole the ball

twice. He added five points to the score with two field goals and a free throw. Wyatt Carter, Carsten Freeburg, Justin Lerwick and Shawn Shmidl each added two points. Even Stu Lerwick who only played nine and a half minutes contributed with a field goal, two rebounds and a steal. The Hornets came away with the win 61-53.

The next battle for the Hornets would be the Tongue River Eagles. This would be an impressive offensive display as both teams were able to hit. Stu Lerwick played 24:14 minutes of the game and really put the pressure on the Eagles. But the Eagles were able to keep up the offensive drive and stay ahead of the Hornets. Lerwick was able to put up 26 points in the game. Three of the Hornets were in double digit scor-

ing. Lerwick, Fornstrom and Jacob Slade. Lerwick hit four of eight from the floor and five of 11 outside the arch. He also managed to pull down five rebounds and had one steal and one blocked shot on the Eagles. Ryan Fornstrom had 13 points in the game. Hitting one of five from inside the arch and one of three outside. He also hit eight of 13 free throws. Fornstrom also pulled three rebounds and had four steals in the game. The third person that had a double-digit scoring night was Jacob Slade. Slade hit three of four three pointers and a free throw for his ten. All together the team made 15 three pointers. Dalton Schaefer was there with eight points hitting two three's and a field goal. Three Hornets added six points each, Carsten Freeburg, Collin Jessen and Justin

Lerwick who also had three rebounds. Even with the high scoring offense the Hornets lost to the Eagles in a very high scoring game 75-86.

The third game of the tournament pitted the Hornets against the Sundance Bulldogs. The Bulldogs are a 5-5 team with a good offense. But the Hornets were ready for them and wanted to show that the last game was only a fluke. The Hornets came out strong and wanted to put the Bulldogs away early but they would not go down quietly. The Hornets kept the pressure on and pushed hard until the end. The Hornets put away the Bulldogs 51-43 and sent the Bulldogs back to the kennel. Stu Lerwick again led the team in scoring with 16 points. For the second game in a row the Hornets had three players in the double-digit

scoring. Lerwick, Fornstrom and Schaefer. Lerwick hit three of six two pointers and two of five outside the arch. He also went four of seven from the free throw line. Lerwick also had four rebounds and a steal in the game. Schaefer hit two for two inside the arch and three of 10 outside. Schaefer also had two rebounds. Fornstrom had 11 points. He hit three of seven two pointers and one of four three's. He also went two of three from the free throw line. He added seven rebounds a steal and one block on the night. Justin Lerwick added five points to the team hitting a three of his own and a pair of free throws. Collin Jessen added four more points. Shawn Shmidl rounded out the scoring with two hitting from the floor. It was a nice come-

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Above: Riley McLaughlin and Colby Smith of the Burns/Pine Bluffs team wrestle each other, with McLaughlin on top.

Courtesy of Matt Adelman

Burns/Pine Bluffs wrestle at Shatto Memorial Tourney

Jim Merryfield Pine Bluffs Post

The Burns/Pine Bluffs wrestling team competed in the Shane Shatto Memorial Tournament in Douglas, Wyoming on the 5th and 6th of January 2023. This is one of the largest tournaments in the area with almost 30 teams competing. Teams came from Cheyenne, Wheatland, Thermopolis, Sheridan and Thunder Basin. Also teams from Colorado like Centaurus, and Castle View. Nebraska was also represented by Chadron. It was a good experience for the kids and a good time for all.

On the boys side Sheridan came away with the title with 231 points. Thunder Basin was second and Cheyenne East was third. Burns/Pine Bluffs finished in 21st place.

Individually:

Cale Haws placed fifth in the 220 lbs category, Coby Smith placed sixth in the 138 lbs category. DC Cathcart, Tagr Holmes and Logan Stockton all wrestled but did not place.

On the girls side the team placed 19th.

Individually:

CharleMarie Jackson placed second in the 155 lbs category and Rihana Tillman placed fifth in the same weight.

For the JV wrestlers:

Michael Stoneking placed first in the 285 lbs winning all his matches. Carlyle McGinnis-Sparks finished fourth in the 138 lbs category. Beckett Casel, Ty Scarborough, Cooper Sanchez, Micah Keogh and Eii James all wrestled but were not able to place.

Coach Grayson said this about the team, "The team wrestled

really well. Shane Shatto is a tough tournament, and the competition was great this year. Cale Haws and Colby Smith had a great tournament, and wrestled some really smart matches to come away with hardware. On the JV side Micheal Stoneking was tough, and it showed with his first place finish. Carlyle McGinnis-Sparks also had a great tournament on the JV side, and came home with a medal. It was great to have a girl's tournament this year, and our girls wrestled some really tough competition. Rihana Tillman wrestled really well to come away with a fifth place medal, and CharleMarie Jackson lost a close one in the finals earning her a second place finish."

Good luck to the Burns/Pine Bluffs team and continued success.



Above: Lady Hornets No. 4 - Kailen Martinez goes for a shot at the basket against the Big Horn team.

Jim Merryfield/Pine Bluffs Post

Lady Hornets struggle in the 2A East Smackdown Tourney 1-3

Jim Merryfield Pine Bluffs Post

The Lady Hornets basketball team started the second half of the season on Thursday in the 2A East Girls Smackdown tournament. The Hornets would face four teams, the Big Horn Lady Rams, Tongue River Lady Eagles, Sundance Lady Bulldogs and the Wright Lady Tigers. The Lady Hornets would come out of the tournament with a 1-3 record for a 3-9 seasonal record.

First off for the Lady Hornets would be the Big Horn Lady Rams. After a slow start last year, 2-6, the Lady Hornets were anxious to get back onto the court and back into the game. Jessica Hoffman was dominant leading the way in

scoring.

Maddie Brown and Taylor McCollum started the night off by singing the national anthem to a small crowd of about 50. Then the starting lineups for each side were announced. Both teams took to the court and a tip-off started the game. The Hornets were a bit slow to start off with but with a couple of weeks off you would expect it. The Hornets however did seem to make improvements from their last game. Their passes were accurate and strong. They were hitting shots and their situational awareness was better. In the first quarter Hoffman got a pass for a fast break down the court for two. Abby Gray blocked a Lady Rams shot. Hoffman

blocked a shot and then passed to Hattie Lerwick who nailed a three. Hoffman was strong under the net pulling down an offensive rebound and putting it back up for two. Reese Graves followed suit and also pulled down an offensive rebound and put it back up for two. The first quarter ended with the Lady Hornets leading 13-9.

The second quarter started with Hannah WallowingBull hitting from under the net and drawing the foul. Hoffman got an inbound pass and made a full court pass to Gray, who laid it up for another two. Kaylea Bymer was active and aggressive on defense and intercepted a pass from the Rams. Gray got

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Above left: Lady Broncs No. 23 Savannah Kirkbride and No. 2 Josie Barret fight with the opposing team for possession. Above center: Lady Broncs No. 35 Daljit Kaur shoots and scores three points. Above right: Lady Broncs No. 3 Brooke Hanson jumps high for the shot!

Lady Broncs storm the 2A East Smackdown

Jim Merryfield Pine Bluffs Post

The Burns Lady Broncs basketball team had a tournament at home last weekend. The 2A Girls Smackdown Tournament took place on the 5th, 6th and 7th of January 2023 at Burns High School and Pine Bluffs High School gymnasiums. The Lady Broncs coming into the tournament had a 1-7 record. The team had some ground to make up. And that they did, winning all four of their games in the tournament and setting one new school record in the process.

The Tongue River Lady Eagles were the first team to face the Lady Broncs. The Eagles proved to be up to the challenge of the Broncs. They stayed with them right up until the end. The Broncs were able to stay in front of them and finished the game three points ahead. The Broncs took the first game of the tournament 43-40. This game seemed to be about the Broncs stealing the ball from the Eagles. The Broncs had 16 steals on the game with 30 rebounds. In the first quarter Jordan Griess

stole the ball and went coast to coast for the lay up. Maianna Siebert also got into the stealing mode and took one down then passed to Griess. Griess hit a three pointer from the right side of the key and Kaur followed suit with one from the top of the key. Kaur blocked a lay up from the Eagles in the fourth quarter and Griess hit another three late in the quarter.

Griess was the leading scorer for the Broncs with 16 points. She went three for six inside the arch and three for five outside the arch and hit one of two in free throws. Griess also had three rebounds and two steals. Savannah Kirkbride contributed 14 points to the Broncs total. She hit one of two outside the arch and five of eight inside. She also hit one of two free throws. Kirkbride also had three rebounds, one steal and one block. Brooke Hansen added six points to the Broncs total. She had two lay ups and two free throws. She also had three rebounds and one blocked shot. Saria Eklund added three more points and Maianna Siebert added two. It was a strong defensive effort by the Lady Broncs and a good of-

fensive performance.

The second game would have the Lady Broncs facing off against the Big Horn Lady Rams. The Broncs took it to the Rams early on in the game. Griess stole the ball and went all the way for two. Later on in the first quarter Griess would steal the ball again and score another two. Brooke Hansen got a steal and took it down court. With the score 26-9 in the second quarter Griess got a pass from Saria Eklund for a fast break and two more points. In the third quarter with the score 36-18 Griess hit another three from the top of the key. In the fourth Eklund hit a three from the top of the key.

In this performance Brooke Hansen and Savannah Kirkbride each had 10 points. Hansen went five for eleven from the floor with five of nine in the two-point range. She also had nine rebounds and one steal. Kirkbride went five for 11 from the floor with five for six inside the arch. She also had five rebounds and two steals. Griess and Saria Eklund each added eight points to the game. Griess hit three for nine from the floor and one free throw. Eklund hit

three for six from the floor and one free throw. Daljit Kaur added seven points to the score hitting three of five from the floor and one free throw. Maianna Siebert put four points up as did Sadie Barrett. Shiriah Eklund and Josie Barrett each added a couple to round out the scoring. All together the team had 51 rebounds and 16 steals.

In the third round the Lady Broncs made short work of the Wright Lady Panthers. The Panthers have a 4-6 record and they hadn't tangled with the Broncs. The Broncs beat the Panthers any way they could. The final score was 61-36. In this game the Lady Broncs had three players in double digit scores.

Daljit Kaur was the leading scorer for the Broncs. Kaur hit six of ten from the floor and made two free throws. She went five of five in the two-point range and one of five from the three-point range. Kaur also had seven rebounds and three steals. The second double digit score was Jordan Griess who had 11 points. Griess went four of 12 from the floor hitting one three and three two pointers. Griess also had two free throws, one re-

bound and five steals. The third double digit score was put up by Brooke Hansen. She went three of ten from the floor with four free throws. Hansen also had five rebounds and three steals. Savannah Kirkbride added eight points hitting two from the floor and four from the free throw line. Saria Eklund put up seven of her own with one three-pointer, one inside the arch and two free throws. Josie Barrett added four points. Isabella Laguna and Maianna Siebert each added three.

The Sundance Lady Bulldogs would be the final opponents of the tournament for the Lady Broncs. The Bulldogs would come out of the tournament with a 5-4 record but couldn't put together a defense that could stop the stampede of the Lady Broncs. Jordan Griess and Savannah Kirkbride would lead the team to victory against the Bulldogs with some great defensive plays and rebounding by Maianna Siebert and the rest of the team. All together the team had 27 rebounds.

Griess led the team in scoring with 16 points. She hit six for 11 from the floor. She nailed one

three pointer and hit three for six inside the arch. She also had a free throw, three rebounds and a steal. Savannah Kirkbride had 14 points on the night. She went five for eight inside the arch and one for three outside. She also hit a free throw. She added three rebounds, one steal and one block. Brooke Hansen added two free throws and two field goals for her six points. Saria Eklund added three points hitting one three pointer and Maianna Siebert added another two to round out the scoring. Siebert led the team in rebounds bringing down seven, three offensive and four defensive. She also had two steals. Five members of the team had three rebounds each. Sadie Barrett led the team in steals with three.

Over the four games of the tournament the Lady Broncs scored 205 points. They had 127 rebounds and 61 steals. What ever it was that Coach Ward and Coach McKinney said to the team over the break must have been good.

Good luck for the rest of the 2023 season.

Burns Broncs go Two and Two in the 2A East Smackdown

Jim Merryfield Pine Bluffs Post

The Burns Broncs Varsity Boys Basketball team traveled north to Tongue River to participate in the 2a Smackdown tournament. The team faced the Wright Panthers, the Tongue River Eagles, The Sundance Bulldogs and the Big Horn Rams. It would be a good time for the Broncs to get back into the game making some improvements.

First up for the Broncs would be the Tongue River Eagles. The Eagles went 4-0 in the tournament and the Broncs fell hard to the Eagles. The Broncs did have some shining moments. In the first quarter with the score 0-4 Jarred Allen hit a three pointer from the top of the key to bring the score within one. Later in the quarter Allen stole the ball and ran the court for a lay up. With the score 14-36, Cody Piasecki hit a three from the right side of the court. Angel Chavez hit another three from the left side to bring the score to 20-45. In the third quarter Carter David stole the ball and ran the court for the lay up. Chavez, Allen and David all stole the ball in the second half to try and keep the game within reach. Piasecki hit another three from the top of the key to make the score 31-61. Minutes later Piasecki hit another three this time from

the right side to bring the score to 34-61. The Broncs ended up losing the game 44-78.

The Broncs kept the second game against the Big Horn Rams close until the fourth quarter. The Broncs were only down by one in the first quarter. Cody Hape asserted himself with a big block on the Rams shooter. Carter David got a good fast break pass but missed the lay up but Cody Hape was there for the put back. Jared Allen hit a three from the right side to end the first quarter 7-8. The second quarter had the Broncs offense on fire as they were able to put up 15 points. The defense was also strong and only allowed the Rams eight points and the Broncs ended the half leading 22-16. The Broncs were firing on all eight cylinders and things looked good for the rest of the game. The Rams came out of the locker room hot and they were able to put up 19 points in the third quarter. Despite Hape's three pointer from the right side the Broncs were still trailing. Hape also was able to score another big block on the Rams but the end was in sight. The third quarter ended with the Broncs trailing the Rams by two 33-35. The fourth quarter belonged to the Rams though. The Broncs fought back as hard as they could but could not

slow the Rams offense down. The Rams put up 18 points in the fourth and held the mighty Broncs to only eight. Carter David intercepted a pass and went all the way to the other side for the lay up in the fourth. The Broncs lost to the Rams 41-53. The score was a bit deceiving as the Broncs were right in there all the way to the fourth quarter.

Game three was against the Wright Panthers. This game turned out to be an offensive battle. Both teams were gunning for a win. The defenses were keeping up but the offense was definitely in control. The Broncs were able to put up 66 points in the game. They scored 17 points in each of the first three quarters and 15 points in the fourth. In the fourth quarter the Panthers were down by 20 but were able to put up 29 points. But it wasn't enough to overcome the deficit as the Broncs took the win 66-62.

As mentioned before the Broncs were able to score 17 points in each of the first three quarters. In the first quarter they were able to hold the Panther offense to 11 points. In the second quarter they held the Panthers to 12 and in the third quarter they held the potent Panther offense to 10 points. The fourth quarter was a disaster for the Broncs but they held on and

scored 15 points. That kept the Panthers down and gave the win to the Broncs 66-62. This gave the Broncs their first win of the tournament.

Leading the way for the Broncs was Cody Piasecki with 27 points. Actually, three players on the Broncs lineup had double-digit scores. Piasecki, Carter David and Angel Chavez each scored in the double-digit numbers. Piasecki had 27 points hitting eight for 19 from the floor. Piasecki hit five for nine outside the arch and three for 10 from the field. He also went six of 12 from the free throw line. Piasecki also had seven rebounds and three steals. Angel Chavez scored 15 points going four for seven from the field. He had five for nine inside the arch and five of nine from the line. Chavez also had two rebounds. The third person with a double-digit score was Carter David with 12 points. David went three for three outside the arch and hit one field goal and one free throw. David also had three rebounds and one blocked shot. Jared Allen scored eight points hitting three of four from the floor and a pair of free throws. Allen led the team in rebounds with eight and he had three steals. Cody Hape and Mason Medley each added two to round out the Broncs scoring.

The Broncs fourth and final game of the tournament would be against the Sundance Bulldogs. For the second game in a row the Broncs scored over 60 points. The offense was running hard and the defense was starting to hold back the opponent's offense.

In the first quarter Cody Piasecki dropped a three from the right side to lead the Bulldogs 7-2. Hape stole the ball in the back court from the Bulldogs and scored two more points. Mason Medley got a fast break and laid it up for two making the score 20-14. The second quarter had Carter David steal the ball in the back court again and put it up for two getting a 10-point lead. Hape got another fast break shot and he made sure it counted for two more making the score 26-16. Just before the half Piasecki hit a three from the right side for a 31-18 lead. In the start of the second half Hape got another fast break for two giving the Broncs a 42-29 lead. Ethan Norris hit three from the left side for a 51-40 score. David Carter got a steal in the back court and put it back up for two. The Broncs beat the Bulldogs 61-47. It was a solid performance on both sides of the court.

For the Broncs this is the second game that has three of the

players in double digit scoring. Cody Hape, Cody Piasecki and Jared Allen each had double-digit scores. Leading the team was Cody Hape with 14 points. Hape was seven of 11 from the two-point range. Both Cody Piasecki and Jared Allen had 10 points. Piasecki was two of five in the three-point range and two of 10 inside the arch. Allen was four of six in the two-point area and nailed two free throws. Two players had eight points, Carter David and Angel Chavez. David went three of six inside the arch and hit a pair of free throws. Chavez had two of four in the two-point range and nailed all four free throws. Ethan Norris added five points, Mason Medley added another four and Pablo Dominguez added two.

Defensively Piasecki and Allen each had three steals, David had five as did Medley and Hape and Chavez each had one. Allen led the way in rebounds with nine, Hape and Medley each had seven with David pulling down five. Norris and Chavez each pulled down two. All total for the game the Broncs pulled down 32 rebounds and had 18 steals.

A good finish to the tournament and a good platform for the Broncs to start the 2023 season. Good luck Broncs.

Lady Hornets BB

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a pass from Kelsie Bymer under the net and laid it in for another two. The defense was tough and strong and held the Lady Rams to three points in the second quarter. The Lady Hornets entered the locker room leading 30-12. A solid start to the second half of the season.

The third quarter was a good up and down game. Both teams were able to score and move the ball. With the team playing together and keeping good situational awareness they put up another 11 points. Kelsie Bymer got a pass under the net and put it up for two. Hoffman who worked her way under the net got a nice overhead pass and put it up for two. The quarter ended with the Hornets leading 41-22. The fourth quarter had both defenses playing hard. The Lady Rams were unable to stop Hoffman from getting under the net or snatching rebounds out of the air. Abby Gray was passing and shooting and blocking shots all

over the court. The Lady Hornets won the game 51-26.

Hoffman was dominant in scoring 12 points in the second quarter. Hoffman led the team in each quarter except the third where Kelsie Bymer had five and Hoffman had 4. Hattie Lerwick and Kelsie Bymer each hit a three in the game. Great start to the tournament.

Game two would not be so dominate for the Lady Hornets. They faced the Tongue River Lady Eagles in a game that had the defenses up front. It took a few minutes for either team to score but Abby Gray hit the first points of the game with a three pointer from the left side of the court. The Eagles were able to find the small cracks in the Hornets defense and capitalize on them. The Eagles built up a 6-13 lead in the first quarter. The second quarter had the Hornets offense stalling. The Lady Hornets were only able to put three points up while the Lady Eagles found the net for 17 points. Reese Graves was able to hit a three pointer for the

Hornets. The Hornets went into the half trailing the Eagles 9-30.

The second half was much better for the Lady Hornets as the offense started to hit shots and the defense stiffened. Hannah WallowingBull was able to snag an offensive rebound and put it back up for two. Jessica Hoffman did a nice reverse lay up for two. Hornet's passing was a bit off as the Eagles were able to intercept a couple and a few went out of bounds. Graves received a nice pass from Gray and laid the ball up for two. But the Hornets were still not able to contain the Eagles offense and ended the third quarter 20 points down 24-44. The Lady Hornets were still having some shooting errors. Missing free throws and easy lay ups. The Lady Eagles defense tightened up and held the Hornets to nine points in the quarter. The Hornets defense held the Eagles to five points but still lost the game 33-49. It was a tough loss for the Lady Hornets.

The third game was a defensive standoff for three minutes

as neither team could find the net. The Sundance Lady Bulldogs defense was as strong as the Lady Hornets defense was. Finally Jessica Hoffman was able to grab an offensive rebound and put it back up for two. McKenna Thurin was able to get the ball and drove to the hoop for two. Neither team was able to score well in the first quarter and it ended with the Bulldogs leading 6-10. The second quarter was as tough as the first. Each team was only able to score five points. Hoffman got a good pass from Gray and put it up for two. Kelsie Bymer hit from the top of the key. The Lady Hornets were able to slow the Lady Bulldogs down and hit the locker room trailing by four, 11-15.

The second half started with Gray hitting a three from the right side. WallowingBull got fouled shooting and got two free throws. The Hornets offense was starting to hit and their defense was holding the Bulldogs down. The Hornets out scored their opponent 9-3 and took the lead for

the first time in the game. The third quarter ended 20-18. Two minutes into the fourth quarter the Lady Bulldogs took the lead back. Hoffman scored under the net to tie the game at 23. The Bulldogs found the long shots and hit a few threes to take the lead. Gray hit another three with 20 seconds left in the game but it was not enough to overtake the Lady Bulldogs they fell prey to them 26-33.

The fourth and final game of the tournament would be against the Wright Lady Panthers. The Panthers have a similar record as the Lady Hornets and this would prove to be a solid game. Both teams stayed close as their defenses stood tall. The offenses were hitting shots both inside and outside the arch. Kelsie Bymer nailed a three and Gray hit a pair of field goals. The Lady Hornets and Lady Panthers ended the quarter almost tied 9-10. The second quarter was different as the Panther defense continued to push and held the Hornets to only 6 points. Gray, Hoffman

and Sweeter were able to hit field goals. The Panthers put up 12 points to take the lead at the half 15-22.

The Lady Hornets were able to outscore the Lady Panthers in the third by one point but not enough to take the lead. Gray was able to sink a couple of free throws and Hoffman nailed a couple of field goals. Hattie Lerwick and Kelsie Bymer added a field goal each in the third. The quarter ended with the Hornets still trailing 25-31. For the Lady Hornets the fourth quarter had their offense struggling. Hoffman and Kelsie Bymer were the two scores in the quarter and they were held to only two apiece. The Lady Panthers put 13 more points up and won the game 29-44.

It was a disappointing outing for the Lady Hornets and we are sure a lot of lessons were learned. Jessica Hoffman was the leading scorer and rebounder for the Lady Hornets. Good luck in the regular season.



Courtesy of Ashley Jessen

Above: Hornets No. 3 Jacob Slade jumps above the opposing team to go for the basket.

Hornets BB
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back for the Hornets.

The Hornets final game of the tournament had them face to face with the Wright Panthers. The Panthers are 7-4 and went 2-2 at the tournament. The Hornets were playing good solid ball and wanted to end the tournament on a positive note. The Panthers had their problems and could not contain the high-powered offense of the Hornets. Stu Lerwick only played a bit over 10 minutes of the game but had a huge impact. Leading the team in scoring was the younger Lerwick, Justin. Lerwick had 16 points on the game hitting two of four inside the arch and three of seven from the three-point range. He also went three of four from the free throw line. Elder Lerwick added nine points hitting nine of 13 free throws. Stu Lerwick was dominating on the boards bringing down 10 rebounds, nine defen-

sive and one offensive. He also blocked a shot by the Panthers. Young Lerwick nabbed six rebounds and had a steal and blocked shot. Fornstrom had 13 points in the game. Four from inside the arch and five free throws. He also was hot on the board bringing down four rebounds. Fornstrom also had four steals. Collin Jessen added 10 points to the Hornets score hitting five two's. He was even better on defense bringing down nine rebounds and three steals. Dalton Schaefer added eight points with five rebounds, two steals and one blocked shot. Carsten Freeburg added five points and a steal. Wyatt Carter had three points, four rebounds and blocked one shot against the Panthers. Jacob Slade rounded the scoring out with two points. The Hornets won the game 66-44.

A great start to the 2023 half of the season. Their conference record is 1-0. Good luck for the rest of the season.



Karen Lipska/Pine Bluffs Post

Above: Burns Lady Broncs No. 39 breaks new record at the 2A East Smackdown.

Daljit Kaur sets new Lady Broncs Record

Jim Merryfield Pine Bluffs Post

The Lady Broncs competed in the 2A East Girls Smackdown tournament last weekend. In the first game of the tournament Daljit Kaur set a new school record in the Broncs win over the Tongue River Eagles.

Daljit Kaur, most of her friends call her DJ, a 5'10' senior broke the school record for blocked shots in a single game.

The record set back in 2008 by Noelle Jones of Burns was seven. That record stood for 15 years until Kaur took the court on Thursday night. That night she had eight blocked shots against the Eagles and helped her team to win the first game of the tournament.

Congratulations to Daljit Kaur and good luck to the Lady Broncs and Kaur for the rest of the 2023 season.

More Lady Hornets pics

Photos by James Merryfield



James Merryfield for the Pine Bluffs Post

Above: Lady Hornets No. 23 - Hattie Lerwick , No. 32 -Jessica Hoffman and No. 24 Kaylea Bymer crowd in on opponent. Below: No. 32 Jessica Hoffman blocks a Lady Panther.



Laramie County School District 2 Lunch Menu January 12 - January 20, 2023

Thursday, January 12

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Chilled Fruit, Cereal Yogurt, Milk
Lunch: Pizza Day, PBJ Uncrustable, Fruit, Veggies, Milk

Friday, January 13

No School

Monday, January 16

Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit, Cereal, Yogurt, Milk
Lunch: Mac and Cheese, Steame

Broccoli, Chilled Fruit or BYO Flatbread Pizza, Pepperoni, & Cheese, Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk

Tuesday, January 17

Breakfast: Banana Bread, Fruit, Cereal, Yogurt, Milk
Lunch: Southwest Burritos, Pinto Beans or Italian Wrap, Teddy Grahams, Fruit and Veggies, Salad Bar, Milk

Wednesday, January 18

Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Cereal Yogurt, Milk
Lunch: Orange Chicken, Rice/Egg, Rice/Carrots, Fortune Cookie or Crispy Chicken BLT Pita Wrap, Fruit, Veggies, Salad Bar, Milk

Thursday, January 19

Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos, Cereal Yogurt, Milk
Lunch: Pizza Day, PBJ Uncrustable, Fruit, Veggies, Milk

Friday, January 20

No School

Salad Bar offered daily.

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- Student lunch - \$2.90
- Extra lunch meal - \$2.00
- Extra Milk - .50¢
- Super size it - .75¢
- High School lunch - \$3.20

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STATEPOINT CROSSWORD
Theme: AT THE SUPERMARKET

ACROSS

- 1. Rock bottom
- 6. Attorneys' org.
- 9. Hefty volume
- 13. Cast _____
- 14. It's all the rage
- 15. Miserable
- 16. Fit for a king
- 17. Back then
- 18. Do like Demosthenes
- 19. *Checkout clerk
- 21. *Meat professional
- 23. "_____ the land of the free..."
- 24. Fictional Himalayan
- 25. Meme move
- 28. Man Ray's art movement
- 30. On cloud nine
- 35. Crude group
- 37. Seaside bird
- 39. Formerly known as dropsy
- 40. Make-up artist?
- 41. Blast from the past
- 43. Bruce Willis' ex
- 44. Chocolate substitute
- 46. Mischievous sprites
- 47. Plaintiff
- 48. *Advantageous display
- 50. _____ Spumante
- 52. Meddle
- 53. Largest share owner
- 55. "_____ to Joy"
- 57. *Coldest display
- 61. *"What's on _____?"
- 65. Main artery in the body
- 66. Feathery neckwear
- 68. Isolated
- 69. Hipbone-related
- 70. Octopus' defense
- 71. Espresso plus steamed milk
- 72. Eye contact
- 73. Word from #32 Down
- 74. Goes up or down

DOWN

- 2. On a deck, perhaps
- 3. Pad
- 4. Gem State
- 5. Depended on
- 6. From a distance
- 7. *Reusable one
- 8. Hacienda brick
- 9. Cleopatra's necklace
- 10. Moonfish
- 11. Boundary line
- 12. Looker or ogler
- 15. Capable of movement
- 20. One of the Muses
- 22. Shoshonean
- 24. Railyard worker
- 25. Gabbana's partner
- 26. Relating to bees
- 27. Edward Teach's facial feature
- 29. *Prepared food department
- 31. Contributes
- 32. Get ready to drive (2 words)
- 33. Type of wheat
- 34. *Ricotta and eggs section
- 36. Semiaquatic tetrapod, for short
- 38. Sips from a flask?
- 42. Bar by estoppel
- 45. Novelist HonorÉ de _____
- 49. Blackbird dessert
- 51. Paragons
- 54. Galactic path
- 56. Pomp
- 57. Be unsuccessful
- 58. Dramatic part
- 59. Sportscaster Andrews
- 60. JFK or ORD postings
- 61. Japanese alcoholic beverage
- 62. Tiny amount
- 63. Not in favor of
- 64. Lecherous look
- 67. *O in BOGO

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Bowling Scores

MONDAY WOMEN

1. C and L	24
2. K and K	18
3. F and R	17
Handicap Game: Rachel Schloder	258
Handicap Series: Carleen Graves	699
Scratch Game: Carleen Graves	173
Scratch Series: Carleen Graves	510

TUESDAY 2 Person

1. Thompsons	18
2. J & Z	18
3. Carol's Team	17

MEN

Handicap Game: Damien Thompson	249
Handicap Series: Damien Thompson	707
Scratch Game: Damien Thompson	201
Scratch Series: Damien Thompson	563

WEDNESDAY MIXED

1. Bowling Stones	26
2. Wild Cats Bowling	23
3. Avery's Team	19

WOMAN

Handicap Game: Jeanette Anderson	232
Handicap Series: Brittney Koehn	651
Scratch Game: Jeanette Anderson	198
Scratch Series: Jeanette Anderson	520

MEN

Handicap Game: Shawn Koehn	291
Handicap Series: Shawn Koehn	750
Scratch Game: Shawn Koehn	253
Scratch Series: Shawn Koehn	636

THURSDAY MEN

1. Lewbowski	30
2. Pine Bowl	27
3. RZR Cattle Co	24
Handicap Game: Kelley Kriz	270
Handicap Series: Craig Johnson	754
Scratch Game: Craig Johnson	243
Scratch Series: Craig Johnson	688

FRIDAY MIXED

1. Duggans-Anderson	29
2. Tyler's Team	24

3. Tina's Team

23	
WOMAN	
Handicap Game: Amy Fredrickson	
261	
Handicap Series: Jo Racliffe	673
Scratch Game: Tina Milliken	213
Scratch Series: Tina Milliken	565

MEN

Handicap Game: Tyler Fredrickson	262
Handicap Series: Tyler Fredrickson	725
Scratch Game: Robert Charley	254
Scratch Series: Robert Charley	690

SUNDAY 3 MAN

1. Sam's Team	296
2. Darrell's Team	290
3. Corey's Team	232
MEN	
Handicap Game: Kelley Kriz	292
Handicap Series: Burt Macy	782
Scratch Game: Steve Soltesz	279
Scratch Series: Steve Soltesz	740

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Heidi Romsa, Clerk
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRIAN WADE FRYE, DOCKET NO. 2023-CV-0201146

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A DECREE OF SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY INTERESTS TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that on January 9, 2023, an Application for Decree of Summary Distribution of Property Interests was filed in the District Court, First Judicial District, Laramie County, Wyoming. In the Application the heirs of Brian Wade Frye claim the property owned by the deceased. Any action to set aside the Application must be filed in the Court within thirty days from the date of the first publication of the notice, which is January 12, 2023.
By: Matthew J. Fermelia
Attorney for the Estate
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Legal No: 192072
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SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS, LARAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DEC 20, 2022, 3:30 PM.

Present: Chairman Troy Thompson, Vice Chairman Brian Lovett, Commissioners Linda Heath, K.N. Buck Holmes, Gunnar Malm
1. Consideration of the Minutes of Proceedings for Dec 6, 2022.
Approved
2. Consideration of a subgrantee agreement between Laramie County, WY, and the City of Cheyenne for a FY22 Byrne Justice Assistance grant award in the amount of \$54,443 to run through Sept 30, 2025.
Approved
3. Consideration of the ratification of a resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant award from the US Dept of Treasury for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to run through Dec 31, 2024.
Approved
4. Consideration of an addendum between Laramie County, WY, and Wyoming Machinery Co for the rental of a compact wheel loader for the Events Dept.
Approved
5. Consideration of an agreement between Laramie County, WY, and UPMC Benefit Management Services, Inc, dba Workpartners, to provide KnovaSolutions Clinical Prevention Service for the highest-risk/need individuals within the County health insurance plan.
Approved
6. Resident's concerns over Whitney Rd, wind and solar farms.
Comments received
7. Consideration of a resolution to rescind the COVID sick time personnel policy.
Approved

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALFRED R. MATHIEU, Deceased. NOTICE OF PROBATE TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 4th day of January, 2023, the Estate of Alfred R. Mathieu was admitted to probate by the above named Court, and that Laura E. Hayward and Amy D. King were appointed as Co-Administratrixes thereof.
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to decedent's estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at Aspen Ridge Law Offices, P.C., 2232 Dell Range Blvd., Suite 111, Cheyenne, WY 82009.
Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of said Court, on or before three months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.
Dated this 29th day of December, 2022.
Attorney for Vicki L. Hause
By: Sue Davidson, Bar number 5-1687 Aspen Ridge Law Offices, P.e.
2232 Dell Range Blvd, Suite 111 Cheyenne, WY 82001
(307) 635-4271
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ADVERTISING DEADLINE MONDAY 5 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

'IN THE DISTRICT COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF LARAMIE, STATE OF WYOMING IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL YN M. HAUSE Deceased. Probate No.: 2022-CV-200-346 NOTICE OF PROBATE AND ADVICE REGARDING CLAIMS OF CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that on the 14th day of December, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of decedent was admitted to probate by the above-named court, and that Vicki L. Hause was appointed Personal Representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Will shall be filed in the Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or thereafter be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to decedent's estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at Aspen Ridge Law Offices, P.C., 2232 Dell Range Blvd., Suite 111, Cheyenne, WY 82009.
Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of said Court, on or before three months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.
Dated this 29th day of December, 2022.
Attorney for Vicki L. Hause
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE

Pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 4-10-507, you are hereby notified that Tina L. Yarber, Trustee of the Albert and Joy Mann Trust Trust dated February 22, 2007 (the "Trust") intends to have the property of Settlers, Albert and Joy Mann, distributed as permitted under the terms of the Trust. Anyone wishing to contest the validity of the trust or to file a claim against the assets of the trust must do so within 120 days of the first publication of this notice.
DATED this 6th day of January, 2023.
Tina L. Yarber, Trustee
c/o Sam J. Tortorich, Esq.
The Tortorich Group LLC
1916 House Avenue
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001
T: (307) 459-2626
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF WYOMING IN AND FOR LARAMIE COUNTY DOCKET NO. 2022 CV-0201-113

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALFRED R. MATHIEU, Deceased. NOTICE OF PROBATE TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that on the 4th day of January, 2023, the Estate of Alfred R. Mathieu was admitted to probate by the above named Court, and that Laura E. Hayward and Amy D. King were appointed as Co-Administratrixes thereof.
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to his Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned c/o Crowley Fleck PLLP, P.O. Box 394, Cheyenne, WY 82003.
Creditors having claims against Alfred R. Mathieu or his Estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, with the Clerk of the First Judicial District Court, Laramie County, Wyoming, on or before three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.
DATED this 6th day of January, 2023.
Laura E. Hayward \ Amy D. King
Co-Administratrixes
CROWLEY FLECK PLLP
Attorneys for Co-Administratrixes
PO Box 394
Cheyenne, WY 82003
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF WYOMING IN AND FOR LARAMIE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF THOMAS MARKS HARDING DOCKET NO. 2023-CV-020-1144 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Change of Name, Civil Action No. 2023-CV-020-1144 has been filed on behalf of Thomas Marks Harding in the Wyoming District Court for the First Judicial District, whose address is 309 W. 20th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001, the object and prayer of which is to change the name of the above-named person from Thomas Marks Harding to Thomas LaPlante Gonzalo.
Any objection must be filed with the District Court within 30 days following the last date of publication of this notice, or an Order Granting Name Change may be granted without further notice.
DATED this 1st day of January, 2023
By Clerk of Court: Diane Sanchez
Clerk of District Court K. Bevis, Deputy
Legal No: 192070
Published in the Pine Bluffs Post January 12, January 19, January 26, and February 2, 2023

LEGAL DEADLINE MONDAY AT 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Trustees for Laramie County School District #2 has provided this notice to satisfy requirements under the Wyoming Administrative Act.
The Board of Trustees for LCSD#2 will assemble for two evenings of school board training on Monday January 16, 2023 from 4:30-8 pm at the District Office and Wednesday January 18, 2023 from 6-8 pm at the District Office.
The meetings will not be broadcast and no action will be taken.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Laramie County School District #2 Recreation District In an effort to improve the quality of life and provide for indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities throughout Laramie County School District #2 (LCSD#2), the LCSD#2 Recreation Board is soliciting applications for the 2023 recreation grant funding. Applications for funding can be submitted by LCSD#2, or any other person or entity residing or operating within the boundaries of LCSD#2. The primary purpose of the Laramie County School District #2 (LCSD#2) Recreation District is to maintain present facilities, develop future facilities, and to support programs that provide recreational value for students and the community. We welcome all interested applicants. Grant information and applications are available at laramie2.org under district news. The deadline to submit applications is 4:00 p.m. January 27th, 2023.
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Approved
8. Consideration of a resolution delegating authority for tax refunds for erroneous or illegal payments to the Laramie County Treasurer.
Approved
9. Consideration of a contract between Laramie County, WY, and High West Energy-Wiring Division for on-call electrical services for the Events Dept. The contract period is Jan 1 through Dec 31, 2023.
Approved
10. Consideration of a memorandum of understanding between Laramie County, WY, and the City of Cheyenne in the amount of \$407,777.80 outlining financial reimbursement to the city for the construction of the Laramie County Community College/Sweetgrass Underpass.
Approved
11. Consideration of a resolution appointing a member to the Cheyenne Airport Board to a five-year term, expiring Dec 31, 2027.
12. PUBLIC HEARING regarding vacation of a subdivision plat for a portion of the SW1/4SW1/4 of Sect 33, Sect 32, T15N, R67W of the 6th PM, Laramie County, WY, known as The Reserve at Horse Creek.
Approved
The meeting adjourned at 3:51 pm.
Debra K. Lee, Laramie County Clerk
Published pursuant to W.S.18-3-516; Complete record of Laramie County Board of Commissioners meetings, including video and audio, are available at https://laramiecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
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Deadline for all submissions is Monday at 5 p.m.
Call 245-3763
or email: pinebluffseeditor@rtconnect.net

Tri-State Grapplers Results



Courtesy of TriState Grapplers

Top left: Kaysen Klinginsmith with the win; Jax Thurin pinning his opponent; Jesse Helms running a move on top. Above: Nikki Sumare with the win. Left: Gavin Bibbey pinning his opponent; Jesse Gortney with the pin; Ethan Bibbey on top of his opponent to finish with the win.



Battle in the Bluffs Tournament - Scottsbluff, NE

1st & 2nd Grade 45

Donavon Lopez's place is unknown and has scored 0.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Donavon Lopez (Tri-State Grapplers) received a bye () (Bye)
- Quarterfinal - Diego Hernandez (Sidney Wrestling Club) won by fall over Donavon Lopez (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 1:36)
- Cons. Round 2 - Donavon Lopez (Tri-State Grapplers) received a bye () (Bye)
- Cons. Round 3 - Colt Thompson (Nebraska Elite) won by major decision over Donavon Lopez (Tri-State Grapplers) (Maj 18-5)

1st & 2nd Grade 56

AshtonBelle Cathcart's place is unknown and has scored 0.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Leonel Valles (Pride Wrestling Club) won by decision over AshtonBelle Cathcart (Tri-State Grapplers) (Dec 7-0)
- Cons. Round 1 - AshtonBelle Cathcart (Tri-State Grapplers) received a bye () (Bye)
- Cons. Round 2 - Kamden Dawn (AWC Nebraska) won by decision over AshtonBelle Cathcart (Tri-State Grapplers) (Dec 11-9)

1st & 2nd Grade 59

Christian Checkuck's place is unknown and has scored 0.0 team points.

- Quarterfinal - Jordan Green (Torrington Wrestling Club) won by fall over Christian Checkuck (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 0:55)
- Cons. Round 1 - Hunter Rowlee (Panhandle Wrestling Academy) won by fall over Christian Checkuck (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 2:29)

1st & 2nd Grade 70

Haize Graves's place is 1st and has scored 40.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Haize Graves (Tri-State Grapplers)

Graves (Tri-State Grapplers) received a bye () (Bye)

- Quarterfinal - Haize Graves (Tri-State Grapplers) won by fall over Riverson Moritmore (Gering Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:17)
- Semifinal - Haize Graves (Tri-State Grapplers) won by decision over Alexander Gallegos (SWC) (Dec 9-4)
- 1st Place Match - Haize Graves (Tri-State Grapplers) won by tech fall over Asher Fancher (AWC Nebraska) (TF 16-0)

3rd & 4th Grade 65

Jax Lopez's place is unknown and has scored 0.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Jax Lopez (Tri-State Grapplers) received a bye () (Bye)
- Quarterfinal - Immanuel Soester (Pride Wrestling Club) won by fall over Jax Lopez (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 0:17)
- Cons. Round 2 - Deaglan Smith (High Plains Thunder Wrestling) won by decision over Jax Lopez (Tri-State Grapplers) (Dec 11-7)

3rd & 4th Grade 70

Kaysen Klinginsmith's place is unknown and has scored 0.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Kaysen Klinginsmith (Tri-State Grapplers) won by fall over John Luke Benavides (SWC) (Fall 1:56)
- Quarterfinal - Corbin Anderson (Mitchell Wrestling Club) won by fall over Kaysen Klinginsmith (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 1:45)
- Cons. Round 2 - Kaysen Klinginsmith (Tri-State Grapplers) won by decision over Jayse Schluterbusch (SWC) (Dec 9-6)
- Cons. Round 3 - Jaxton Hatley (Torrington Wrestling Club) won by fall over Kaysen Klinginsmith (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 0:10)

3rd & 4th Grade 75

Jesse Helms's place is unknown and has scored 0.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Jesse Helms (Tri-State Grapplers) received a bye () (Bye)
- Quarterfinal - Amita Frazier (Banner County MatCats) won by forfeit over Jesse Helms (Tri-State Grapplers) (FF)
- Cons. Round 2 - Logan Stuart (Bayard Wrestling Club) won by decision over Jesse Helms (Tri-State Grapplers) (Dec 7-3)

3rd & 4th Grade 80

Gavin Bibbey's place is 2nd and has scored 30.0 team points.

- Quarterfinal - Gavin Bibbey (Tri-State Grapplers) won by fall over Avery Fleuren (SWC) (Fall 0:27)
- Semifinal - Olivia Maldonado (Nebraska Elite) won by fall over Gavin Bibbey (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 1:39)
- Cons. Semi - Gavin Bibbey (Tri-State Grapplers) won by fall over Oaklee Asbury (Bayard Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:58)
- 3rd Place Match - Gavin Bibbey (Tri-State Grapplers) won by fall over Koltyn Alecci (Pride Wrestling Club) (Fall 1:32)
- 2nd Place Match - Gavin Bibbey (Tri-State Grapplers) won by fall over Axel Mortimore (Gering Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:39)

3rd & 4th Grade 85

Charlie Checkuck's place is 5th and has scored 0.0 team points.

- Round 1 - Chase Keller (Mitchell Wrestling Club) won by fall over Charlie Checkuck (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 2:27)
- Round 2 - Preston Reker (Sidney Wrestling Club) won by fall over Charlie Checkuck (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 0:29)
- Round 3 - Simon Perez (AWC Nebraska) won by fall over Charlie Checkuck (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 2:20)
- Round 4 - Giovanni Brown (Gering Wrestling Club) won by fall over Charlie Checkuck

(Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 0:29)

5th & 6th Grade 60

Ethan Bibbey's place is 1st and has scored 40.0 team points.

- Round 1 - Ethan Bibbey (Tri-State Grapplers) won by decision over Keen Huston (High Plains Thunder Wrestling) (Dec 6-4)
- Round 3 - Ethan Bibbey (Tri-State Grapplers) won by forfeit over Brandis Mills (Bridgeport Wrestling Club) (FF)

5th & 6th Grade 65

Jesse Gortney's place is 1st and has scored 40.0 team points.

- Quarterfinal - Jesse Gortney (Tri-State Grapplers) won by fall over Leland Arroyo (SWC) (Fall 0:31)
- Semifinal - Jesse Gortney (Tri-State Grapplers) won by fall over John Jordan (Sidney Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:28)
- 1st Place Match - Jesse Gortney (Tri-State Grapplers) won by fall over Arthur Sanchez (Nebraska Elite) (Fall 1:00)

5th & 6th Grade 105

Jax Thurin's place is 1st and has scored 40.0 team points.

- Round 1 - Jax Thurin (Tri-State Grapplers) won by fall over Jace Jensen (Nebraska Elite) (Fall 3:22)
- Round 2 - Jax Thurin (Tri-State Grapplers) won by fall over Jarmiah Roberts (Gering Wrestling Club) (Fall 3:45)
- Round 3 - Jax Thurin (Tri-State Grapplers) won by fall over Benjamin Anderson (Kimball Wrestling Club) (Fall 1:36)

7th & 8th Grade 75-80

Gunner Copeland's place is 2nd and has scored 30.0 team points.

- Round 1 - Anthony Shifflett (SWC) won by fall over Gunner Copeland (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 2:03)
- Round 2 - Gunner Copeland (Tri-State Grapplers) won by decision over Peyton Spencer (Tri-State Grapplers) (Dec 13-8)
- Round 3 - Gunner Copeland

(Tri-State Grapplers) won by forfeit over Kyler Mills (Bridgeport Wrestling Club) (FF)

7th & 8th Grade 75-80

Peyton Spencer's place is 3rd and has scored 20.0 team points.

- Round 1 - Peyton Spencer (Tri-State Grapplers) won by forfeit over Kyler Mills (Bridgeport Wrestling Club) (FF)
- Round 2 - Gunner Copeland (Tri-State Grapplers) won by decision over Peyton Spencer (Tri-State Grapplers) (Dec 13-8)
- Round 3 - Anthony Shifflett (SWC) won by fall over Peyton Spencer (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 1:30)

7th & 8th Grade 117

Riggin Cathcart's place is unknown and has scored 0.0 team points.

- Champ. Round 1 - Riggin Cathcart (Tri-State Grapplers) received a bye () (Bye)
- Quarterfinal - Aiden Rzonca (SWC) won by fall over Riggin Cathcart (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 1:00)
- Cons. Round 2 - Kellan Zulowski (SWC) won by decision over Riggin Cathcart (Tri-State Grapplers) (Dec 8-6)

7th & 8th Grade 150

Nikki Sumare's place is 5th and has scored 0.0 team points.

- Round 1 - Bricen Wright (Chadron Wrestling Club) won by fall over Nikki Sumare (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 0:59)
- Round 2 - Carsen Malcolm (Gering Wrestling Club) won by fall over Nikki Sumare (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 0:19)
- Round 4 - Cody Holmgren (Crawford Jr Wrestling) won by fall over Nikki Sumare (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 1:14)
- Round 5 - Laurence Keller (Pride Wrestling Club) won by major decision over Nikki Sumare (Tri-State Grapplers) (Maj 12-4)

K-2nd Grade Girls 56

AshtonBelle Cathcart's place is 3rd and has scored 20.0 team points.

- Quarterfinal - AshtonBelle Cathcart (Tri-State Grapplers) received a bye () (Bye)
- Semifinal - AshtonBelle Cathcart (Tri-State Grapplers) won by fall over Redshaw Taylor (Bridgeport Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:49)
- 1st Place Match - Hannah Gompert (Pride Wrestling Club) won by decision over AshtonBelle Cathcart (Tri-State Grapplers) (Dec 8-4)
- 2nd Place Match - Lennon Dean (Bridgeport Wrestling Club) won by decision over AshtonBelle Cathcart (Tri-State Grapplers) (Dec 10-3)

6th-8th Grade Girls 130

Lauren Checkuck's place is 3rd and has scored 20.0 team points.

- Round 1 - Addison Harris-Miller (Bridgeport Wrestling Club) won by fall over Lauren Checkuck (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 1:54)
- Round 2 - Lauren Checkuck (Tri-State Grapplers) won by fall over Stormy Tesch (Gordon/Rushville Jr. Wrestling) (Fall 2:52)
- Round 3 - Meredith Zlomke (Gering Wrestling Club) won by fall over Lauren Checkuck (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 0:18)
- 6th-8th Grade Girls 150
- Nikki Sumare's place is 1st and has scored 40.0 team points.
- Round 1 - Nikki Sumare (Tri-State Grapplers) won by decision over Cammie Rader (Bridgeport Wrestling Club) (Dec 8-3)
- Round 2 - Cammie Rader (Bridgeport Wrestling Club) won by fall over Nikki Sumare (Tri-State Grapplers) (Fall 1:41)
- Round 3 - Nikki Sumare (Tri-State Grapplers) won by decision over Cammie Rader (Bridgeport Wrestling Club) (Dec 4-3)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOVEMBER 14, 2022 MINUTES TOWN OF PINE BLUFFS, LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING

Present: Justin Fornstrom, Mayor; Councilmember Alie Leitza; Councilmember Thomas Mohren; Councilmember Mike Ragsdale; Councilmember Janna Kestner; Kimberly Patterson, Treasurer; Jackie Fornstrom, Clerk; Alex Davison, Attorney; Carey Lanning; Penny Merryfield, Pine Bluffs Post; Brandon Noble, HDR Engineering.

Mayor Fornstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL Councilmember Leitza moved

to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Ragsdale seconded the motion. Motion passed with four ayes.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Councilmember Leitza made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Kestner seconded the motion. Motion passed with four ayes.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS Accent Plumbing and Heating- \$597.50; Allwayz- \$1540.00; BC Welding \$729.00; Black Hills Energy- \$2149.63; Bluffs Car Care- \$31.88; Brice Jacobson- 5115.00; CD Lidstone- 53887.50; Chantell Conn-SI15.00; Cintas- \$233.77; Culligan- \$42.00; DBT Transportation- \$6943.00;

Eastern Laramie County Solid Waste- \$3 I 94.70; Erickson, Kellie- \$ 375.00; Exxon- 5569.60; Flexshare- \$45.50; Fuel Management Solutions \$334.00; Gilbert, Lisa- \$300.00; High West Energy- \$18,790.91; Home Depot Credit Services- \$283.58; Ian Jones \$115.00; Knife River- \$193.35; Landis + Gyr- \$1522.20; Laramie County Clerk- \$6250.00; Lovitt, Rene- 5250.00; Matt Stroot- \$404.90; Merchant Services- \$731.27; MicroCare- 51093.65; Mister B's- \$235.00; Moran, Mark \$450.00; One Call of Wyoming- \$9.75; Otis Elevator Company- \$125.00; Peterbilt of Wyoming- \$144.72; Pine Bluffs Post- \$319.13; QT Pod- \$1425.00; Quill-

\$674.73; Range- 51306.90; Sargent Drilling- 52880.00; Sinclair Truck Stop I A&W- \$3628.65; Southwestern Equipment- \$82.93; Summit Fire- \$1054.00; Texas Trail Market- 554.46; The Home Depot Pro- \$48.82; Town of Pine Bluffs- 53618.80; Verizon Wireless- \$486.87; WG Dale- \$ 137.00.

NEW BUSINESS: Item I Recommendation for Storm Water Drainage Master Plan Project Mayor Fornstrom had a few questions regarding the swing in amounts and what the Alternate one included. Brandon Noble from HDR Engineering clarified those for the governing body. Council member Leitza made a motion to accept the recommendation of HDR

Engineering for the Storm Water Drainage Master Plan Project. Councilmember Kestner seconded the motion. The motion passed with four ayes.

VISITOR PRESENTATION/ COMMENT Brandon Noble of HDR Engineering thanked the governing body and said they were looking forward to working with the Town of Pine Bluffs on the Storm Water Master Plan Project.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS- Councilmember Leitza provided the EMS update regarding the recent Trauma Conference held here in Pine Bluffs. It was a success, and Council member Leitza acknowledged the efforts of Kyla Gortney in planning and coordinating the event.

Treasurer Patterson invited the governing body to the annual employee holiday luncheon on Friday, December 16, at noon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEETINGS The Christmas at home will be on Monday, December 5. The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, at 7 pm.

ADJOURNMENT Councilmember Kestner made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilmember Mohren. Motion carried with four ayes.

Jackie Fornstrom, Clerk
Justin Fornstrom, Mayor
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DECEMBER 12, 2022, MINUTES TOWN OF PINE BLUFFS, LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING

Present: Justin Fornstrom, Mayor; Councilmember Alie Leitza; Councilmember Thomas Mohren; Council member Mike Ragsdale; Councilmember Janna Kestner; Kimberly Patterson, Treasurer; Jackie Fornstrom, Clerk; Carey Lanning.

Mayor Fornstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL Councilmember Leitza moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Ragsdale seconded the motion. Motion passed with four ayes.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Councilmember

Leitza made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Ragsdale seconded the motion. Motion passed with four ayes.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS Adamson Police Products- \$248.00; Allwayz- \$105.00; APG West Payment \$136.46; Bluffs Car Care- \$31.73; Caiden Lemmon- \$780.59; Capital Business Systems- \$61.80; CD Lidstone- \$5750.50; Cheyenne LEADS- \$125.00; Cintas- \$131.20; Culligan- \$92.00; Eastern Laramie County Solid Waste \$2614.90; Exxon- \$744.08; Ferguson Waterworks- \$1023.07; Flexshare- \$22.75; High West Energy- \$31,109.61; Landmark Monuments- \$125.00; Laramie County Clerk- \$6250.00; Lovitt, Rene- \$250.00; McCollum,

Susan \$300.00; Merchant Services- \$764.03; Mister B's- \$94.00; Moran, Mark- \$370.00; One Call of Wyoming- \$14.25; Otis Elevator Company- \$1770.24; Patton & Davis- 1623.50; Peterbilt of Wyoming- \$2436.55; Pine Bluffs Auto Parts- \$631.77; Pine Bluffs Post- \$382.51; Print Express- \$556.88; Pro Overhead Door- \$190.00; S & J Signs \$19347.50; Sinclair Truck Stop I A&W- \$3228.23; Stantec- \$4299.02; Terminix- \$47.00; Texas Trail Market \$2258.56; Timberline Electric- \$300.00; Town of Pine Bluffs- 2356.12; Verizon Wireless- \$486.87; Wyoming Municipal Power Agency- \$70,644.32; XESI Document Services- \$126.24.

NEW BUSINESS
Item I Resolution 2022-03 Mayor Fornstrom read

the description of the Resolution. Councilmember Leitza made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-03 as presented. Councilmember Kestner seconded the motion. The motion passed with four ayes.

VISITOR PRESENTATION/ COMMENT Carey Lanning thanked the Town for getting the Christmas Star lit. He also inquired about the Town employees who spent Saturday putting up the Christmas decorations and if they were earning overtime while doing so.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS- Councilmember Kestner provided the Senior Center update regarding the Caregiver Support program and the Pine Bluffs High School volunteers helping Alisha Michaud organize the Center. Mayor Fornstrom

acknowledged the success of Christmas at Home. Clerk Fornstrom provided an update regarding LIEAP, ERAP, and HAP. Treasurer Patterson invited the governing body to the annual employee holiday luncheon on Friday, December 16, at noon. She also updated the governing body on the status of the Sewer Lift Station project and the Community Master Plan Adoption.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEETINGS The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, at 7 pm. There will also be the second meeting in January for the adoption of the Community Master Plan, which will take place on Wednesday, January 19, at 5 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilmember Leitza motioned to go into

Executive Session for matters concerning Personnel with a second from Council member Kestner. The session was entered at 7:17 pm, and a motion from Councilmember Leitza to exit the Executive session with a second from Council member Kestner ended the session at 8:04 pm.

ADJOURNMENT Councilmember Kestner made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilmember Ragsdale. Motion carried with four ayes.

ATTEST:
Jackie Fornstrom, Clerk
Justin Fornstrom, Mayor
Legal No: 192074
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