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New ambulance, wage raises and construction update

Hospital District works through busy agenda

By Robert Galbreath
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PINEDALE – The Sublette County Hospital District (SCHD) Board of Trustees worked through an agenda crammed with action items during a 2-hour meeting in Marbleton on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Trustees approved the purchase of a new ambulance, voted in favor of wage increases for SCHD providers and staff and heard updates on construction of the critical access hospital and long-term care facility.

The board also voted to move forward in the search for a CEO.

New ambulance and staffing updates

Trustees unanimously approved the purchase of a 2022 Dodge Model-4500 4x4 diesel ambulance to join the fleet of emergency vehicles used by the SCHD Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The price tag for the vehicle is \$287,707.

EMS interim director Jen Adam had raised concerns about aging

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The Green River Valley Museum hosted the Halloween Haunted House on Oct. 31 with Big Piney High School Choir members setting up to scare people, like Dylan Foster, right, leading kids to encounter Tilly Evans with her head in a bird cage. Altogether 230 thrill seekers braved the dark to raise \$940, with more than half going toward the choir's meal in Salt Lake City to see Mama Mia in December. Choir director Angie Swanson and museum director Clarica Johnstone brainstormed the event. See more photos on page 8.

County high schools exceeding expectations

By Robert Galbreath
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PINEDALE – Sublette County's high schools set the bar high for excellence in Wyoming.

Each year, schools are assessed according to state and federal accountability performance standards. Statewide standards are determined by the 2013 Wyoming Accountability in Education Act (WAEA) while federal standards are based on the 2015 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

All three high schools in the county – Big Piney High School, Pinedale High School and Skyline Academy – received the WAEA's top rating of exceeding expectations on accountability reports for the 2022-2023 academic year.

The Roundup covered Big Piney High School's accomplishments, including a 100-percent graduation rate, in the Oct. 12 issue. This article focuses on Sublette County School District No. 1 (SCSD1).

SCSD1 Superintendent Shannon Harris highlighted the district's achievements at the Oct. 12 board of trustees meeting.

"This is the first time under the WAEA that

all schools (in SCSD1) are either meeting or exceeding expectations," Harris added. "Very few districts can say that. To meet or exceed expectations is pretty phenomenal. Teachers and administrators in our district are working hard and looking at the data to ask the right questions on how to bridge the gaps."

Skyline Academy

Skyline Academy made significant growth on the WAEA's accountability report from partially meeting expectations during the 2021-2022 school year to exceeding expectations in 2022-2023.

"This is reason to celebrate," said Skyline Academy Principal Kellie Jo Williams to SCSD1 trustees in September. "We are moving in the right direction."

Skyline Academy is classified as an alternative high school under the WAEA. Alternative schools can receive four ratings through the WAEA – not meeting expectations, partially meeting expectations, meeting expectations or exceeding expectations.

The ratings are based on eight indicators that differ slightly from those used to rank

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Service groups plan Veterans Day activities

By Cali O'Hare
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SUBLETTE COUNTY — Since Veterans Day falls on a Saturday this year, it's being observed on Friday, Nov. 10. Veterans Day honors all people who have served in the United States armed forces on the anniversary of the end of World War I. The war ended in an armistice agreement at the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month of 1918.

Sublette County service organizations have planned activities throughout the area to honor veterans and their service to the United States military next week.

Big Piney

In Big Piney, the American Legion Post No. 78 and American Legion Auxiliary will host a lunch and dedication of the new veterans' room at the Southwest Sublette County Pioneers Senior Center on Thursday, Nov. 9. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., with the dedication immediately following. Tours of the new veterans' room will take place at 429 E. 1st St. in Big Piney throughout the afternoon.

Big Piney High School hosts the annual Veterans Day assembly at the Puncher Gym,

916 Piney Drive, beginning at 11:10 a.m., on Friday, Nov. 10, with guest speaker veteran Rocky Piernick.

Pinedale

Veterans Day activities in Pinedale hosted by the American Legion Post No. 47 take place on Friday, Nov. 10, beginning with an assembly at Pinedale Elementary School, 3040 Bloomfield Ave., from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

The assembly for Pinedale Middle School is planned from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., at the Sheppard Auditorium, 101 Hennick St.

The Pinedale High School assembly and community awards ceremony takes place from 11 a.m. to noon, also at the Sheppard Auditorium.

The VFW Post 4801 hosts a luncheon immediately following the assembly at noon at 1033 W. Pine St.

Help

Free and confidential support is available 24/7 for veterans and their loved ones via the Veterans Crisis Line. People do not need to be enrolled in VA benefits or health insurance to connect with a trained professional. Simply dial 988, then press 1. Folks may also chat online at veteranscrisisline.net or by texting 838255.



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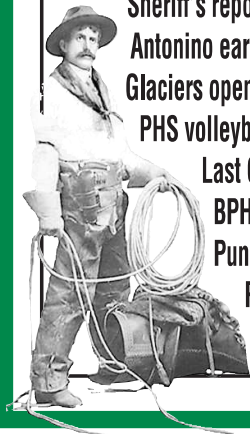


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Weekly Weather Forecast

Pinedale, Wyoming • Nov. 2 - Nov. 7

Today

Sunrise: 7:55 a.m. **Sunset:** 6:11 p.m.

High: **49°** Low: **28°**

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Day: Mostly cloudy.

Night: A little snow at times.

Friday

High: **45°**

Breezy; occasional rain and drizzle.

Low: **23°**

Saturday

High: **48°**

Mostly cloudy with a shower in places.

Low: **23°**

Sunday

High: **43°**

Mostly cloudy; periods of wet snow.

Low: **25°**

Monday

High: **40°**

Mostly sunny.

Low: **24°**

Tuesday

High: **38°**

Periods of snow mixing with rain.

Low: **22°**



Sublette County Special Olympics athletes Braylee White, left, Scott Covill, center, and Ian Jones, right, pose on their bikes for a team photo during the Wyoming Special Olympics fall tournament at the Ford Wyoming Center in Casper on Oct. 12. Each of these athletes earned medals in their respective events.

Special olympics athletes medal at fall tournament

CASPER — Sublette County Special Olympics participants Braylee White, Ian Jones and Scott Covill traveled to Casper on Thursday, Oct. 12, to participate in the cycling events at the Wyoming Special Olympics fall tournament. Due to pouring rain and raging winds, the competition was moved inside the Ford Wyoming Center, where cyclists completed laps around the concourse at dangerous speeds.

Braylee White snatched up gold in each of her three events in Division D1. She completed the 500-meter race with a time of 1:28.75. She finished the 1K race in 4:07.25. It took her only 8:24.40 to finish the 2K. Congratulations, Speedy! She had a smile on the whole day!

Ian Jones also participated in the 500M, 1K and 2K, earning himself two silver medals and one bronze. His 500M time was 2:15, earning him third place and the bronze medal. Jones had a time of 6:50.60 in the 1K, securing a silver medal. His 2K time of 12:00.00 earned him a second silver medal. He would have preferred the outdoors race to doing laps but he kept going!

Scott Covill placed fourth in the 500M, with a time of 2:37.88. He also nabbed fourth place in the 2K, finishing in 11:56.18. Covill snagged gold in the 1K in Division D2, with a time of 6:50.50. Covill and Jones finished within a tenth of a second of each other. Covill endured a collision in the 2K and didn't like the indoor setting, but he finished the races! Here's hoping for better weather next year!



Scott Covill stays steady on his bike while competing in Division D2 of the Wyoming Special Olympics fall tournament in Casper. Covill secured gold in the 1K race.

Good job, athletes.

Anyone interested in participating with Special Olympics in Sublette County can contact Gayle Hamner at 307-679-8752.



Ian Jones remains focused as he careens his bicycle around the concourse during competition inside the Ford Wyoming Center. Jones earned two silver medals and one bronze at the Wyoming Special Olympics fall tournament on Oct. 12.



Division D1 competitor Braylee White navigates her bicycle around the concourse of the Ford Wyoming Center at speeds fast enough to secure gold in each of her three events at the Wyoming Special Olympics fall tournament.



More than half of the cast of The Pinedale Theatre Company's presentation of *The Music Man* included Sublette County youth playing the town children of River City, Iowa, circa 1912.



The children of River City, Iowa are dressed in their band uniforms, as promised by music professor Harold Hill.



Pinedale High School sophomore Otis Leninger, playing Tommy Djilas, spins co-star Lillian Vance, playing Zaneeta Shinn, on stage in a move choreographed by Stasia Hamilton.



The ladies of River City help set the scene in 1912 Iowa. Barbara Burrough served as the costume designer for the Pinedale Theatre Company's performance of *The Music Man*, directed by Anne Mason. Costumes were also rented from Pioneer Theatre Company in Salt Lake City, Off Square Theater Company in Jackson Hole, Norcostco Theatrical Supply in Minneapolis and Encore Musical Theatre in Michigan.

The Music Man in photos

The Pinedale Theatre Company presented Meredith Willson's *The Music Man*, Oct. 26-28. The musical directed by Anne Mason and starred Adam Herron as Harold Hill and Michelle Humber as Marian Paroo.

Around 100 folks were involved in bringing the performance to life, with a budget of \$60,000 and a cast of 40-plus local actors and actresses — more than half of them area youth.

A 12-piece orchestra conducted by Travis Swanson accompanied the classic musical, which was choreographed by Stasia Hamilton.

Visit the Pinedale Roundup Facebook page for more photos from this classic musical production.

Cali O'Hare photos



Pinedale Middle Schooler Kelwyn Ryan as Winthrop Paroo overcomes his character's lip during a solo in *The Music Man*. Beaming proudly behind him are his sisters Amaryllis, played by eighth-grader Maegan Daniels, Marian Paroo, played by Michelle Humber, and Mrs. Paroo, played by Nova Noble. Also pictured is Dean Loftus as Constable Locke.



An orchestra comprised of local musicians accompanied the actors and actresses of *The Music Man*, helping to make sure the classic musical sounded pitch perfect. The orchestra included Cynthia Sass (bass clarinet), Angie Swanson (trombone), Steve Gillming (clarinet and bar-sax), Sue Holz (flute and piccolo), Justin Smith (trumpet), Katie Smith (percussion), Craig Sheppard (trumpet), Luke Myszewski (trumpet), Ann Kominsky (trumpet), Erin Hastey (bass), Sheldon Pickering (keyboards), JJ Huntley (clarinet), Chandra Stough (violin) and Travis Swanson as conductor.

Sublette Street Talk

By Terry Allen

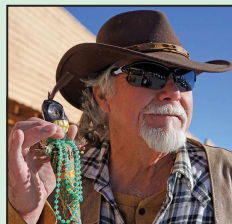
Who would you like to put a spell on with this voodoo doll?



I try not to do bad by people, so since I'm in town hunting with my buddy, I'll try to give him good luck.
Peter Petropoulos, South Texas



I want to put a spell on Colton to make him shorter. He is too tall.
Ashton Combs, Boulder



I'm puttin' it on my wife.
T.P., Daniel



A spell on the people in the Gaza strip to stop fighting.
Ellis Kuhn, Pinedale



My brother needs a good spell to help with his bad times.
Jennifer Maurer, Boulder

AG NEWS



Working together to reach the same goals

By Justice Miller
Range specialist

Sublette County is a large county. This county that we call home is just shy of 5,000 square miles or roughly 3.2 million acres. It is the sixth largest county in the state of Wyoming and the 66th largest county in the United States of America. Out of all this land, approximately 80 percent of it is public land, which means it is owned by all of us American citizens.

All the public land that resides within and all around our county borders is managed by a multitude of agencies including but not limited to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the United States Forest Service (USFS), and the State of Wyoming's State Lands, just to

name a few.

The aforementioned agencies work to manage their designated chunks of land in order to sustain a healthy landscape for several uses. Some of these uses include many categories of recreation like hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, horseback riding and other uses such as livestock grazing, archeology, oil and gas production and so many more. There are many kinds of specialists within the agencies to monitor and manage the many types of landscapes and ecosystems so the public can continue to use the land for whatever gain they can earn, whether this gain be spiritual, commercial, or even just to feed your family with a delicious elk or basketful of trout. These managers also work hard to make sure that the landscape is at a sustainable state to maintain

a measure of usability for its public owners.

It would be a very difficult task to manage all this land alone; therefore, the agencies do not work alone in their management efforts all the time. They often receive help in their management practices from partners such as those at the Sublette County Conservation District (SCCD). The agencies look to their partners like SCCD for assistance with many tasks like construction of wildlife fences, surface water monitoring, stream health monitoring, rangeland management and many more.

Since I am a part of the Range Program at SCCD, I will point to the wide array of range management projects we participate in with our partners from the different agencies. We assist our partners over at the USFS, BLM, State Lands and their permittees with many

duties like monitoring vegetation trends in the summer, multiple indicators monitoring (MIM) along riparian areas, reading utilization of the vegetation after livestock have moved pastures and even assisting the USFS in developing their own ecological site descriptions (ESDs). We can also assist with rangeland improvements like fixing and replacing stock tanks.

Our duties at SCCD don't stop with our agency partners. We can also assist our private constituents with many range management ideas such as pasture re-seeding, grazing rotation advice and so much more.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to give us a call or stop by our office at 217 Country Club Lane in Pinedale, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sundance Mesa conservation easements protect 4,800 Red Desert acres

PINEDALE – In a substantial gain for land conservation, the Green River Valley Program of the Jackson Hole Land Trust is excited to announce the completion of the Sundance Mesa II conservation easement in the Great Divide Basin.

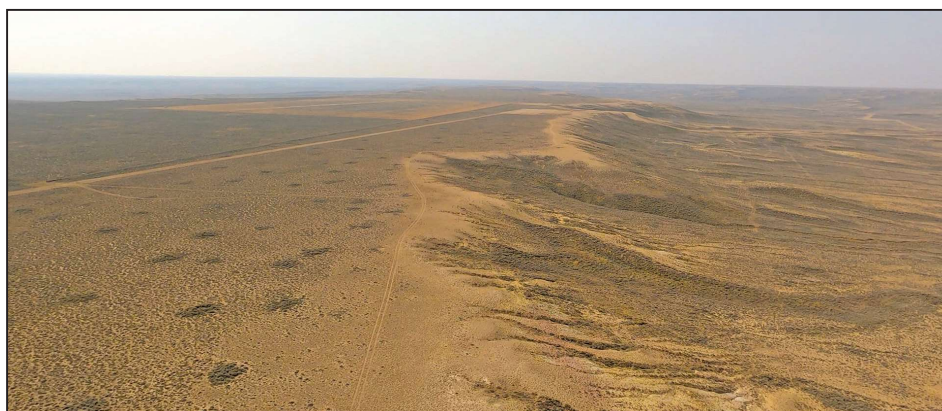
Sundance Mesa sits in eastern Sweetwater County and covers 3,040 acres of exceptional Red Desert terrain 8 miles northeast of Creston Junction and 20 miles west of Rawlins. A fully donated conservation easement, the newly protected property expands on previous conservation projects to secure an extensive mosaic of habitats, pristine open spaces and livestock grazing in a unique ecological area facing ongoing development pressures.

A mix of sagebrush steppe, desert shrubland, grasslands and a pond system, Sundance Mesa II adjoins the 1,760 acres Sundance Mesa I conservation easement network established in 2011, bringing the total area of protection to 4,800 acres. The easements sit at the top of a remote mesa north of Interstate 80 amidst a checkerboard of BLM and private lands within the Greater South Pass Sage-Grouse Core Area. The easements ensure vital habitat connectivity and conservation security for yearlong use by mule deer, elk and pronghorn. Landowners David Welborn and Ann Hunter-Welborn partnered with conservationist Frank Maurer to put the property under easement to protect wildlife habitat from both current development threats and the long-term impacts of climate change.

"It's been a long slog," according to David Welborn, but the constant articles and reports he sees about sage-grouse declines motivated him to seek protection for the land. "I have a desire and appreciation for the habitat, especially for sage-grouse."

After years of pursuing ways to protect the landscape, Maurer connected the Welborns with the property.

"Years ago, I came across the country to Wyoming and was amazed by seeing pronghorn along the highway and was very



COURTESY PHOTO

impressed," Maurer said.

Once he learned there were several sage-grouse leks in the area, he was further motivated to protect the pristine habitat, adding, "I'm exceedingly pleased after a long time of patience and hard work it has gotten to this point."

Looking to the future, he anticipates that Wyoming will become more attractive for people to move to and that "our fellow creatures are being threatened by humans."

Beyond the landowners' compassionate conservation easement donation, the ranch supports the region's agricultural heritage through livestock grazing and has made strides in wildlife habitat improvements with wildlife-friendly fencing and wildlife water guzzlers.

Maintaining the ecological function of these easements will prove critical as a variety of development pressures continue to occur on private and public lands around the conservation easements.

"The significance of permanently protecting

more than 3,000 acres of the Great Divide Basin cannot be understated," said Green River Valley Program Director Kerry Gold in Pinedale. "This piece of the Red Desert is a substantial gain in the conservation of this unique high desert ecosystem facing pressure from different types of development. Keeping the land open for ranching in the future

protects the character that we who live in Wyoming deeply value, and the landowners' generous donation to the Green River Valley Program secures a lasting conservation legacy for the state."

The easement would not have been possible without the landowners' generous donation and commitment to conservation.

Green River Working Lands Happy Hour in Pinedale

PINEDALE — Join Sublette County producers, Wyoming agencies and partners to talk about the importance of working lands and the tools that support them during a free happy hour at the Pinedale Library planned from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., on Nov. 2.

Following a producer panel, agencies and the Western Landowner Alliance will provide short presentations about the tools available through the USDA/WY Big Game Conservation Partnership, upcoming resource opportunities for non-lethal carnivore management and more.

The producer panel features Coke Landers, Cat Urbigkit, Andrea James and Cotton Bousman.

The agency/partner panel includes Jackie Byam, NRCS state conservationist Bill Bunce, FSA executive director, Matt Collins, Western Landowners Alliance Working Wild Challenge Coordinator, and Julie Kraft, Sublette County Weed and Pest supervisor.

Register for free online: <https://westernlandowners.salsalabs.org/WorkingLandsHappyHour/index.html>.

SnoTel Report – Wednesday, Nov. 1							
Basin Site Name	Elev. (ft)	Snow Water Equivalent			Total Precipitation		
		Current	Average	% Avg	Current	Average	% Avg
UPPER GREEN RIVER							
Big Sandy Opening	9080	0.7	1.4	50	2.1	1.8	117
Blind Bull Sum	8650	0.9	1.4	64*	1.7	2.1	81
East Rim Divide	7930	0.0	0.2	0*	1.6	1.4	114
Elkhart Park G.S.	9400	0.6	1.0	60*	2.6	2.1	124
Gros Ventre Summit	8750	0.1	1.6	6	2.6	1.8	144
Gunsight Pass	9820	1.3	0.8(22)	162*	3.8	2.3(22)	165
Inchell Creek	9425	0.7	1.8	39*	2.1	2.5	84
Kendall P.S.	7740	0.1	0.3	33*	2.2	1.8	138
Lansen Creek	9000	-M	0.0(10)	-	1.8	1.9(10)	95
Loomis Park	8240	0.4	0.7	57*	1.8	1.9	95
New Fork Lake	8340	0.2	0.5	40*	0.8	1.4	57
Pocket Creek	9360	-M	N/A	-	-M	N/A	-
Snider Basin	8060	-M	0.3	-	0.9	1.6	56
Spring Creek Divide	9000	0.4	1.3	31*	2.3	2.6	88
Triple Peak	8500	0.7	1.2	58*	2.0	2.4	83
Basin Index (%)				50*			103

Market Report

Riverton Livestock Auction feeder cattle sales report for Tuesday, Oct. 31. This week: 4,596. Last sale: 4,596. Last year: 4,860. Compared to last Tuesday sale on a calf and yearling special; Lighter offering yearling steer and heifers. Feeder steers mostly steady with most advancement on 350-450 lb calves with instances 19.00 higher, heifer calves mostly steady with most advancements on 550-650 lbs instances 12.00-19.00 higher. Demand moderate to good with good buyer participation though out the sale. Supply included: 100 percent feeder cattle (66 percent steers, 34 percent heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 14 percent.

COMMENTARY

Saying goodbye

By Robert Galbreath, Pinedale Roundup

I believe that goodbyes are tough for everyone, and this editorial is no exception.

Last Tuesday, Oct. 17, our publisher in Torrington, Rob Mortimore, reached out to me with an opportunity to become the sports editor for the Torrington Telegram and the newspapers in Wheatland and Lusk. The job comes with a significant pay raise, the chance to live closer to my family and honestly, the ability to make my journalist's salary go far in a place where the cost of living is lower than in Sublette County.

The Pinedale Roundup is owned by News Media Corporation in Illinois. As the conversation with my publisher progressed on Oct. 17, he informed me that during a recent visit to the corporate office to discuss budgets for each local paper the company owns, News Media Corporation made the decision to cut a position in the newsroom in Sublette County.

The sports editor opening in Torrington was presented as a way for me to land on my feet following the elimination of a position at the Roundup.

Last week, I made the decision to take the sports editor job on the other side of the state. My last day is Nov. 8. Please know that this was one of the most difficult decisions I have made and this weighed extremely heavily on me for days and nights.

I grew to love the community here in Sublette County, from Big Piney and Marbleton to Pinedale. The incredible mountain scapes within an hour's drive of my place in every direction are probably unparalleled anywhere else on earth. And the people are, too.

Folks across the county welcomed me, a reporter and a non-native, to this beautiful place with open arms. The friendliness and

genuine concern people share for each other here is exceptional. I love that a conversation can strike up at the post office, grocery store, street, sidewalk or even that trail you thought was remote.

The kids I covered on both ends of the county are amazing. Full stop. You all must be adding a special ingredient to that Finis Mitchell trail mix you send them off to school with (the kids decked out in shorts in February).

Each young person I was privileged to meet and write about – through sports, the county fair, Science Fair, All-State music and a variety of other programs – taught me something new about life. In addition to demonstrating exceptional talent, the kids always treated me with respect, kindness and acceptance.

And even patience when confronted with

a dumb question about being a volleyball libero, spelling bee protocol or inventing a revolutionary new portable coffee maker.

For now, it appears that the decision to cut the editorial staff at the Pinedale Roundup to only two reporters is final and News Media Corporation will not be replacing me.

I ask that each of you please help me by being patient and kind to my editor, Cali O'Hare, and the staff at the paper – Joy Ufford and Eunice Allgood. Cali had absolutely no say in the decisions made by the corporate office in Illinois. I encourage everyone to reach out with support to the remaining staff here as they grapple with a reduced editorial team.

Truly appreciate all the folks I got to know in Sublette County. Who knows, maybe I will return some day.

Thank you, Robert



The Intrepid Explorer — Living – Life – Large

Chronologies, excerpts, fragments and reflections, words from the artistic journals of Dan Abernathy

Years ago, I was traveling the world with a Nikon camera chasing stories. During one and the same year, 1992, Madonna's book, Sex, was released as a visual companion to her album Erotica. This was one of the most iconic and resounding art projects conceived by the pop star. Sex featured the erotic imagery by photographer Steven Meisel.

This controversial book sold out almost instantly. After hearing about her book, I of course wanted to see a copy. Returning to Pinedale, I went to the Sublette County Library and asked the library director at that time, Daphne Platts, if they had a copy. Of course they did, as the Sublette County Library is not part of the prevention of freedom of speech.

Despite the fact that free speech is a critical part of the First Amendment and considered the backbone of freedom, book banning has returned as a politicized and discriminating issue.

According to research by the American Library Association, over 1,900 library book titles have been targeted for censorship in 2023. The majority of these scrutinized books were authored by or contained subject matter about people of color or members of the LGBTQ+ community.

Advocates for banning books are using the humanitarian cry of, "Save

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Buy high, sell low



LOCAL COMMENTARY
TRENA EIDEN

I know people who are excellent with money, who buy securities at just the right time, watch the market, sell when stocks are high and invest when commodities are low. I am not one of those people. I have a motto, "Buy high, sell low," which unbelievably has a label, "loss eversion." Put simply, it supposedly means I feel more emotional pain from loss than emotional pleasure from gain. The think tank who came up with that are dolts.

While working in his garage, inventor Jamie Siminoff kept missing mail deliveries because he couldn't hear his doorbell. In 2011, he developed a wifi-enabled doorbell which he called "DoorBot" and in 2013 he pitched his product on Shark Tank and asked for \$700,000 to further his business. He explained that this doorbell allowed people to remotely see and talk to whomever was at their front door via their smartphone.

Everyone on Shark Tank except Kevin O'Leary poo-pooed his idea. Jamie turned down the offer from Mr. O'Leary because the inventor, though broke and disappointed, believed in his invention and felt he wasn't getting a very good deal. In 2015, Jamie set up a card table at an electronics show and met potential buyers like Walmart and Target who agreed to put the doorbell, which was renamed "Ring" into their stores. Jamie felt the need to have service after the sale and wanted to hear from consumers so he put his real email address on every box.

Five years later in 2018, Amazon bought Jamie's product for \$1.4 billion (with a "b"), its second-largest acquisition. I wish I'd invested in Kleenex because those multimillionaires on Shark Tank are crying into a lot of tissues now. Since that first video

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hypocrites are everywhere

Dear Editor,

In response to Michael Kramer's letter to the editor published in the Oct. 26 Roundup and titled "Hypocrisy on Pine Street," I contend that the hypocritical one is that one who cannot support the Constitution at the same time questioning the 2020 presidential election results. Speech questioning elections is protected by the First Amendment of our Constitution.

Every system we have has been found to be fraudulent; finance, health care, the FBI, the U.S. Department of Justice, the CIA and of course the "experts." Our opinions are assigned to us by the media that we choose

to expose ourselves to. The "legacy media" and Mr. Kramer are projecting a "fantasy" narrative that we are to believe all 50 election systems worked perfectly without question in 2020 but not in 2016!

Our legal system is not designed to audit elections. Most legal cases take years to resolve. There were only a few weeks to litigate the numerous election inconsistencies. Most cases the courts heard were dismissed because of "standing" and jurisdictional issues and not the merits of election fraud. Having not litigated election fraud is not proof it did not exist.

Rigging an election is not just counting votes but any time our government does something to change the outcome of an

election. The 2024 election is being rigged in plain sight right now. The progressive far left "new norm" of rigging the election against their opponent is the unprecedented 94 indictments for imagined crimes against Trump.

Instead of debating policy differences between the two parties, as in a true democracy, President Joe Biden has weaponized the justice system to defeat any opponents. Putting one's opponents in jail is what authoritarian dictatorships like the Nazis and the Chinese Communist Party do! I wonder if the Biden supporters consider the unintended consequences if they are successful in rigging the 2024 election? Ask yourself, 'would these indictments have

happened if Trump were not running for office in 2024?'

In the mainstream media there is virtually no debate on the risks and benefits of electronic-voting systems, the dog that is not barking. Our current electronic-voting system lacks transparency and thus is antidemocratic. Our elected officials turning the programming and maintenance of voting over to private, for-profit corporations, answerable only to their owners, officers and stockholders is, by design, not fully auditable. Voting machine corporations use closed source proprietary software so they cannot be audited. You can guarantee

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ABERNATHY

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the children," fearing that children will be swayed by its contents. They regard this context as potentially dangerous. Being influenced by reading books is what has, in fact, influenced their own characters, or perhaps lack of.

This is yet another attack on our freedom. Any person who not only sees the importance of libraries and values our constitutional rights should have trouble with this. It's ludicrous to allow a group of people or any individual, no matter how loud they bellow, to become the decision-maker about what books we can or cannot read.

Banned books in western culture can be traced back to the earliest years of the Christian church. Books were burnt as superstitious, following the Council of Ephesus in the second century. Competing views were regarded as lacking moral principles and the church tried to suppress them.

In the early Christian church, book banning became infectious as church leaders sought to consolidate their power and control the information available to their followers. Religious authorities deemed certain books as heretical or blasphemous and would ban them to control the spread of ideas.

In 1933, students in 34 university towns across Germany burned over 25,000 books. The writing of Jewish authors Albert Einstein and Sigmund Freud went up in flames, while brainwashed students stood in the smoke of scorching pages and gave the Nazi salute. Also included in the flames were the words of American authors, Ernest Hemingway and Helen Keller.

German Minister of Public Enlightenment and Propaganda Joseph Goebbels gave a speech in Berlin's Opera Square. "The future German man will not just be a man of books, but a man of character. We will educate you; thus we do in this midnight hour to commit to the flames the evil spirit of the past."

The book burnings stood as a powerful symbol of Nazi intolerance and censorship. All the work of prominent Jewish, liberal,

leftist writers and books they claimed were un-German, ended up flickering in flame.

Since its publication, Ray Bradbury's 1953 novel, Fahrenheit 451, has been targeted to be banned, despite the irony in such censorship. Bradbury's novel was based on political and social fears and how they shaped the people consuming information and media. In the novel, books were banned and actively burned to prohibit people from learning or forming their own thoughts and opinions.

Fahrenheit 451 warns against the dangers of banning books as this practice consequently vetoes ideas and knowledge. It should be an emergency alarm, drawing widespread attention, without confusion of the detriment to society. It conveys a straightforward message: Preserve free speech.

In truth today, despite the entire book-banning controversy, physically pulling a book from a library shelf is only a minor roadblock. The reality is the Internet exists and so does an online copy. If you want a copy of anything, you have access to get it.

What is happening with the attempts to ban books is that it creates the Streisand effect, where the attempt to censor, hide or otherwise draw attention away from something only serves to attract more attention to it.

The most frequently banned book in America is 1984 by George Orwell,

published in 1949. It was condemned for its pro-communist and sexually explicit content, alongside his other story, Animal Farm; however, it has since become known as one of the most significant rationalizations for freedom of speech and expression.

The novel opens with the frustration of oppression and rigid control of the party, which prohibits free thought, sex and any expression of individuality. The most genuinely frightening aspect of the novel is the depiction of power as an end in itself to maintain the insignificance of the individual.

Book banning is a violation of the First Amendment and constitutes censorship and prevention of freedom of speech. This is education suppression. The uneducated become those without knowledge, which offers the grip for control.

To be living in socially accepted compliance where freedom has been forfeited is, in fact, not living at all. Do we want the youth of America to grow up knowing this as normal? We must become so free with thought and being an absolute individual that your personal style and existence, is in fact, an act of organized resistance in defiance to authority and control. - dbA

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EIDEN

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doorbell, there are several types, as well as home and business security systems and cameras, plus smart lighting. He remains an active CEO of Ring and continues to dream up new creations and he's apparently friendly with my sons. They own most of his gadgets.

I was happy to find out that Jamie had been the developer of Unsubscribe.com, a service that helps email users clean commercial email from their inboxes. I hate to brag, but I've probably been his best customer with this endeavor. Well, I was his best customer, now I'm somebody else's because he sold that business too. And don't quote me because I'm only guessing, but I'll bet he closed the deal at a profit. What?

Jamie studied entrepreneurship at Babson College in Massachusetts. I didn't know such a thing existed and thus, this is probably why I'm not rich today. Well, not knowing schools offered entrepreneurship as a curriculum and the buy high, sell low habit I seem to be so fond of. Maybe another reason Jamie is smart and rich and I'm not, is he jogs every day. Every day. That would be as awful as smiling every day. Whether rich or poor I'd be seriously inquiring, "When does the bad activity end?"

I was once asked to be involved with a research forum on the analysis of numbers. I told them math was not my strong point but they insisted all levels were needed for the

study. Upon completion, I never heard from the professor again. After a few hours of witnessing my numerical incompetence and my breathtakingly total lack of experience using wisdom, he may have decided life wasn't worth living after all. I did glean a few things from the discourse and was somewhat taken aback by the facts.

In the United States, over a third of adults have more credit card debt than they do savings and nearly half of Americans don't have \$1,000 saved. In comparison, I'm happy to report Gar and I are doing spectacularly well. I also feel pretty good knowing I may be a ninny, but I'm in good company. Walmart bought Bonobos, a men's clothing business for \$310 million in 2017. Recently they sold it for \$75 million. Truly a kindred spirit. We're practically cousins. Then Mexico purchased a presidential jet for \$200 million and sold it to Tajikistan for roughly \$92 million. I'd call that a loss and because I'm not a good person, I'm a little bit happy about it.

Actually, it's okay not to be great at something. Nikola Tesla had a photographic memory, and as a youngster in Croatia, he was a math whiz who could perform integral calculus in his head, prompting his teachers to think he was cheating. I've never had this rotten luck.

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LETTER

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fraud in any system if the payoff is huge (stealing an election) and the chances of getting caught are small. In addition, there is abundant evidence that any computer system can be hacked by an outside source. The media are flooded with stories of our most secure computer systems being hacked. In much of Europe and Canada, governments tried electronic voting but since abandoned it because of security and reliability concerns, instead going with 100-percent

paper ballots. I couldn't agree more with the statement, "81 MILLION VOTES MY ASS!" If this statement leaves a bad taste in one's mouth or offends, I suggest moving to a "liberal utopian state" with "safe places," like California, where you will be protected from being exposed to ideas and reasoning contrary to what you have been brainwashed to believe.

Gary Guenther, Pinedale

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PINEDALE ROUNDUP

OBITUARY

Rebecca Lynn McDaniel
Feb. 13, 1977 — Oct. 21, 2023

Rebecca Lynn McDaniel, 46, of Lander, Wyo., and former resident of Pinedale, passed away Oct. 21. Rebecca was born Feb. 13, 1977 in Jackson, Wyo., to Ralph and Nancy McDaniel. She grew up in Pinedale and graduated from Pinedale High School in 1995.

After high school, she attended and graduated from the University of Wyoming in Laramie, earning her bachelor's degree in biology; before continuing her education at Central Wyoming Community College in Riverton, where she obtained her PTA certification and became a physical therapy assistant.

Rebecca was deeply involved in her community and was known for her love of Jesus and for serving others. She was a leader in 4-H and A.W.A.N.A., participated in numerous physical therapy organizations, and continuously advanced her knowledge in the healing arts.

Additionally, she enjoyed baking and wedding cake decorating.

Notably, she was a member of the Evangelical Free Church of Lander and enjoyed serving and volunteering there.

Rebecca is survived by her parents Ralph and Nancy McDaniel, brother Matthew (Alane) McDaniel, niece and nephew Talia and Jayden McDaniel and sister Amy (Dave) McDaniel-Lofield.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents Wayne and Dorothy McDaniel, grandmother Dorothy Baughman and aunt



Leona Brill.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Nov. 3, at 10:30 a.m., at the Pinedale Bible Church. Interment will follow in the Pinedale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that those who wish to express sympathy make a donation to the Fremont Therapy Group — Rebecca McDaniel Memorial Fund, which will be used to create a scholarship endowment in her honor. Please make donations payable to "FTG Rebecca McDaniel Memorial Fund" C/O First Interstate Bank - Lander, 8118 State Hwy. 789, Lander, WY 82520, phone number 307-332-7500.

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Halloween - Bondurant style



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Even the Bondurant battalion's fire truck participates in the annual Bondurant Trunk or Treat.



Kids wrestle over goodies at the Bondurant Community Trunk or Treat on Friday, Oct. 27, at the Branding Iron Café.

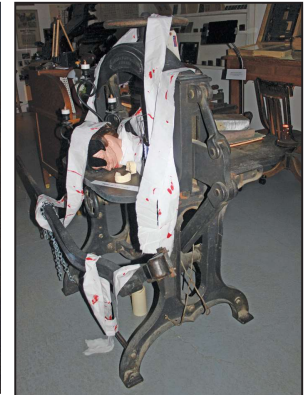
Trick or Treat Big Piney



Choir member Jolynn Jones 'blows away' kids and parents as they begin touring a very dark Green River Valley Museum's Haunted House.



A princess, an Indian maiden and a witch walk to another house on Piney Drive between Big Piney's Halloween Carnival and the Haunted House. Cars line up to ferry kids as they trick or treat on Halloween.



The mangled 'head' of an unlucky publisher is set on one of the Green River Valley Museum's antique printing presses for the Haunted House

MARBLETON JACKO CHILI



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Josh Rogers, left in gold lamé and family wig, and Jackie Meador line up to sample one of 11 chili crockpots at the annual Jack-o-Lantern Jamboree with contests for carved pumpkins, chili and pumpkin pies at the Marbleton Town Hall on Oct. 27.




Councilmember Roger McMannis proudly shows off his first-place awards for his chili featuring pork and beef – and a last-minute seasoning.



Heather Griffin wins the best pumpkin pie entry for the second year in a row among 12 entries.



Creativity runs rampant in these Jack-o-Lantern Jamboree entries outside Marbleton Town Hall. Josh Rogers and Jordyn Brittain tied for first in the adult division and Matazle Jones took first in the junior division.



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The Sublette County Sheriff's Office reported 150 calls from Oct. 23 to Oct. 29, including four vehicle crashes, a suicidal person, four juvenile problems, 14 citizen assists, seven animal problems, three medical emergencies, a structure fire, four thefts, two grass fires, a vehicle theft, an assault, five suspicious incidents, 25 urinalyses and 32 vehicle identification number inspections.

Oct. 23

At 8:34 a.m., a juvenile who ran away from Las Vegas was found in Sublette County and returned with her family.

At 9:30 a.m., a woman reported a theft.

At 11:49 a.m., a man was transported from Sweetwater County to Sublette County.

At 12:57 p.m., a juvenile took a grandmother's vehicle and it was reported stolen.

At 2:08 p.m., a person could smell the neighbor smoking marijuana; the call was unfounded.

At 2:48 p.m., Wyoming Highway Patrol (WHP) reported a white sedan almost caused a head-on collision; deputies didn't find it.

At 4 p.m., an iPhone emergency alert reported a vehicle collision that didn't happen.

At 4:07 p.m., one black Angus was left behind from the Green River Drift.

At 4:42 p.m., a runaway juvenile was found safe in town.

Oct. 24

At 10:38 a.m., a caller asked about corner-crossing and trespassing.

At 10:52 a.m., firearms training took place in Daniel.

At 11:11 a.m., a man reported a theft.

At 11:29 a.m., a business reported an abandoned vehicle.

At 12:56 p.m., a deputy helped with a medical emergency.

At 1:25 p.m., a person asked about a restraining order.

At 1:52 p.m., a dark gray truck didn't stop for a flagger; the incident is under investigation.

At 2:29 p.m., a woman called about an active case.

At 5:36 p.m., black cows were on the road.

At 6:29 p.m., a motorcyclist went off Highway 189 and crashed.

At 6:34 p.m., an old, thin dog was limping near the library and picked up by Big Piney animal control.

At 6:59 p.m., a maroon Chevy Tahoe and a maroon Subaru collided.

At 7:38 p.m., a woman trying to connect her



phone to her watch notified Rapid SOS.

At 10:49 p.m., a semi broke down on Highway 191.

Oct. 25

At 10:01 a.m., a cow was stuck in a cattle guard on Miner Road; the rancher and a deputy got her loose.

At 10:24 a.m., the Marbleton animal control officer asked a deputy to stand by while a man picked up his dog.

At 11:26 a.m., a deputy helped a person who fell out of bed.

At 12:10 p.m., an accidental 911 call came from someone using a chainsaw.

At 1:13 p.m., a deputy picked up a prisoner.

At 3:22 p.m., a juvenile problem was investigated.

At 3:41 p.m., a caller reported a forest fire; it was a prescribed burn.

At 3:41 p.m., a deputy responded to a juvenile problem.

At 4:36 p.m., a caller wanted to know when a semi parked for three days would be moved; the semi had broken down the day before.

At 4:54 p.m., a man reported a theft.

At 7:26 p.m., a neighbor's dog that was supposed to be sent back to Thailand was still causing problems. The report went to the Sublette County Attorney's Office.

At 11:07 p.m., a person had severe chest pains.

Oct. 26

At 1:43 a.m., a medical emergency was reported.

At 7:19 a.m., a woman with high blood sugar passed out that morning.

At 7:48 a.m., WHP reported a Subaru slid off the highway.

At 8:33 a.m., a deputy assisted with a family juvenile situation.

At 8:33 a.m., the Pinedale school resource

SUBLETTE COUNTY

Circuit Court

These new charges were filed in Sublette County Circuit Court from Oct. 23 to Oct. 29.

Jason Hauser: Animal running at large, first offense.

Gale W. Brown: Reckless driving.

Gable G. Grove: Reckless endangering; reckless driving.

James G. Williams: Threaten to inflict injury by phone or other communications; theft, less than \$1,000; property destruction, less than \$1,000.

Billy K. McAdams: Property destruction, less than \$1,000.

These fines and sentences were imposed from Oct. 23 to Oct. 29.

Benjamin W. Dye, Pinedale: Stop lamps, fine \$270.

Ethan J. Smith, Pinedale: Driving with a suspended license; no valid registration; exceeding 70 mph on a highway, fines \$580.

Orianna Brannon, Boulder: Exceeding 70 mph on a highway, fine \$120.

Sawyer Evans, Pinedale: Expired registration, fine \$140.

Danika Dalton, La Barge: Exceeding 70 mph on a highway, fine \$160.

Maria Arcega Ramirez, Pinedale: Vehicle approaching to yield to vehicle in intersection, fine \$90.

Stephanie Crozier, Pinedale: Dog attacking a person in a vicious manner, fine \$150.

officer looked into a family dispute with juvenile involvement.

At 10:29 a.m., Safe2Tell passed along an anonymous text.

At 11:25 a.m., a deputy investigated a theft.

At 12:26 p.m., the Big Piney school resource officer looked into a juvenile problem.

At 12:31 p.m., two stray dogs, one super skinny and cold, were out front.

At 3:27 p.m., a repair shop reported an abandoned vehicle.

At 3:33 p.m., a man complained that a neighbor kept parking her horse trailer in the middle of the road.

At 3:52 p.m., a man came to pick up his mother's stolen vehicle from the impound lot.

At 4:15 p.m., a neighbor denied receiving a Sam's Club package that FedEx delivered to the wrong address – but later found it and returned it.

At 5:57 p.m., a woman said someone threatened her.

At 6:14 p.m., a person had convulsions.

At 7:12 p.m., a suicidal person took an entire bottle of Tylenol the week before; the family took the juvenile for help.

Oct. 27

At 12:51 a.m., a suspicious red vehicle idling outside a closed business belonged to the owner.

At 2:19 a.m., a white truck was in the ditch.

At 2:56 a.m., a deputy helped a driver of a white Suburban.

At 12:40 p.m., a man wanted to confirm that a person's obituary was in fact true.

At 1:43 p.m., a tractor-trailer driver locked his keys in the semi and thought it might need to be towed.

At 2:31 p.m., a dog was chasing horses.

At 2:52 p.m., a person was sick off and on for several days.

At 3:12 p.m., a man reported scam texts.

At 5:24 p.m., a man's new phone called 911.

At 8:46 p.m., a reported grass fire was a prescribed burn on the forest.

Oct. 28

At 1:35 a.m., a caller thought a structure was burning; it was the smell from an HVAC system.

At 1:47 a.m., two men were arrested for fighting at Stockman's.

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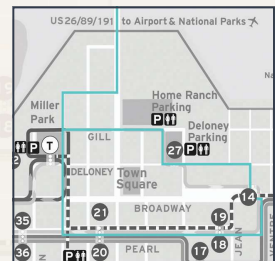
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SCHD

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ambulances with ongoing maintenance issues at the September board meeting.

Trustee Dave Bell, a member of the SCHD board finance committee, commended Adam for researching ambulances and working with the state's lone certified emergency vehicle mechanic to ensure the new ambulance was a sound purchase. He recommended the board vote in favor of the acquisition.

"We know we need to spend these funds (on a new ambulance)," Bell said. "I don't think we have a choice."

SCHD board chairwoman Tonia Hoffman added that the purchase was "much needed."

Adam also addressed ongoing shortages in emergency medical technicians and paramedics at the October meeting. EMS conducted interviews with potential first responders throughout the month to expand its staff, Adam told trustees.

While EMS remained short staffed, morale was good, Adam reported.

EMS responded to an "enormous amount of calls" this fall, Adam added. Four paramedics and EMTs surpassed 200 yearly calls in October, Adam said.

The Sublette Center is also experiencing shortages in nursing staff. In an effort to recruit locals to become certified nursing assistants, the Sublette Center organized a training program that began on Nov. 1, said Dawn Walker, Sublette Center administrator.

Walker introduced Katie Hoffman, R.N., as the coordinator for the training courses. The program consists of a mixture of online "didactic" learning and in-person clinicals, Walker explained.

Wage increases

In an effort to recruit and retain quality providers and staff, trustees approved pay scale increases recommended by the finance committee by a 5-0 vote on Oct. 25. The motion boosted salaries for all SCHD employees by 3 percent and is effective immediately.

Personnel in the lab, radiology, EMS and

nursing departments will receive an additional raise that is in line with salaries in the region, Tonia Hoffman confirmed to the Roundup.

The new wage scale involved significant input from SCHD providers and staff, said Bell. The team approached the process with "thoughtfulness" and provided "great information," Bell added.

Sharon Rutsch, clinical services coordinator and laboratory director at the SCHD, spearheaded the effort, said trustee Kenda Tanner, a member of the finance committee.

Before approving the pay increases, Hoffman voiced worries about the financial sustainability of the raises. The SCHD set aside funds to cover the additional salary expenses for only one year, Hoffman pointed out.

SCHD interim administrator Lindsey Bond noted that the SCHD had actually set aside money to cover pay raises for the remainder of the fiscal year and through the next fiscal year, amounting to between one and a half and two years of budgeted funds.

"This will buy time to build out revenue opportunities," Bond added.

Bond felt "confident" that the salary increases would be sustainable, stating that the boosts to pay are necessary to "make us competitive" with health-care services in the region.

Department heads at the SCHD kept close tabs on services that will receive higher reimbursement once the district transitions from a clinic to a critical access hospital, Bond explained.

Bell echoed Bond's assessment: "I am confident this will work. We need good staff and these raises are essential."

Rutsch thanked the board on behalf of SCHD employees, stating the salary raises will go far in allowing the district to "keep up with the market" and prevent existing and prospective employees from looking elsewhere in the region for better

opportunities.

The wage increases proved to EMS staff that "We matter and are valued," said Adam.

Construction proceeding on schedule

Karl Lueschow, the SCHD's owner's representative, provided a monthly construction update for the new health-care campus emerging on the hill next to the Pinedale Clinic.

Crews continued to pour concrete foundations and the outlines of walls for the critical access hospital and long-term care facility are emerging, Lueschow told trustees.

Workers are also running sanitary lines under the foundations, Lueschow added.

Lueschow estimated the arrival of steel in either November or December. In response to a question from trustee Ashli Tatro, Lueschow pointed out that finding a qualified steel inspector remains a challenge.

Overall, the project was "tracking on schedule," with only three weather days reported as of Oct. 25, Lueschow remarked. Supplies and equipment to winterize the construction site keep arriving as the construction team prepares the project "as best as we can" for colder weather, Lueschow added.

CEO search

Trustees unanimously approved a motion to begin the search for a hospital district CEO. The motion committed the board to investigate prospective search firms to "assist in a nationwide search" for a qualified chief executive.

Trustee Jamison Ziegler suggested the SCHD pursue a human-resources search

firm to identify prospective candidates. The process worked well for the Sublette County School District No. 1's previous search for a superintendent, Ziegler said.

Bell emphasized the importance of including SCHD staff and the community in the search to find a strong candidate who will serve as a "big dog in Sublette County."

In other news

Only three patients took advantage of extended hours at the Marbleton-Big Piney Clinic over three and a half weeks, said Dr. David Burnett, SCHD medical director.

"The services were critical for the three patients who came in, but we need to do a better job of advertising the extended hours and getting word out about the program," Dr. Burnett told trustees.

Trustees passed a motion to open a new financial account at an institution "to be determined" for the \$73 million in construction funds. The finance committee recommended the establishment of an account for the construction funds separate from operating funds, Bell said. The SCHD's financial advisors at Eide Bailly made the initial suggestion, Bell added.

The SCHD's attorney, Lena Moeller, called a separate account for construction funds a "smart idea."

Hoffman appointed Tim Delaney as an "outside member" to the finance committee. Delaney operates a "large construction company" in New York and owns a home in Hoback Ranches, Bell stated. Delaney also served as the chairman for a hospital board, Bell told trustees.

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At 4:26 a.m., a third man was arrested drinking, a bond violation.

At 4:28 a.m., a juvenile didn't report a vehicle crash.

At 9:44 a.m., two friendly stray pitbulls showed up at a house; they were taken to the pound.

At 10:42 a.m., a deputy cleared debris from the road.

At 12:29 p.m., a woman had problems walking by a Doberman that bit her last summer and a mini pitbull; she asked how to contact owners about their dogs.

At 12:36 p.m., a state employee reported an incident per policy.

At 1:11 p.m., a semi truck hauling cattle

came through town doing 40 mph and tried to cut a driver off.

At 2:08 p.m., a woman complained that friends of her husband with a protection order against him came to feed dogs on her property.

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At 2:04 a.m., a woman was worried that a barking dog might have fallen into Pine Creek.

At 10:33 a.m., a Ridley's trailer came loose and they needed traffic control to hook it back up again.

At 12:31 p.m., a person with a recent shoulder surgery fell and needed help.

At 4:30 p.m., a friend of a soon-to-be ex-husband kept coming onto the property to feed the dogs.



Dr. Melissa Cohen (left)
Dr. Hannah Caulfield (right)

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