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The Sublette County Fairgrounds Event Center filled with red, white and blue on Tuesday, July 4, as a large turnout of folks attended the Chuckwagon Days Community BBQ. More photos on page A3.

South County celebrates Chuckwagon Days

BIG PINEY – The towns of Big Piney and Marbleton came together to celebrate the annual Chuckwagon Days, held July 3-4 every year. The 2023 festivities included the Junior Rodeo, a Pancake Breakfast, the 5K Chuckwagon Chug, a parade down Big Piney's Main Street, the Community BBQ at the Sublette County Fairgrounds, a Pickleball Tournament, a Street Dance and a fireworks display on Marbleton Hill.



JOAN MITCHELL COURTESY PHOTOS

Kaitlynn Shreve and her horse compete in the Chuckwagon Days Rodeo at the Sublette County Fairgrounds. Shreve, of Big Piney, bagged first place in the barrels for her division.

Local scholars return from National History Day



COURTESY PHOTOS

Former Pinedale Middle School eighth-graders and incoming PHS freshmen Bradie Gilmore, left, and Hannah Kaiser, right, with their award-winning exhibit on photographer Lewis Hine at the National History Day Contest on the University of Maryland Campus in College Park.

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PINEDALE – Five young historians represented Pinedale High School and Pinedale Middle School at the 2023 National History Day Contest hosted by the University of Maryland in College Park on June 12-14.

Making it to National History Day is an exceptional achievement and the culmination of months of hard work. Only the top two finalists in each category at Wyoming History Day in Laramie on May 1 advanced to Nationals.

Incoming PHS senior Wyatt Griffin won the Outstanding Affiliate Winner Senior Division Award for Wyoming at National History Day for his project on the development of the factory assembly line by American industrialist Henry

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Five Pinedale students competed at the National History Day Contest hosted by the University of Maryland in College Park in June. The group toured the national capitol building, visiting the statue of Chief Washakie, one of two figures representing the state of Wyoming. Pictured, from left, are History Day contestants Lauren Jones, Wyatt Griffin, Camille Kainer, Bradie Gilmore and Hannah Kaiser. Also pictured in front are Eckert Robertson and Augustus Robertson.

Hospital-Sublette Center construction slated for July 10

Hoffman encourages action on Marbleton Clinic

By Robert Galbreath
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MARBLETON – Plans are under way for construction to commence on the Sublette County Hospital District's (SCHD) new critical access hospital and long-term care facility in the second week of July.

The SCHD is waiting for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to approve last-minute formalities regarding financial loose ends on the agency's \$32-million rural development loan for the health-care campus.

The USDA's issuance of its final letter of commencement, expected any day, will set the project in motion and trigger construction.

The anticipated date to for building to "be fully under way" is Monday, July 10, said Karl Lueschow, of Lueschow Project Management and the SCHD's owner's representative, on June 28.

Crews at Layton Construction, the district's general contractor and construction See 'HOSPITAL' on page A11

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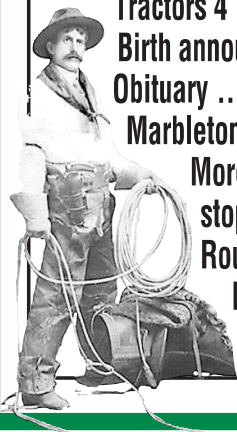


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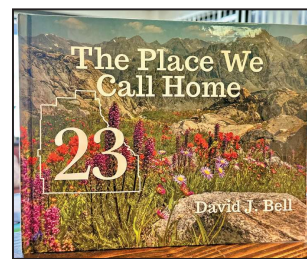


TERRY ALLEN PHOTO

Parts of Sublette County were hit hard by a storm with strong winds that whipped through the area on the evening of Saturday, July 1. Pinedale resident Terry Allen was lucky, as his truck survived with only a small dent in the hood after a large aspen tree was blown onto it — taking down the power lines in its way. Thanks to the help of a neighbor and Rocky Mountain Power, the tree was removed and power was restored.

Local photographer releases new book

By Cali O'Hare
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PINEDALE — Longtime Pinedale resident David J. Bell has released his third photography book, this one featuring images capturing the “beauty, diversity and unique characteristics of life in Sublette County.”

The hardcover is a colorful shot of red and purple wildflowers growing at Glover Peak.

For his latest book, published by Gatekeeper Press, Bell combed through more than 850,000 of his images, choosing 200 to grace the high-gloss pages of the book. Some were taken on his very first digital camera, a Sony DSC-707, while others were captured on “the most modern gear on the market today.”

Unlike Bell’s previous books, which are displayed chronologically, there is no order to the images included in Bell’s third book; rather the photographs are featured “100-percent random. One page might be winter and the next an elk calf. I hope you enjoy the randomness of the pictures.”

Bell shot all of the photographs in Sublette County.

Pinedale resident David J. Bell recently released his third book, titled ‘23: The Place We Call Home.’

The 206-page book, “23: The Place We Call Home,” is available locally at Obo’s, Office Outlet, Cowboy Shop, 307 Mercantile, Rocky Mountain Home Center, Lakeside Lodge and from Bell himself.

For more information about Bell and his photography, visit www.wyomingmountainphotography.com or follow Wyoming Mountain Photography on Facebook.



Weekly Weather Forecast

Pinedale, Wyoming • July 6 - July 11

Today

Sunrise: 5:44 a.m. **Sunset:** 9:02 p.m.

High: **69°** Low: **45°**

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Day: Mostly sunny; afternoon t-storm.

Night: Partly cloudy.



Friday

High: **72°**

Mostly sunny;
afternoon t-shower.

Low: **44°**



Saturday

High: **71°**

Mostly sunny;
afternoon t-shower.

Low: **45°**



Sunday

High: **73°**

Plenty
of sun.

Low: **46°**



Monday

High: **74°**

Mostly sunny with
a thunderstorm.

Low: **47°**



Tuesday

High: **76°**

Mostly sunny with
a thunderstorm.

Low: **47°**



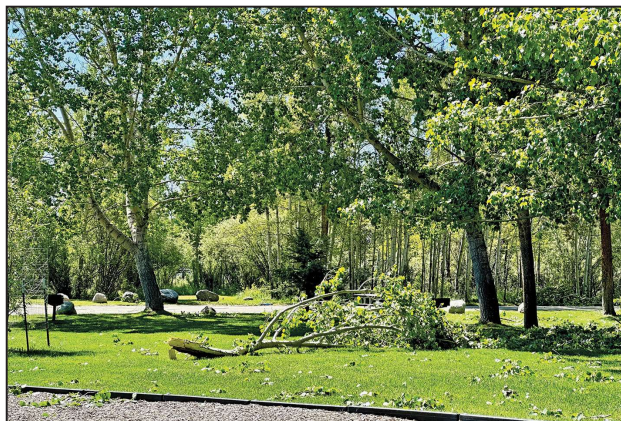
Film crew coming to Sublette County

By Cali O'Hare
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BOULDER — Sublette County residents and businesses may notice a film crew with high-end equipment in the area beginning today and for the next several weeks. Jim Jensen, a fifth-generation Wyoming cattleman and owner of the Lucky 7 Angus ranch in Boulder, is working with an Amazon Prime production crew on a feature film showcasing the vital importance of agriculture for all life

and the way of the iconic American cowboy. Footage will not be limited to the Boulder-based ranch. Jensen plans to make the most of his time with the film crew by touring around Sublette County establishments and planned events, with the “intention to give local businesses a highlight” as well as the festivities planned as part of the 87th annual Green River Rendezvous Days in Pinedale, July 6-9.

More information about the feature film will be released in the coming weeks.



CALI O'HARE PHOTO

Boyd Skinner Park in Pinedale was closed July 1 due to hazardous conditions created when the windstorm blew down several limbs and even whole trees. The park reopened to the public on the afternoon of July 2, thanks to the efforts of staff from Town of Pinedale, Bridger-Teton East Zone fire crew and Sublette County Emergency Management.

CHUCKWAGON DAYS



The Sublette County Hospital District is represented during the annual Chuckwagon Days Parade in Big Piney for the Fourth of July.



Dianna McMannis drives the tiny Napa Auto Parts Car down Big Piney's Main Street in the Chuckwagon Days Parade on the Fourth of July.



Big Piney's Bill Hibbert holds onto the reins during his ride at the Chuckwagon Days Rodeo.



The Sublette Community Band provides live entertainment for diners during the Chuckwagon Days Community BBQ immediately following the parade on July 4.

Joan Mitchell
courtesy photos



Megan and Sawyer Doyle are dressed in patriotic patterns for the annual Chuckwagon Days Parade through downtown Big Piney.



The Town of Marbleton's float cruises down Main Street in Big Piney as part of the Chuckwagon Days.



The dirt bike riders impress parade watchers with their tricks during the Chuckwagon Days Parade.

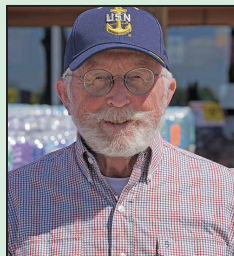
Street Talk

By Terry Allen

What do you think about the Roundup becoming the sole paper of the county, and being published on Thursday?



The day doesn't matter to me, but I'll miss the Examiner.
Charles Ogg, Pinedale



No problem with either one of those.
Dwight Dibben, Pinedale



That's kinda weird. It's just kinda weird.
Smiley Duncan, Ten Sleep



The only inevitable thing in life is change.
Jen Rogerson, Pinedale



I'm in a time warp called, Mom Land, right now. I don't even know what day it is.
Liv Perkins, Pinedale

AG NEWS

SCCD Corner

Springtime is flowing!

By Adrienne Kirkwood
Water Resources specialist,
Sublette County Conservation District

Each spring, rivers and streams throughout the county rise as the snow in the mountains begins to melt away. In some years, this rise in the water happens gradually over time; in other years there can be drastic “spikes” that happen suddenly due to certain conditions. Rivers, streams and their tributaries fluctuate greatly in the amount of water that they carry from year to year and season to season. Many factors contribute to this annual spring runoff or “high water” and the timing of this phenomena is affected by many variables such as: how much total snow was received, how much snow-water equivalent was retained in the snow, spring precipitation amounts, wind velocities, increasing daytime temperatures, overnight low temperatures, dam regulation and water diversions, to name a few.

How is the flow of water measured?

Streamflow, or discharge, is generally reported as “CFS.” CFS, or cubic feet per second, is a measure of the volume of water passing any given point in a river in 1 second. CFS is relative to each stream and as one could imagine 8,000 CFS on the Green River would mean something vastly different than 8,000 CFS on the Little Sandy or New Fork. Height gages are another way that flow is measured and are usually reported in feet. Gages measure the height of water above a specific reference point and are not related to the depth of the reach.

Why is it important to know flow?

The rate of streamflow can help guide



U.S.G.S. Gaging Station, Green River Warren Bridge.

A. KIRKWOOD PHOTO

personal decision making on when to work or recreate in or around a particular stretch of water. Knowing the streamflow and implications of certain levels could help one to determine whether to cross a stream, put a boat on the water or just put off that adventure for another few weeks to let the waters come down. Spring boating can have its perks such as low crowds, no biting insects and watching

amazing bird migrations along the river corridors; however, drawbacks can include very cold water, swift currents, low bridges and unpredictable hazards.

The amount of CFS can also help anglers determine where fish are distributed in the channels. For example, in low flows, fish may be limited to deeper pools, while at high flows they may be in hiding in eddies and along banks to escape harsh and fast currents. Knowing the flow might help increase angling success. For river stretches with low bridges such as the Hoback, knowing the level at which bridges may become impassable would be crucial for safety. When you are familiar with a stretch of river, you may know what channels become navigable at certain flows and what obstacles may become present or possible.

Of course, debris in the water is a hazard that increases with high flows when objects such as logs, shrubs and woody debris become dislodged and are moving down the river. In braided and meandering systems, channels may open up or become blocked overnight with rapid fluctuations in CFS.

How do you know how “high” the water is in our local rivers?

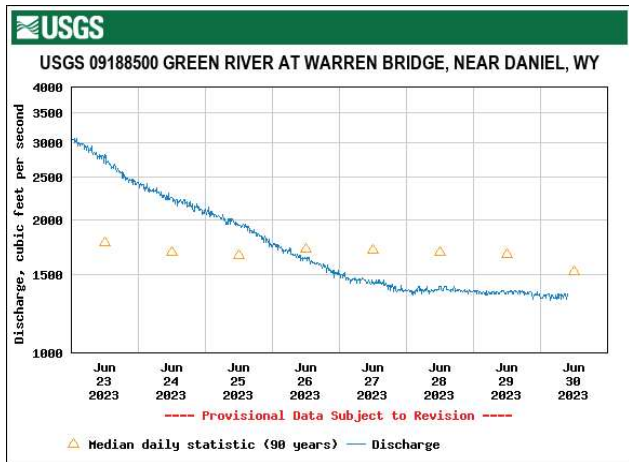
One of the best resources for streamflow data is the USGS National Water Information

System (USGS, 2023). This website allows you to look through and compare years of streamflow data with a few clicks of the mouse. You can refine your search to Wyoming and further into specific watersheds or drainages. There are approximately 90 years’ worth of data on the Green River at Warren Bridge and 67 years of data on the New Fork at Big Piney. There are four stations in Sublette County that report continuous streamflow data. Those stations include the Green River at Warren Bridge, Pine Creek above Fremont Lake, New Fork River near Big Piney and Big Sandy Reservoir near Farson.

Other resources include the Wyoming State Engineers office with links to statewide flow data, Wyoming Snow Data and Wyoming Weather Data (WY State Engineer’s Office 2023) and U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Water Supply Forecasting tools and website (NRCS 2023) where you can even subscribe to receive reports to your inbox.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Sublette County Conservation District at 307-367-2364.

References: <https://waterdata.usgs.gov> , <https://seoflow.wyo.gov> , <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/resources/data-and-reports/water-supply-forecasting>.



Market Report

Riverton Livestock Auction cattle summer auctions take place every two weeks.

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Pinedale Fourth of July Celebration

Robert Galbreath photos



Young Iowa Trickey winds up to send a rock skipping across Pine Creek at the annual Fourth of July Celebration in American Legion Park on Tuesday.



The annual Fourth of July fireworks show lights up the sky above Dudley Key Sports Complex as darkness falls on Tuesday. Sponsored by the Town of Pinedale, the pyrotechnics are put on by Fireworks West Internationale and staged on a lot owned by Casey Dauwen of Hat Creek Land Company, LLC. More photos on page A11.



Folks line up to enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs cooked by town staff, along with a variety of side dishes and desserts donated by community members at the annual Fourth of July Celebration hosted by the Town of Pinedale and Pinedale Fine Arts Council at American Legion Park.



Jackson-based musician Melissa Elliott, aka 'Missy Jo,' performs at the annual Fourth of July Celebration hosted by the Pinedale Fine Arts Council's Soundcheck Summer Music Series and the Town of Pinedale.

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Congressional Award Gold Medalists recognized in Washington, D.C.

PINEDALE – Pinedale High School (PHS) alumna Zoe Griffin and her brother, incoming PHS senior Wyatt Griffin, both attended the 2023 Gold Medal Summit, hosted by the Congressional Award Foundation, in Washington, D.C., from June 20-22.

Zoe Griffin and Wyatt Griffin each earned the Congressional Award Gold Medal – the highest honor granted to young people in America by the U.S. Legislature.

Established by Congress in 1979, the Gold Medal recognizes the “remarkable initiative, service and achievement demonstrated by these exceptional medalists.”

Recipients of the Gold Medal must complete 400 hours of volunteer service, 200 hours of personal development, 200 hours of physical fitness and plan a 5-day expedition or exploration all in the course of 24 months.

Zoe Griffin is a member of the Gold Medal Class of 2021 and made history as the first student from PHS to garner the award. Griffin is the PHS Class of 2021 Valedictorian and is going into her junior year at Rice University in Houston, Texas, where she is a biosciences major concentrating in cell biology and genetics with a minor in ecology and evolutionary biology.

The in-person ceremonies for gold medalists were canceled in 2020, 2021 and 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wyatt Griffin completed the requirements to attain the Gold Medal in February as a junior at PHS. The Congressional Award board of directors appointed Griffin as a Diversity Ambassador for 2023, to act as a voice for young people in remote, rural communities. Only 10 high school and college students are



COURTESY PHOTOS

PHS senior Wyatt Griffin delivers an address as one of 10 Diversity Ambassadors appointed by the Congressional Award Foundation at the closing ceremony for the Gold Medal Summit in the Cannon House Office Building in Washington.

selected in the United States each year to serve as Diversity Ambassadors.

Through his role as a Diversity Ambassador at the 2023 Gold Medal Summit, Wyatt Griffin delivered an address for the closing ceremony inside the historical

Caucus Room of the Cannon House Office Building located southeast of the national capitol.

The 2023 summit consisted of a banquet at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. Gold

medalists also attended panels hosted by national leaders in government, industry, science and education. Wyoming gold medalists met with the state’s congressional delegation – Sen. John Barrasso, Sen. Cynthia Lummis and Rep. Harriet Hageman.

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PHS senior Wyatt Griffin, left, and PHS alumna Zoe Griffin, visit the U.S. Capitol Building during the 2023 Congressional Award Gold Medal Summit.

HISTORY

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For in the early 20th century, Griffin created an exhibit titled “Ford’s Formidable Frontier,” showcasing text, historical photographs and documentary video clips.

PHS seniors Camille Kainer and Lauren Jones qualified to compete at National History Day after winning the group documentary division at Wyoming History Day. Kainer and Jones produced a 10-minute feature on American civil-rights leader Malcolm X.

Bradie Gilmore and Hannah Kaiser – eighth graders at Pinedale Middle School – snagged a spot at National History Day

for their exhibit on American photographer Lewis Hine and his pioneering images depicting child labor around the turn of the 20th century.

The Pinedale National History Day contestants squared off against tough competition from across the United States, inspiring those students eligible to return next year to “beef up” their skills as historians, said Rose Robertson, PHS social studies teacher and History Day mentor.

“The students performed well at the competition,” Robertson added.

PINEDALE ROUNDUP

OBITUARY

Norma Mae Beck Hyde
Jan. 2, 1936 — June 28, 2023

On June 28, our beautiful mother, Norma Mae Beck Hyde, returned to her Heavenly Father at her home in Aurora, Utah.

Norma was born Jan. 2, 1936, in Malta, Mont., to Gladys Lafond and Russell Beck. She grew up in Salt Lake City and graduated from Cyprus High School. She lived a life with her family in very humble beginnings.

Norma was a convert to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and had a strong love for the gospel and its teachings.

On February 27, 1955, 68 years ago, she married her sweetheart Joseph Hyde, in Evanston, Wyo. Later Norma and Joe were sealed in the Logan, Utah Temple. Together they lived in Salt Lake City, Ogden, Plain City, Willard, Boulder, Wyo. and finally settled in Aurora.

Norma retired from the government after many years of service and still raised a beautiful family and created a beautiful home wherever she was.

She had a love for animals, the outdoors and all the beautiful things it presented. Most of all she loved family and being with them.

She is survived by her husband Joe, children Craig, Shauna and John. She had eight grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and one sister, Fern Long.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one grandson.

A very special "thank you" to all hospice individuals as well as Mom's daughter Shauna DeCaria who gave of their time and efforts to make Mom comfortable.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 11 a.m., at the Aurora Ward Chapel, 85 North Main St., Willard, Utah. Viewing is from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at 4 p.m. at the Willard Cemetery, 470 North Main St., Willard Utah. Funeral Directors are Magleby Mortuary, Richfield, Salina and Manti. Online guest book www.maglebymortuary.com.



TOWN OF PINEDALE

Town Hall is Moving!

As of Thursday, June 29, 2023, Town Hall has moved to 205 Entertainment Lane. Our new offices will house the Town Clerk, the Director of Public Works, Planning and Zoning, Travel and Tourism and the Municipal Judge. Public meetings for Town Council and Municipal Court will start in September.

The red payment drop box at 69 Pinedale South Road will continue to be checked daily on regular business days, and will eventually be moved to our new location.

Watch for a Grand Opening announcement coming soon!

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TRACTOR TRIBUTE

for Thomas 'Tiger' Jaskolski

We're seeking tractors and drivers to honor Thomas 'Tiger' Jaskolski in the upcoming Rendezvous Parade.

Thomas loved Sublette County and Wyo. so much. To show how much he was loved in return, we'd like to have as many tractors as possible in the parade!



A grave side service will be held Friday, July 7 at 11am, a celebration of life to follow at 20 Elk Run Rd.

- The Jaskolski family -

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Contact Shaina Crowell at crowellshay@outlook.com
 or by text at 307-760-2392

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Larson and Trevor Tindell, of Marbleton, announce the birth of their child, Kal'El Mason-Ember Tindell, on June 14, 2023.

Liberty Eddy and Austin Ensign, of Rock Springs, announce the birth of their child, Wyatt Lane Ensign, on June 20, 2023.

Tractors 4 Tiger



JOY UFFORD PHOTO

To pay tribute to Tiger Jaskolski's decades of keeping Sublette County's tractors and haying equipment running, Shaina Crowell is organizing a parade of tractors for the Green River Rendezvous Parade. The parade begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, and people are invited to line up with their tractors in Tiger's honor around 9 a.m. at ReBel Auto Parts, 641 W. Pine St., at the corner of North Madison Avenue. Contact Crowell at Crowellshay@outlook.com.

Thomas "Tiger" Jaskolski



Graveside Services

Friday, July 7th

11 AM Pinedale Cemetery

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Just speeding through...

By Joy Ufford
jufford@pinedaleroundup.com

SUBLETTE COUNTY – First on June 3, a man driving 102 mph was pulled over and he and his female passenger arrested and jailed after a search yielded a plastic bag with a felony amount of meth. Then the man called a Colorado friend from jail to come get his car and find a stash of meth hidden in his vehicle that a trooper didn't find the first time around.

Now three people are charged in connection with what started out as a traffic stop, according to court records.

Craig A. Madonna, of Dacono, Colo., was drinking from a can of Jack Daniels Country Cocktail and told Wyoming Highway Patrol Trooper Tyler Schilling he had only drank half; the trooper poured out the other half, according to his affidavit.

Passenger Desiray Vincioni, also of Colorado, said she was drinking a Red Bull and vodka. The trooper saw a rubber bong in her door and Madonna said they smoked marijuana in it but didn't have any left, it says. Earlier he said there was only meth residue and nothing usable, it says.

Schilling found a clear plastic bag with crystalline powder behind the passenger's seat and both denied it was theirs, so he arrested both for felony meth possession, he reported.

Madonna allegedly said the powder might have fentanyl so it was weighed but not field tested at a weight of 11.4 grams.

On June 5, Madonna was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanors of open container of alcohol in a moving vehicle and exceeding the 70-mph speed limit. He appeared in

Sublette County Circuit Court represented by public defender Rachel Weksler and bond was set at \$15,000 cash or surety.

Madonna waived a speedy preliminary hearing. His preliminary hearing is set for July 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Vincioni was charged with felony meth possession and open containers of alcohol in a moving vehicle. She is represented by public defender Elisabeth Trefonas and was released after paying \$5,000 cash or surety bond. Her Circuit Court preliminary hearing is set for July 12 at 1:30 p.m.

While Madonna was in custody, he called friend JoDe Chapas in Lakewood, Colo., from the detention center's phone, which records incoming and outgoing calls. He asked Chapas to fly from Denver to Jackson and come to Pinedale to retrieve his vehicle, which, he said, Vincioni still had a half-ounce of meth in a beverage "hide" or hidden compartment that wasn't found.

Madonna asked her to get his car from where it had been towed, an affidavit says.

Wyoming Highway Patrol was alerted about Madonna's call and that a woman was coming to get his car so Schilling applied for a search warrant on June 17, he said. They found a Monster Energy beverage can with a false top concealing about 21.4 grams of presumed meth, he said, also a felony amount.

Chapas was charged June 19 with accessory after the fact of a felony crime and misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance. Sublette County Deputy Attorney Damon De Bernardi called Schilling to the stand for Chapas' preliminary hearing on June 28, who said Madonna reportedly told Chapas twice this passenger left a controlled substance in his car.

She did not get to the car, Schilling said, which was being searched as she waited.

"If she had driven it away, you wouldn't have found the (hidden) meth," De Bernardi asked.

"No," the trooper said.

Chapas was represented by Lander public defender Jonathan Gerard, who questioned the WHP procedures and asked the trooper who the second cache of meth belonged to – he said Madonna and Vincioni were the ones in the car.

"You didn't find it the first time around," he said. "... JoDe Chapas never even went to get the car?"

Gerard asked if the second stash was added to the first felony meth charge or made into a second charge. It would be one felony charge with a larger quantity against both Vincioni and Madonna, he said.

In closing, De Bernardi argued Chapas' intent to prevent the meth discovery.

Gerard said the trooper "had searched the exact same car" and there was a fine line between Chapas intending to destroy evidence or just drive the car away. Finding more meth wouldn't apply to the first charge, he argued, because they were already charged with the same crime for the first discovery.

"If anyone else got in that car, it would be a felony now," De Bernardi said.

Judge John LaBuda told Gerard he understood what he was saying and the statute refers to hindering or delaying finding of evidence.

The judge bound the case over to 9th District Court, lowered Chapas' bond to \$5,000 cash or surety, which her family could meet, and approved her return to Colorado where she is on probation.

Marbleton man admits shooting dog

SUBLETTE COUNTY – A Marbleton man said he got tired of his neighbor's dog, a Plott lion-hunting hound, charging the fence between their properties and shot at him with a BB gun.

On May 28 at the Marbleton Sheriff's Office, Deputy Todd Morgan responded to a complaint by Steven Hall that his neighbor, Robert J. Sorensen, had shot his dog, according to the affidavit.

The neighbors have a 4-foot-high chainlink fence between them and Hall said he's had problems for 15 or 20 years, it says. The deputy saw the dog had a swollen area on its left rear thigh, which Hall was worried might affect its ability to go lion hunting, the affidavit says.

Sorensen admitted shooting the dog with his BB gun because it charged the fence every time someone came to the door or sat on the porch. He said he complained to the town and sheriff's office in the past and on May 28, picked up his BB gun, pumped it and shot the dog in the foot. He had also shot it several times in the previous two weeks.

The deputy asked the Sublette County Attorney's Office what charges would apply for shooting a dog in residential town limits with a BB gun.

Sorensen was charged June 13 in Sublette County Circuit Court with one misdemeanor count of cruelty to animals, punishable by a maximum of 6 months in jail and \$750 fine.

Woman charged with injuring two deputies

SUBLETTE COUNTY – A Missouri woman is charged with two felonies of injuring deputies while resisting arrest June 20 after a traffic stop near the Daniel Junction.

Crystal D. Hatcher is also charged with the third or more possession of marijuana, a felony in Wyoming, according to court records.

Sublette County deputies Brian Gardner and Danielle Cooper stopped driver Clifton N. Brown, also of Missouri, around 11:49 p.m., for speeding southbound on Highway 191, according to the affidavit.

Deputies noted a very "distinct" smell of what they concluded was marijuana from the vehicle and asked Brown to step out of the car, which he declined to do, asking to call his attorney, it says. Brown resisted and called the deputies "racist" when they asked him several more times and they helped him out, it says.

Brown and Hatcher, his passenger, denied there was marijuana in the vehicle.

Hatcher said she was 1 week pregnant and refused to get out, verbally and physically resisting and "forcefully" pulling herself out of the patrol car. Deputies Gardner and Cooper "carefully placed her on the ground," according to the affidavit.

Both injured their knees, trying to protect Hatcher from hurting herself while resisting as they placed her on the ground, it says.

Hatcher is charged with a felony of interfering with and causing injury to Gardner as well as the same felony for injuring Cooper. She admitted marijuana in the car was hers, leading to a third felony charge of third or subsequent possession, records show.

Brown was cited for speeding and released. Hatcher refused treatment and was taken into custody, then released after Brown paid her \$10,000 cash bond.

Hatcher waived her June 28 preliminary hearing in Sublette County Circuit Court.

Van Wagoner sentenced for 2021 cocaine

By Joy Ufford
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SUBLETTE COUNTY – The day arrived for Jay E. Van Wagoner, 34, of Casper, to learn what his sentence would be after making a plea deal to drop two of four felony cocaine charges filed against him in 2021.

On May 25, Van Wagoner changed his not guilty pleas for a felony delivery charge and one felony possession to "no contest," but 9th District Court Judge Kate McKay could not hear sentencing arguments from the public defender or prosecution because Van Wagoner's pre-sentence investigation report was incomplete.

Probation officer Jeanne Whinnery completed the report, which public defender Rachel Weksler said on June 22 did not recommend her client for supervised probation and didn't assess him as a serious enough risk for him to enter an adult community correction program.

Weksler explained that Van Wagoner's drug sales were not for any personal substance abuse but cash for his gambling addiction – "Again, that's not an excuse. Just for context."

At the June 22 sentencing, student intern Matt Riekens, with Sublette County Attorney Clayton Melinkovich, called Detective Toby Terrell as a witness to

testify about confidential informants who said they heard they could buy cocaine in Pinedale from Van Wagoner. Detectives set up two recorded "buys" with Van Wagoner for increasing amounts of cocaine, he said. Van Wagoner pleaded not guilty to two counts of delivery and two of possession; a trial was delayed by COVID courtroom restrictions.

In a "Mirandized post-arrest interview," Terrell said Van Wagoner would cut adulterants into the original amount of cocaine, doubling the quantity.

Detectives found an April 9, 2021, self-video in Van Wagoner's phone metadata in which he "bragged" on Facebook Live about his cocaine connections to a dealer called the Buttermen. It would disclose the defendants' names, Riekens said.

Weksler called it irrelevant and inappropriate. Judge McKay said she would keep in mind the video was two years old and it was played in the courtroom. Weksler asked Terrell how the video reflected his character; he said showed Van Wagoner with a known drug dealer involved in selling cocaine.

Judge McKay then considered the prosecution's recommendation for 7 to 10 years in prison for each charge.

Riekens spoke of illegal drug use in rural communities and the societal problems it can lead to. He noted although

Van Wagoner's risk of reoffending was "moderate," he presents a very high risk to the children in this community. The Casper man sold cocaine across the state for greed and the thrill, not to support his own habit, and showed "an unwillingness to atone."

Weksler then described Van Wagoner as a big-hearted person with remorse for his choices. He has two previous misdemeanors and one felony conviction. Although he would not be eligible for ACC with a "moderate" risk of reoffending, he required intervention to change his behavior.

She recommended 18 months to 3 years in prison, possibly with an ACC recommendation.

"I would ask for supervised probation but I can't do that," Weksler said. Previously on supervised probation, he broke it only to tend to his dying dog.

Judge McKay heard from a prior probation agent and Linda Van Wagoner, who said Jay had come a long way.

Van Wagoner took the opportunity to address McKay, saying he had problems after being life-flighted for head injuries in an accident and "fell in with the wrong crowd." He said he doesn't drink and can help others, and he is "slowly climbing out of a hole."

Judge McKay brought up the two "very

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Sheriff's report

The Sublette County Sheriff's Office reported 208 calls from June 26 to July 2, including a suicidal person, five crashes, one search and rescue, 10 livestock problems, 21 citizen assists, four medical emergencies, two fires, 17 suspicious incidents, two strokes, 29 urinalyses and 41 vehicle identification number inspections. The SCSO was open Monday and closed Tuesday for July Fourth.

June 26

At 12:16 a.m., a person on Pine Street was arrested for DUI.

At 9:30 a.m., someone found a bag of clothes in front of Ridley's.

At 9:55 a.m., a person was having a stroke.

At 10:13 a.m., a detective ran an instant background check to release a firearm.

At 10:28 a.m., a counselor was concerned about a person's welfare.

At 11:14 a.m., a 911 call was not suspicious.

At 12:14 p.m., a citizen asked if anyone called with information about a hit-and-run.

At 12:53 p.m., a woman's new phone instantly called 911; it was not an emergency.

At 7:46 p.m., a maroon Subaru hatchback cut off another driver.

At 8:11 p.m., a citizen had questions about a previous incident.

At 10:09 p.m., a UPS truck overturned on Highway 191 after veering to avoid an elk. At 10:53 p.m., a person was having a stroke.

June 27

At 1:22 a.m., a person was bleeding internally.

At 4:26 a.m., a woman parked off the road was cited for marijuana possession.

At 4:59 a.m., a suspicious 911 was accidental.

At 9:07 a.m., a male inmate was taken to the clinic.

At 10:58 a.m., a white Chevy truck pulling a camper decided to camp in town.

At 11:36 a.m., Lincoln County requested Sublette EMS.

At 12:42 p.m., a deputy helped a weak patient.

At 1:43 p.m., a deputy was at Department of Family Services.

At 1:47 p.m., a woman called with



information for a detective. At 2:50 p.m., a caller complained about a reckless blue Chevy driver.

At 3:10 p.m., a suspicious but accidental 911 call came from the Shute Creek helium plant.

At 3:56 p.m., a medical emergency was reported.

At 4:12 p.m., a suspicious but accidental 911 call came from near Fontenelle.

At 5:10 p.m., a suspicious 911 call wasn't an emergency.

At 5:16 p.m., a man asked for a civil standby.

At 5:20 p.m., a man said he was trying to pack up and stay somewhere else.

At 5:50 p.m., a man reported smashed taillights.

June 28

At 4:33 a.m., a person was having a heart attack.

At 7:32 a.m., a cow moose with two calves was trying to cross the highway in heavy traffic.

At 7:49 a.m., a man with a DUI asked if he could drive.

At 10:48 a.m., someone vandalized new BLM campground toilets and shot out windows.

At 10:58 a.m., a woman thought a man in the park was suspicious.

At 11:38 a.m., a man's wheelchair died in an intersection; people pushed it out of the

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Circuit Court

These new charges were filed in Sublette County Circuit Court from June 26 to July 2.

Kim B. Kendall: Driving under the influence of alcohol, first offense.

Brandi Lynn Mitchelson: DUI, first offense; no valid registration; turning signals.

Sean G. Galdos: DUI, first offense.

Donny P. Huckins: DUI, first offense.

Jamison D. Finley: Delivery of a controlled substance, felony; possession of a controlled substance, felony; convicted felon possessing a firearm.

Donnie Collar: DUI, first offense; driving on the right side of the road.

Noa Martinez: Possession of marijuana, misdemeanor.

Trent A. Butler: DUI, first offense; superintendent's speed zone.

Victoria Ramage: Leaving the scene of an accident; no valid driver's license.

Jaslan Langlois: Duty to report upon collision; no valid driver's license.

William Heffner: Cruelty to animals, failing to provide food, water, shelter, five counts.

These fines and sentences were imposed in Circuit Court from June 26 to July 2.

Jordan D. Stephens, Pinedale: Superintendent's speed zone, fine \$120.

Erika Salinas De Los Santos, Pinedale: Exceeding 70 mph on a highway, fine \$115; no valid driver's license, fine \$140.

Nicholas E. Taylor, Big Piney: Superintendent's speed zone, fine \$115.

Spencer Oldham, Rexburg: Possession of a controlled substance, liquid, felony; superintendent's speed zone, bound over to 9th District Court on June 27.

Brian K. Wilson, Mills: Aggravated assault and battery with a deadly weapon, felony; misdemeanors, two counts domestic battery; interference with an emergency call; property destruction, bound over to 9th District Court on June 27.

Adam C. Frank, Pinedale: Superintendent's speed zone, fine \$105.

Ana Mendiola Silva, Pinedale: Child safety restraint, fine \$70; no valid driver's license, fine \$140.

Kasey D. Marincic, Daniel: Superintendent's speed zone, fine \$337.

Sawyer Evans, Pinedale: Exceeding 70 mph on a highway, fine \$105.

Travis Chewing, Pinedale: Exceeding 70 mph on a highway, fine \$120.

Jodi Chapas, Lakewood: After the fact of felony crime, felony; possession of a controlled substance, pill or cap, misdemeanor, bound over to 9th District Court on June 28.

Adam Reddell, Bondurant: Construction speed zone, fine \$274.

Vanessa Cameron, Pinedale: Superintendent's speed zone, fine \$135.

Lisa J. Jones, LaBarge: Superintendent's speed zone, fine \$160.

Carson Deleuw, Pinedale: Superintendent's speed zone, fine \$135.

Quintin P. Selby, Pinedale: Superintendent's speed zone, fine \$115.

street but couldn't get it started.

At 2:21 p.m., a rancher asked a deputy to observe someone tearing out an irrigation system that is part of a legal case.

At 3:30 p.m., an accidental 911 call came from someone driving on a washboard road.

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different recommendations" and although she doubts Van Wagoner poses a threat now, "serious drugs do have impacts on a community."

At 34, she said, he is at a "time when men start to come around and be less selfish."

He made two separate "very substantial" cocaine sales from higher up the chain than

typical users, she added. "I'm sentencing almost a different person than two years ago."

Seven to 10 years was "weighty," she said, adding the PSI's "odd discrepancy" of risk assessment could keep him out of an ACC program, which "could have been an adequate substitute."

Wyoming Department of Corrections might find a way to reassess him for ACC, she added.

Judge McKay sentenced Van Wagoner to 3 to 7 years in prison with 105 days credit for time served in custody. She also ordered him to reimburse the state for \$4,800 in controlled "buy" funds not recovered.



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At 3:44 p.m., a detective requested a search warrant.

At 6:17 p.m., a Wyoming Game and Fish employee was checking out litter that might attract bears. The homeowner cleaned it up.

At 7:19 p.m., a suspicious but accidental call came from someone camping in the desert.

At 8:58 p.m., a person was having a stroke.

June 29

At 9:17 a.m., a rancher planned to move about 90 cattle down the highway.

At 10:36 a.m., a woman dropped off some scam mail.

At 11:01 a.m., a person fainted and fell. At 11:17 a.m., someone parked and jumped a ranch fence.

At 12:28 p.m., a man arrested for driving on a suspended license asked how to get his license to get a state ID card. The SCSO couldn't help him.

At 12:30 p.m., animal control dropped off traps for someone with cat problems.

At 12:48 p.m., an older tan Cadillac dragging a chain pulled into a woman's driveway and took off.

At 2:08 p.m., a man signing a lease for a trailer found the door bolted.

At 5:08 p.m., a woman filed a report about her camper's repossession.

At 6:15 p.m., a woman reported a man riding a bike and looking in their windows; he thought the house was vacant.

At 8:27 p.m., a suspicious man set out balloons, fishing poles and hula hoops and told kids he'd teach them to fish.

At 8:48 p.m., a deputy helped a person who fell.

June 30

At 2:21 a.m., a suspicious 911 call came in with no response.

At 7:22 a.m., a rancher moving cows needed traffic control on Paradise Road.

At 8:48 a.m., a trailer had to be removed

from the Pinedale Rodeo Grounds.

At 8:48 a.m., a drunk person drove off in a white Chevy truck.

At 9:02 a.m., a woman asked a deputy to check on someone's welfare.

At 10:35 a.m., a Chevy truck lost its four-wheeler ramp in the road.

At 11:20 a.m., a man with a ring camera said a Jeep Cherokee with a man and woman stopped and walked around his property. They were from the Sublette County Assessor's Office.

At 3:40 p.m., a woman reported vandalism.

At 3:43 p.m., a woman stopped her overheated car at a Highway 28 rest area and said there was no cell service.

At 4:07 p.m., one vehicle hit another and took off.

At 4:08 p.m., a woman asked a deputy to check on someone's welfare.

At 4:32 p.m., a detective received information from an inmate.

At 4:36 p.m., juveniles were involved in a disturbance.

At 5:41 p.m., a juvenile passenger littered and threw a coffee cup into the road; a parent was contacted.

At 6:51 p.m., an Ohio dispatcher was looking for a suicidal person whose phone pinged; he is on a cross-country bicycle ride. The man was fine.

At 8:13 p.m., a towtruck driver said someone wanted to pick up a vehicle.

At 9:41 p.m., a big piece of plywood was a traffic hazard.

At 10:35 p.m., a man hit a moose and moved his damaged Ford F150 in a pullout; his son was coming to get him.

July 1

At 8:59 a.m., about 15 cows were by and in the road.

At 9:47 a.m., a person was having a heart attack.

At 12:35 p.m., someone drove off without paying for gas.

Unclaimed property payments increase

CHEYENNE — The Unclaimed Property Division of the Wyoming State Treasurer's Office shattered its previous record for most money returned in a fiscal year, returned \$10.64 million to residents and former residents of Wyoming.

The largest claim paid in Sublette County between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 was \$54,964. The largest remaining unclaimed property in Sublette County amounts to \$30,169, according to a July 5 press release from the State Treasurer's Office.

Unclaimed property is turned over when a business, agency or governmental entity owes money, securities and/or the contents of a safe deposit box, among other items, to someone and for whatever reason cannot locate the owner for a specified duration of time. The property typically is turned over to the state of last known address. If there is no last known address, the property is turned over to the state in which the business was incorporated.

Wyoming law requires unclaimed property to be held in perpetuity until claimed by its rightful owner.

Individuals can check to see if they are owed any of the properties held by the State and make a claim at www.mycash.wyo.gov.

At 1:37 p.m., Wyoming Highway Patrol asked a deputy to help a trooper with a traffic stop.

At 3:06 p.m., a deputy checked on a person's welfare.

At 7:16 p.m., a person with diabetes was unconscious.

At 7:43 p.m., wind blew a controlled burn on Forty Rod Road out of control; Sublette County Unified Fire responded.

At 8:07 p.m., a tree split and blocked the street.

At 8:17 p.m., Rocky Mountain Power responded after a tree hit a power line.

At 8:47 p.m., a deputy contacted Rocky Mountain Power and said SCUF wasn't needed.

At 10:53 p.m., a rude person planned to camp overnight in Ridley's parking lot.

July 2

At 1:38 a.m., a veterans' crisis line reported a person was suicidal. A deputy and counselor responded.

At 6:47 a.m., a tree fell across a power line.

At 7:32 a.m., a man asked a deputy to check on someone's welfare.

At 8:02 a.m., seven or eight cows were in the highway near Hoback Ranches.

At 9:43 a.m., a fuel drive-off stop resulted in a controlled substance problem.

At 10:57 a.m., a man was using his brother's name for traffic tickets.

At 12:02 p.m., a Teton County dispatcher said a light blue Subaru crashed up Cliff Creek Road and the passengers climbed out of the sunroof.

At 12:47 p.m., a rancher said he was moving 150 cows across the highway.

At 1:40 p.m., a man found 20 goats in his yard and had no idea where they came from.

At 4:37 p.m., a man threatened with texts said the person had shut off power to his greenhouse.

At 5:39 p.m., a person who fell earlier had more pain.

At 6:25 p.m., a stray dog was bothering RV park guests; the owner picked it up.

At 6:58 p.m., a man said he paid \$900 rent for a trailer but the landlady changed her mind and said he would rent the basement.

At 7:41 p.m., people who didn't live at an apartment complex were filling the dumpsters.

At 8:26 p.m., a Teton County deputy near Granite Creek said a bull and cow were walking down the highway.

At 8:42 p.m., a confused man in pain said he needed a ride to a hospital.

At 8:56 p.m., campers were supposed to come out of the Green River Lakes but hadn't. Tip Top Search and Rescue volunteers started looking for them on July 3 and found their car.

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Pinedale Fourth of July Celebration

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ROBERT GALBREATH PHOTOS

Oakley Turley and Teisha Preece enjoy a round of cornhole at the Fourth of July Celebration at American Legion Park on Tuesday.



Town staff prepare burgers and hotdogs for the annual Fourth of July Celebration at American Legion Park. Pictured, from left, are Justin Hamilton, Ron Hanson, Chad Mitchell and Mayor Matt Murdock.



Fireworks blossom in the night sky above the Dudley Key Sports Complex on July 4.

HOSPITAL

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manager, and Teletractors Inc. are on standby and "ready to go," Lueschow told trustees.

"I can't wait to see dirt being moved around," Lueschow added.

Marbleton Clinic

SCHD board chairwoman Tonia Hoffman called upon administration to present actionable items to jumpstart progress on the district's mission to "improve access to health care" in Big Piney and Marbleton.

Hoffman realized the issue is "complicated and difficult," but she encouraged leadership to brainstorm and "think outside the box" in terms of staffing and finances.

Trustee Jamison Ziegler suggested a 600-day plan for improvements at the Marbleton Clinic to coincide with the opening of the new hospital. He emphasized the need to have a concrete benchmarks in place for each step in order to retain support from

residents in South County.

The SCHD administration is embarking on drafting both short- and long-term solutions to boost care at the Marbleton Clinic, said Dave Doorn, SCHD administrator. He is working on the project with Lindsey Bond, assistant administrator.

Bond outlined a three-pronged approach to the problem, including extending hours or adding urgent care at the Marbleton Clinic, beefing up contracts with visiting providers to get them to increase their presence in South County and restructuring the staffing model to meet needs at both clinics and the hospital.

Bond stressed the district administration's commitment to be held accountable to residents in Big Piney and Marbleton with actionable items rather than "vague promises."

New doctor and recruitment

The district's credentialing committee approved the hire of a new provider. Dr. Andras Eder, announced Dr. David Burnett, the SCHD medical director. Dr. Eder specializes in family practice and is expected to begin seeing patients in Sublette County on July 10.

Dr. Eder worked on offshore oil rigs in Louisiana and served as a hospital corpsman in the U.S. Navy. He attended medical school at the American University of the Caribbean on St. Maarten and completed his residency at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria.

"Dr. Eder brings enthusiasm and energy and is willing to work in whatever capacity he is needed," said Dr. Burnett. "He will be an outstanding addition to the district."

SCHD administration are also pursuing a prospective physician and a physician assistant who both specialize in emergency

medicine, said Dr. Burnett. The district intended to recruit more emergency room providers to alleviate scheduling pressures for mid-level providers and free physician's assistants up to enhance family care at the clinics, Dr. Burnett added.

Budget approved

SCHD trustees passed a unanimous resolution to adopt the district's approximately \$14,533,000 budget for the fiscal year beginning in July.

The district received significant revenue from mineral royalties this spring, reported trustee Dave Bell. As a result, trustees voted, 5-0, to move an additional \$2.5 million into its reserve accounts.

Trustees expressed gratitude to the SCHD's financial team, in particular Michelle Stauthamer, district controller, and Kelli Lovell, business office manager, for their efforts.



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