



**PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT  
TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

Today in Wyoming	Monday-Friday	5:30-7am
News 13@ Noon	Monday-Friday	12pm
News 13@ 5	Daily	5pm
News 13 @ 6	Daily	6pm
News 13 @ 10	Daily	10pm

Regular NBC Network News Programming		
Early Today	Monday-Friday	5am
The Today Show	Monday-Friday	7am
The Today Show	Saturday	6am-7:30am
The Today Show	Sunday	7am-8am
NBC Nightly News	Daily	5:30pm
Meet the Press	Sundays @ 8am	
Examines issues of National and International importance.		

Additionally, KCWY airs several recurring segments on public safety and health. They are:

Healthier You --- Tuesdays @ 6:50am on Today in Wyoming

Fitness Friday --- Fridays @ 6:50am on Today in Wyoming

Guns & Hoses --- (safety issues with police and firefighters) Thursdays @ 6:50am on Today in Wyoming

Crimestoppers --- Noon Thursdays



## QUARTER 3, 2016, ISSUES & PROGRAMMING COVER SHEET

### COMMUNITY AFFAIRS & SPECIAL EVENTS PROGRAMMING

**Northern Ag Report** – The Northern Ag Network, the most powerful voice of agriculture in the northern Rocky Mountains, airs at 4:30 segment Monday through Friday during the first half hour (5:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.) of *Today in Wyoming*. Also, a condensed version, a 1:05 segment, airs Monday through Friday on *News 13 @ Noon*.

**Healthline 13** – A 3:00 to 3:30 segment that airs during *News 13 @ 5* weekdays and covers health topics that mean the most to you and your family, and keeps you up to date on medical advances and health issues.

**The Digital Fortress** – Airing during *News 13 @ 6* on Mondays, The Digital Fortress is a 1:00 segment that gives viewers information to keep themselves safe in the digital age, online and off. From social networking to social engineering, VPNs, LANs and scams, Gary Trapkus from Hilltop National Bank offers the latest in digital news and information.

**Community Calendar** – Placed twice in *Today In Wyoming* (5:30 am-7am), the Community Calendar is a segment that airs written notifications of non-profit events that are submitted by viewers via our website, submitted via the mail as well as by telephone.

**Healthier You** – A 3:30 segment that airs Tuesdays at 6:50 am during *Today In Wyoming*, bringing the latest news from the world of health and medicine and the best medical experts from around Wyoming and around the country to clear up questions about diet and exercise, medical procedures, pharmaceuticals, new advances and old wives' tales.

**Legally Speaking** – A 1:00 segment that airs Wednesdays during *News 13 at 5* produced by Legal Aid of Wyoming, helps viewers understand their legal rights concerning issues such as landlord/tenant laws, bankruptcy and consumer's rights.

**From The Ground Up** – A 1:30 segment that airs Fridays during *News 13 @ 10* helps you get the most from your gardening efforts both indoors and out. Written and produced by specialists from the University of Wyoming Extension offering information on topics like pesticides, defensible space, tree planting, composting and container gardening.

**Exploring the Nature Of Wyoming** – A :70 segment that airs during *News 13 @ 10* on Sundays, "Exploring the Nature of Wyoming" is a snapshot of the many wonders and natural resources in Wyoming. Produced by the University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service, the segments cover rangelands, forests, coal, water, and much more.

**Christian Worship Hour** – Airing Sundays @ 9:00 am, this is a 58:30 segment providing worship, scriptures, song, hope and encouragement to Christians across America.



**GardenStyle with P. Allen Smith** – Airing Sundays at 6:00 a.m., this is a show about some unique ways to grow, cook and design your world.

**Mom's Everyday** - We know what a tough job moms face, that's why Mom's Everyday Minute tackles everything from parenting news, to everyday issues. This is a timely show made by moms, for moms. The half-hour version on Wednesdays following *News 13 at Noon*, probes deeper into the issues of parenting. Mom's Everyday makes moms' lives easier.

**The Jefferson Awards** – In 1972, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, U.S. Senator Robert Taft, Jr. and Sam Beard established a Nobel Prize for community service --The Jefferson Awards. This national recognition system honors those who give unselfishly through public and community service, those people who go out of their way to make a difference.

During the fall of 2004, KCWY-TV News 13 embarked on a campaign to honor ordinary Wyoming people who do extraordinary acts of community service without any expectation of recognition or award. Together with our community business partners we are able to show how one person can really make a difference in their community and our state. Each year we have saluted four special people with the annual Wyoming Jefferson Awards. Each November it's time to begin this outstanding and exclusive statewide program to honor these "unsung heroes" through a call for written nominations on-air.

The Jefferson Awards are presented on two levels: national and local. News 13 enlists community partners to help recognize and honor these individuals on the local level and to help select four Wyoming Jefferson award winners. From these winners, the Jefferson Awards Board of Selectors will chose one to represent Wyoming in Washington, D.C. during the National Jefferson Awards 2015 Banquet. Every year News 13 airs the stories of the four Wyoming winners and shows our viewers clips of the local banquet as well as some coverage of the Wyoming representative at the National Jefferson Awards Banquet.

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The stories below ran between :60 and 2:00.

**QUARTER 3, 2016, ISSUES & PROGRAMMING QUARTERLY ASCERTAINMENTS**

## **July**

**7/5**

### **BRADY**

A REPORT FROM WYOMING D-C-I SHOWS REPORTED CRIMES WERE UP TEN PERCENT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2016 COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. HOWEVER PERCENTAGES IN WYOMING ARE DIFFICULT TO ASSES IN WYOMING BECAUSE SOME NUMBERS ARE SO SMALL, PERCENTAGES CAN SKEW THE FACTS.

IN NATRONA COUNTY REPORTED CRIME WAS UP A TOTAL OF EIGHT PERCENT. BY INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAD A 40 PERCENT DECREASE BUT EVANSVILLE AND CASPER DEPARTMENTS BOTH HAD INCREASES. NATRONA COUNTY SHERIFF'S SERGEANT AARON SHATTO SAYS IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO PINPOINT WHY CRIME GOES UP.

**SGT. SHATTO** "There are many factors that may contribute to the increase in our crime rate. It could be as simple as climate change and also as big as the economy at this time."

FREMONT COUNTY WAS DOWN 30 PERCENT. ALL THE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY HAD A DECREASE IN REPORTED CRIME.

**7/6**

### **BRADY**

NEAR THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WE REPORTED THAT A GAS LEAK SHUT DOWN MIDWEST SCHOOL, FORCING STUDENTS TO FINISH THE REST OF THE ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR AT NORTH CASPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

### **REGINA**

NATURAL GAS, CARBON DIOXIDE, AND SMALL AMOUNTS OF METHANE WERE DETECTED. BUT THE INVESTIGATION FROM DIFFERENT AGENCIES SUCH AS THE WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECENTLY UPDATED THE DEVELOPMENTS. HERE'S WHAT'S NEW WITH THE INVESTIGATION. HIGH GAS LEVELS HAVE NOT BEEN DETECTED IN ANY OTHER LOCATION OTHER THAN THE SCHOOL.

SINCE THE WELL ACROSS MIDWEST SCHOOL WAS PROPERLY PLUGGED. GAS LEVELS ARE CONTINUING TO DROP IN THE SCHOOL. FLEUR DE LIS ENERGY OPERATING HAS PLACED A VAPOR EXTRACTION SYSTEM BY THE SCHOOL TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF "SOIL OFF GASSING"

### **BRADY**



THE AGENCY OF TOXIC SUBSTANCE DISEASE OFFICIALS ARE REVIEWING THE TEST RESULTS. A SURVEY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND STUDENTS OF MIDWEST SCHOOL FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR MORE ASSISTANCE.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING HAS IDENTIFIED CARBON DIOXIDE. THE GAS CAN CAUSE RESPIRATORY AND MUCOUS MEMBRANE IRRITATION OF THE THROAT NOSE SINUS EYES AND LUNGS, GASTROINTESTINAL IRRITATION, HEADACHES, SKIN RASH, LOSS OF SENSE OF SMELL, NERVOUS SYSTEM DISORDERS, AN INCREASE OF RISK FOR CANCER, AMONG OTHERS.

## **REGINA**

IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE HOWEVER THE DEVELOPMENT AND SEVERITY OF THESE EFFECTS DEPENDS ON THE LENGTH AND DURATION OF THE EXPOSURE TO CARBON DIOXIDE. OF COURSE NOT ALL PEOPLE WILL EXPERIENCE NEGATIVE HEALTH EFFECTS.

PEOPLE WHO ARE CONCERNED CAN CALL F-D-L FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR FOR CONCERNS..... THAT NUMBER IS \*307 - 462 - 9112 OR \*307 - 437 - 9500

## **REGINA**

THE UNIVERISTY OF WYOMINGS NEW PRESIDENT IS TRYING TO INCREASE CAMPUS DIVERSITY BY MEETING WITH RESERVATION TRIBES. NEWS 13'S LANDON HARRAR SHOWS US WHAT SOME TRIBAL MEMBERS SAY COULD HELP GET MORE NATIVE AMERICANS ENROLLED AT UW.

**TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE EXCITED UW'S NEW PRESIDENT IS TAKING TIME TO PERSONALLY ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF DIVERSITY.**

**Sergio Maldonado Northern Arapahoe Tribal Liaison: "It's important that she's been out here, she's heard what we've got to say, but secondly she's willing to come out again and work with us."**

**Fernando Roman Tribal Educator: "Laurie Nichols presence here on the wind river Indian reservation is real critical to develop those bridges and those structures for the University of Wyoming to be present here on the reservation as well as the reservation to be present down at the University of Wyoming in Laramie."**

**ONE TOPIC TRIBAL MEMBERS WANT TO SEE ADDRESSED IS HOW MANY TEACHERS AND FACULTY THEMSELVES ARE NATIVE AMERICAN.**

**"The University of Wyoming can show a greater presence here on the wind river Indian reservation, as well as we need more role models from the reservation s teachers and administrators so the students can see that they can be successful."**

**Dr. Laurie Nichols University of Wyoming President: "Faculty and staff that are themselves native Americans is huge for students from, that are coming from the reservation because they need to see those role models and they need to meet people that they feel like A like them and B understand them."**

**PRESIDENT NICHOLS HAS EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH TRIBES IN SOUTH DAKOTA WHERE SHE HELPED IMPLEMENT A TWO PLUS TWO PLUS TWO PLAN AIMED AT GETTING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS READY FOR COLLEGE.**

**"It started in two years in high school so we worked especially hard with students that were juniors and seniors, creating awareness, getting them ready to go to school, we did a lot of college prep kinds of work with them and we brought them to campus and did a lot of campus exposure."**



**SHE ALSO SPEARHEADED A SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM SO INCOMING RESERVATION FRESHMAN CAN START SCHOOL A FEW WEEKS EARLY TO LEARN WHATS EXPECTED OF THEM AND MAKE FRIENDS WITH SIMILAR BACKGROUND. LANDON HARRAR NEWS 13 WIND RIVER RESERVATION.**

## **REGINA**

THE MEETINGS WERE ABOUT GETTING IDEAS ON THE TABLE. PRESIDENT NICHOLS SAYS SHE WILL LOOK INTO THE SUGGESTIONS WHEN SHE RETURNS, AND HOPES TO MEET WITH THE TRIBES AGAIN MULTIPLE TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

## **7/7**

FROM WILDFIRES IN CALIFORNIA TO FLOODING IN WEST VIRGINIA, WEATHER HAS BEEN UNPREDICTABLE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. THE SAME APPLIES TO WYOMING. SOME PARTS OF THE STATE HAS BEEN DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY WHILE OTHER PARTS SEEM TO BE DOING ALRIGHT. NEWS 13'S JACKIE WETZLER SPOKE WITH TWO AGRICULTURE EXPERTS TO HEAR HOW WYOMING'S WEATHER HAS AFFECTED ITS CROPS.

**"Crook and Weston County are primary disaster areas"**

**ACCORDING TO THE U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR...THOSE COUNTIES ARE SUFFERING EXTREME DROUGHT. BUT OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE AREN'T HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THEIR AGRICULTURE.**

**"South eastern part of the state the irrigated crops I've seen look real well"**

**BUT THINGS CAN CHANGE IN AN INSTANT**

**Scott Cotton: "In a short period of time we can go from good grass growth to drought like we did last year and to fire conditions"**

**FOR RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING A DROUGHT, THERE IS HOPE. SOMETHING CALLED THE "LIVESTOCK FORAGE DISASTER PROGRAM"**

**Gregor Goertz: "That helps producers where they had drought and their grasses failed or reduced production and having to move their livestock somewhere else, or else buy additional feed to keep their livestock on the place and these are payments to help them do that"**

**"THE EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM" CAN ALSO HELP**

**"Where irrigation structures have been washed out and so we give them money to help replace those structures to deliver water back to their farm ground"**

**RANCHERS CAN GET UP TO \$125,000 THROUGH THE LIVESTOCK FORAGE DISASTER PROGRAM AND \$200,000 THROUGH THE EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR ONE YEAR**

**AGRICULTURE EXPERTS SAY THE STATE'S CROPS OVERALL ARE FLOURISHING.**

**"This year were doing pretty good there's not a whole lot of issues at the moment"**

**JACKIE WETZLER NEWS 13 CASPER**



TO APPLY FOR ONE OF THESE PROGRAMS, RANCHERS SHOULD GO TO THEIR LOCAL FARM SERVICE AGENCY OFFICE. RESIDENTS IN COUNTIES LIVING IN DECLARED FEDERAL DISASTER AREAS QUALIFY FOR EMERGENCY LOANS TO HELP RESTORE CROPS THEY LOSS.

7/7

FOR TWO YEARS FREMONT COUNTY MUSEUM CURATORS HAVE BEEN HOLDING EVENTS TO TRY AND GIVE KIDS EDUCATIONAL AND FUN THINGS TO DO. NEWS 13'S LANDON HARRAR SHOWS US HOW THEY WANT TO SEE THE PROGRAMS GROW, AND WHAT STRUGGLES THEY'VE BEEN HAVING.

**THE KIDS ADVENTURE TREK SERIES ARE HANDS-ON EVENTS GEARED TOWARDS CHILDREN.**

**Randy Wise Lander Museum Curator:** "The adventure trek series are a really cool event the museums are sponsoring and it's aimed at kids. It's a neat way to get them involved in our local history, gives them something fun to do but also a way to let them learn about some of the history that is around them."

**Felicity Boeple Riverton Visitor Services Coordinator:** "What we're trying to accomplish is not only bring young people back into the museum, but kind of revitalize the life of the museum, museums are no longer just old thing sitting on a shelf, they are living and breathing organism that invests something into the community."

**THE RIVERTON AND DUBOIS MUSEUMS HAVE HAD A HARD TIME ATTRACTING PARTICIPANTS.**

**Karline Stetler Riverton Museum Curator:** "Our first year was a little rough I think a lot of people don't hear about us or we need to advertise a little bit differently."

"We didn't have any kids last time unfortunately which is kind of a bummer, but we have had in the past up to 40 kids come to a program

**THE MOST RECENT SERIES HAD FIVE KIDS SHOW UP TO LEARN ALL ABOUT SHEEP AND WOOL.**

"The kids got to learn where wool came from and how it's processed into yarn that we can make into clothing, blankets as well as crafts."

**EACH MUSEUM ALSO OFFERS EVENTS FOR ADULTS.**

"The museums are all doing a lot of outreach to the community, we have programs for adults, we have programs for kids, all of that's designed to get people engaged with the museums, learning about their history and involved with the community. I think its valuable, even if only a handful of people show up its worth doing."

**MUSEUM STAFF SAY IT'S BEEN A LEARNING PROCESS BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NOTICEABLE INCREASES FROM THIS YEAR TO LAST. LANDON HARRAR NEWS 13 FREMONT COUNTY.**

**REGINA**

IF YOU WANT TO SEE WHAT PROGRAMS ARE BEING OFFERED NEAR YOU, VISIT FREMONT COUNTY MUSEUMS DOT COM FOR EVENTS AT ALL THREE MUSEUMS.

7/8



YELLOWSTONE VISITATION NUMBERS ARE UP AGAIN, EVEN HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR'S RECORD NUMBERS. PENNY PRESTON REPORTS MORE AND MORE BIG BUSES ARE TOURING THE PARK, BRINGING CHALLENGES WITH THEM.

**If you go to Yellowstone, don't be surprised if you find yourself behind a big bus. There are more of them in the Park now than ever. Bus numbers are growing by double digits every month.**

**"The big story that we're watching and puzzled by a little bit is the increase in buses. Last month it was a 48% increase. This month it was a 25% increase."**

**Park spokeswoman Charissa Reid was referring to May and June, respectively.**

**A park press release says overall visitation was up every month except March, in 2016.**

**"Yellowstone's visitation topped four million for the first time ever last summer. This year's numbers are on pace to beat last year's visitation by a long shot."**

**Could Yellowstone see as many as 5 million recreational visits in 2016?**

**"I don't think our increases have been that big."**

**But, they're big enough. Popular attractions like Canyon Falls, Mammoth, and Old Faithful are drawing crushing crowds, particularly when buses bring in a lot of visitors at one time. Does increased bus traffic decrease the visitor experience?**

**"It's kind of a double edged sword because in some ways they're having perhaps less environmental impact, by driving all in one vehicle than they would by driving in single cars."**

**Early this summer, Park Superintendent Dan Wenke talked about possibly bringing more buses into Yellowstone, to reduce the number of cars on the roads.**

**"One of the things we may have to look at is mass transportation in the Park. I'm not suggesting that's exclusively mass transportation."**

**Reid says a social scientist will be doing surveys in August, to find out how buses and the bigger crowds is affecting the visitor experience. Reid says the park will have to do something if the visitation increases continue.**

**We asked if Yellowstone might limit the number of visitors someday. She says no decisions have been made, but...**

**"Dan Wenk, our superintendent says all options are on the table."**

**From Yellowstone, Penny Preston, News 13.**

**REGINA**

**THE PARK PRESS RELEASE SAYS VISITATION IS UP TEN PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR'S NUMBERS BY THE END OF JUNE.)**

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## **REGINA**

RIDES, RODEO, AND CARNIVAL FOOD. IT DOESN'T GET BETTER THAN THIS AT THE CENTRAL WYOMING FAIR AND RODEO. IT'S EASY TO ASSUME PEOPLE ARE HAVING FUN, BUT HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED ABOUT THE ANIMALS? NEWS 13'S JACKIE WETZLER JOINS US LIVE IN THE STUDIO. JACKIE, HOW ARE THE FAIR ANIMALS TAKEN CARE OF?

## **JACKIE**

AS SOON AS THE ANIMAL WALKS THROUGH THE DOOR, THERE IS A VET CHECK. SO BETWEEN VETS, SUPERINTENDENTS, AND THE 4-H KIDS THEMSELVES, ANIMALS ARE WELL TAKEN CARE OF.

**ONCE ANIMALS COME FOR THE FAIR, IT'S GO TIME TO GET THEM READY FOR THE BIG SHOW.**

Emma: "You wash them clip them whatever you need to do to get them ready"

**IT'S THE KIDS THEMSELVES WHO ARE THE CARETAKERS**

Rebekah: "If they are bloated you just walk them around and then they should get smaller and smaller"

Kiley: "We go out there and walk them, make sure their muscles and things don't get stuck"

**BUT**

Wyatt: "If they are weirdly, if they're not walking around not drinking or eating hay or the grain"

**THE KIDS FIND THEIR DESIGNATED SUPERINTENDENT**

Devonie: "When they come to fair week it's a change for them they don't like to eat they don't like to drink it's a new environment so you kind of have to watch that"

**BUT IF IT'S AN EMERGENCY, A VET IS CALLED.**

Joddee: "They have a family vet someone they've worked with and that's more optimum anyway because they have already worked with that animal through the year"

**SO IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT AN ANIMAL'S HEALTH, REST ASSURED THEY ARE WELL TAKEN CARE OF.**

"These animals are fed and watered at least 2 or 3 times a day they're checked on their in air-conditioned buildings these animals get better care than some people do"

**JACKIE**

THE GOAL FOR THESE 4-H KIDS IS TO LEARN HOW TO RAISE AND CARE FOR ANIMALS IN A RESPONSIBLE WAY AND MENTOR YOUNGER KIDS.

**REGINA**

THE WINNERS FROM EACH CATEGORY WILL GO TO THE STATE FAIR IN AUGUST.



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## **BRADY**

CHILDREN AND MENTALLY CHALLENGED PEOPLE GATHERED IN DUBOIS TO LEARN WHAT THEY SHOULD DO IF THEY GET LOST. NEWS 13'S LANDON HARRAR SHOWS US WHAT THE PROGRAM'S PARTICIPANTS LEARNED ABOUT WILDERNESS SAFETY.

**THE PROGRAM IS ORGANIZED BY DUBOIS MUSEUM STAFF AS A CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE SERIES.**

**Johanna Thompson Dubois Museum Visitors Coordinator: "The idea was to basically give kids the basic understanding of direction and navigation skills."**

**PARTICIPANTS GET A COMPASS AND A MAP AROUND THE PARK THEY HAD TO NAVIGATE.**

**"From the kids that we've seen I don't know as though they're getting taught that elsewhere and so we just thought that we would make an effort to try and teach them that so hopefully if they are lost they can try and figure out where they need to go for help."**

**Maren Baker Navigation Program Participant: "Everything that I learn today will make it so I don't get lost because one time I was out with my dad and I got lost. So now I know I won't get lost at least and I'll be able to call for help with the whistle that I got."**

**THEY ALSO LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HYDRATION AND HOW TO KEEP BEARS AT BAY.**

**"We talked about how when you're out hiking and things you want to make sure you have plenty of water, that way you don't get dehydrated and you want to make sure you have some snacks so you don't get hungry."**

**Mary Jo Hauck Participant: "Use bear spray and have some noise on you like a bell or something to scare the bears."**

**Brook Warren Participant: "You have to open the can and not face the wind, to the bear only."**

**THOMPSON SAYS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS ARE ESSENTIAL TO RUNNING A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM.**

**"We had eleven participants and a ton of volunteers that were excellent in helping make everything happen/ and so the turnout has been getting better which is good."**

**"I had a good time with the staff lady that took me around."**

**EVERY PARTICIPANT GETS A GOODY BAG WITH SAFETY ITEMS LIKE BEAR BELLS, WHISTLES AND WATER BOTTLES TO TAKE HOME. LANDON HARRAR NEWS 13 DUBOIS.**

## **BRADY**

THOMPSON SAYS THEY HAD SUCH A GOOD TURNOUT. THEY WILL OFFER THIS PROGRAM AGAIN NEXT YEAR FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO JOIN.

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## **REGINA**

A TITLE 25 PATIENT IS A PERSON WHO POLICE OR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS VIEW AS A DANGER TO THEMSELVES OR OTHERS OR THEY CAN'T CARE FOR THEMSELVES. IN NATRONA COUNTY THE NUMBER OF THESE PATIENTS ARE GROWING AND THE SPACE TO TAKE CARE OF THESE PATIENTS IS LIMITED.

NEWS 13'S JACKIE WETZLER SPOKE WITH MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, TO UNDERSTAND WHY THERE ARE SO MANY "TITLE 25 PATIENTS" IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WHAT THEY THINK SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT THE PROBLEM.

**POLICE ARE USUALLY THE ONES CALLED TO A SCENE WHEN A PERSON HAS BEEN LABELED A "TITLE 25 PATIENT"**

Brandon: "A lot of times law enforcement will try to take folks to the ER or to our facility or WBI or other resources in the community voluntarily"

**BUT SOME HAVE TO BE DETAINED BY FORCE, WHERE THEY ENTER THE TITLE 25 PROCESS, AND THE NUMBER OF THESE PATIENTS ARE GROWING.**

"We actually in Natrona County and in Casper take care of those individuals and try to get them connected to services"

**MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS SAY THIS IS AN ONGOING PROBLEM. AND AS OF RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE NO VIABLE SOLUTIONS.**

Dr. Stephen Brown: "To help people before they get to the point they need a Title 25 to be safe and or its lack of resources to be able to get them out earlier to where they can get adequate treatment without having to be in a safe environment"

"We realize in our community coalition is we actually need more levels of care"

**HEALTH FACILITATORS ARE LOOKING AT WAYS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM**

"WBI is part of a group that is looking at the problem that includes quite a few of the treatment providers in the city to look at what is needed to be able to help people get resources earlier and be able to get them earlier so they can discharge earlier"

"We need a crisis center community level crisis center downtown where people can access that location if they're in crisis"

"When a community has a problem a community solves it"

**WARDELL SAYS THE ONLY OPTIONS RIGHT NOW ARE FOR THOSE PATIENTS TO GO TO WYOMING BEHAVIORAL INSTITUTE OR THEY ARE RELEASED TO OUTPATIENT SERVICES.**

**JACKIE WETZLER NEWS 13 CASPER**

## **REGINA**

LAST WEEK, WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICIALS HELD A TITLE 25 JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE TO DISCUSS STATE COST AND VOLUME FOR TITLE 25



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**BRADY**

THE LUSK BRIDGE WASHED AWAY NEARLY A YEAR AGO FROM SEVERE FLOODING.

**REGINA**

NEWS 13S JUSTIN ROTH WENT TO THE RIBBON CUTTING FOR THE NEW BRIDGE AND EXPLAINS HOW IMPORTANT THIS BRIDGE PROJECT IS TO THE CITY OF LUSK.

**William Panos - Director of WYDOT: "It's very vital it's not just vital to Lusk, Wyoming which is significant for its significant for the state of Wyoming this impeded our north south traffic on the east side of the state, and it's a strategic bridge."**

**WHEN THE LUSK BRIDGE WASHED AWAY THE WATER WAS MOVING FAST, IMAGINE AN OLYMPIC SIZED SWIMMING POOL OF WATER EVERY TEN SECONDS.**

**"It was a remarkable effort on a lot of different state agencies that responded immediately in the middle of the night to the calls from the community that said basically were in the flood condition we need help."**

**PATRICA SMITH IS THE MAYOR OF LUSK AND SHE REFLECTS BACK.**

**Patrica Smith - Mayor of Lusk: "We were isolated for a while but you know the town got back together we had people in there mud boots right after the flood."**

**THE NEW SEVENTY FOOT BRIDGE WAS CONSTRUCTED IN JUST UNDER A YEAR AND EVEN INCLUDES A SIDEWALK.**

**SMITH SAYS RECOVERY IS SLOW BUT THIS NEW BRIDGE IS CERTAINLY A BIG HELP.**

**"Well I'm not sure the citizens the businesses would say they were flourishing but they are maintaining cause there tough people."**

**WITH THE NEW BRIDGE NOW OPEN TOURISTS CAN ONCE AGAIN VISIT THIS SMALL BUT PROUD CITY.**

**JUSTIN ROTH NEWS 13 LUSK**

**REGINA**

THE LUSK BRIDGE OPENED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AND UNDER BUDGET.

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**BRADY**

MANY PEOPLE LOVE TO BOAT DURING THE SUMMER, BUT WHEN YOU MIX ALCOHOL WITH ANY OPERATING VEHICLE IT'S NEVER A GOOD IDEA. GAME AND FISH WARDENS SAY THEY AREN'T OUT TO GET YOU, IN FACT WHEN THEY ARE IN THE WATER THEY ARE PERFORMING RANDOM BOATING SAFETY INSPECTIONS. SOMETIMES THEY WILL COME ACROSS AN IMPAIRED DRIVER IN WHICH CASE THEY WILL HAVE TO PERFORM SEATED TESTS ON THEIR BOAT. BUT WITH ONLY NINE ARRESTS THIS YEAR, GAME AND FISH WARDENS ARE HAPPY PEOPLE ARE DRINKING RESPONSIBLY.



Janet: "We would just like to say thanks to Wyoming boaters everyone is extremely safe and extremely aware of the situation and everyone recognizes it in Wyoming you're kind of in the middle of nowhere and that you need to be safe to keep your family and yourself safe when you're out on the waters"

THE BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT TO OPERATE A BOAT IS POINT ONE ZERO AND THERE WAS ONLY ONE ARREST LAST YEAR ON PATHFINDER.

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## **BRADY**

POKEMON GO IS A SMART PHONE APP WHERE PEOPLE CATCH VIRTUAL CREATURES IN REAL-LIFE TERRAINS. PLAYERS HAVE TO WALK AROUND DIFFERENT AREAS OF TOWN TO CATCH THEM ALL. BUT HAS ALL THIS WALKING CAUSED ANY PROBLEMS IN CASPER? TODAY (MONDAY) I DID A LITTLE WALKING OF MY OWN TO FIND OUT.

**IT'S THE NEW THING. ALL THE RAGE. POKEMON GO. IT'S A SMART PHONE APP THAT MERGES THE GAMING WORLD WITH THE REAL WORLD. IN OTHER CITIES, BUSINESS OWNERS HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT PEOPLE TRESPASSING TO FIND THESE POKEMON CREATURES. A PENNSYLVANIA TEEN WAS HIT BY A CAR WHILE PLAYING THE GAME. BUT WHAT ABOUT CASPER?**

"Yeah, we really haven't gotten anything from businessmen or residents saying too much about what this, about this Pokemon Go."

**DETECTIVE HATCHER SAYS WHEN THE GAME WAS FIRST RELEASED THERE WERE A FEW CALLS ABOUT SO MANY PEOPLE WANDERING AROUND DOWNTOWN CASPER. POLICE WHO RESPONDED FOUND OUT IT WAS JUST GROUPS OF PEOPLE PLAYING POKEMON GO.**

Det. John: "In fact, we've actually had a lot of officers who actually have participated in Pokémon Go with the community and having fun with them."

**CHARLIE T WITH CHARLIE T'S PIZZAS SAYS HIS BUSINESS HASN'T BEEN AFFECTED. SO FAR, THERE'S JUST A FEW MORE PEOPLE ON THE STREETS. THAT SAID, PLAYERS MAY WANT TO BE CAREFUL BEFORE GOING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY TO NAB THAT CREATURE.**

"We actually had a friend of mine that said about a quarter till 12 11:30 quarter till 12 at night the wife heard people in the backyard. She opened up the blinds and saw four or five people in their backyard. And they were playing Pokémon Go. Let me remind people, that is trespassing. You cannot go into other people's residences or around their residences in their yards, that is trespassing."

**IT'S BEST NOT TO POKEMON AND DRIVE, EITHER.**

"We've had, um, some people call in um about they think they have a drunk driver. Officers respond and the person is not intoxicated, they are Pokémon."

**IF SOMEONE DOES COME ONTO YOUR PROPERTY PLAYING THE GAME, DETECTIVE HATCHER SAYS IT'S BEST TO SIMPLY ASK THEM TO LEAVE.**

"Again, these people aren't meaning to cause any harm. They're just wrapped up in this game. This video game that's kind of just turned them crazy on it."

**CRAZY INDEED.**



## **BRADY**

POKEMON GO IS CURRENTLY THE MOST POPULAR APP AVAILABLE ON ANY APP STORE.

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## **REGINA**

BIG BILLBOARDS EXPRESSING OPINIONS FOR AND AGAINST DELISTING GRIZZLIES ARE SHOWING UP ALL OVER CODY. THE PRESIDENT OF A BEAR HUNTING GROUP SAYS THE SIGNS ARE JUST FEEDING EMOTIONS, AND NOT GIVING GOOD INFORMATION. PENNY PRESTON TALKED TO SPONSORS OF SIGNS AND THE BEAR HUNTERS' REP.

**May 30, 2016**

**Tourists come from around the world to Yellowstone, many hoping for a glimpse of a grizzly. But grizzlies are the subject of roadside controversy in Cody. A drive down any of the major thoroughfares will reveal the arguments for and against taking the grizzly off the endangered species list, and handing over management to Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho.**

**The three states are including hunting in their grizzly management plans. This pro-delisting billboard is on the Powell highway. It was paid for by one man: Scott Weber.**

**Scott Weber: "And I went to all the grizzly hearings, and I knew that May 30th was the last time that there could be public input."**

**Weber says he wanted to help generate public comments.**

**"I'm gonna time that billboard so it comes out in like April. And then the biggest uproar will be May, June."**

**Two anti-delisting billboards were put up more recently. We found the authors of this sign, GOAL, or Guardians of our Ancestors Legacy. The Native American Coalition stands against trophy hunting of Grizzlies.**

**David Bearshield: "This coalition's efforts in putting up this billboard up here in Wyoming is to bring light and education and most of all an awareness on the effect of trophy hunting.**

**David Bearshield says the government is required by treaty to listen to the tribes concerns.**

**"And there's no exception for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the state of Wyoming, or any other state to bypass these particular processes."**

**"Most of the Yellowstone area bears live in Northwest Wyoming, and when hunting is allowed, this is where the greatest number of bears will be taken. But the head of the Yellowstone Bear Hunters' Association says it's too early to talk about hunting grizzlies, even if they are delisted."**

**Joe: "Each state has to have a management plan prior to delist. And that management plan has to coincide with that management strategy that will not allow for the eradication of grizzly bears. And that's what we support."**



**“Both sides of the line are focused so much on the hunting of the grizzly bear. And we haven’t even gotten there yet. From Cody, Penny Preston, News 13.**

**GOAL REPRESENTATIVES SAY IF THERE ARE TOO MANY GRIZZLIES IN THE YELLOWSTONE AREA, THEY SHOULD BE RELOCATED TO TRIBAL NATIONS WITH SUITABLE GRIZZLY HABITAT**

**7/19**

**REGINA**

**A NEARLY 7000-ACRE FOREST FIRE HAS FORCES THE EVACUATION OF BONDURANT. NEWS 13'S BRADY GILLUM IS AT THE FIRE HEADQUARTERS IN PINEDALE. BRADY HOW BAD IS THE FIRE?**

**BRADY**

**REGINA APPROXIMATELY 60 MILES OF HIGHWAY BETWEEN JACKSON AND PINEDALE ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC BECAUSE OF THE FIRES.**

**HUNDREDS OF FIREFIGHTERS ARE TRYING TO CONTAIN THE FLAMES AND STOP THEM FROM SPREADING.**

**Ronda: “As of last night at ten o'clock the estimated total is about three hundred personnel, we have four crews. And then we have two type one helicopters, two type three helicopters and four engines but I am assuming that that has increased greatly from last night ‘til now.”**

**THE FIRE STARTED SOMETIME SUNDAY AFTERNOON.**

**“On July 17th at approximately I think 2:30Pm the fire was called in and it is lightning caused from a storm that came through the area.”**

**FIRE CREWS SAY THE WINDY CONDITIONS MAKE THE FIRE THAT MUCH HARDER TO CONTAIN.**

**Paul: “The wind obviously increases the complexity of the fire, it can obviously increase the flame lengths it can increase the potential for the fire in extent and duration obviously increasing fire size and growth.”**

**EVERY FIRE IS RANKED ON A SCALE OF ONE TO FOUR, ONE BEING THE MOST POWERFUL.**

**“That is all based on values at risk, if there’s communities that are threatened, the number of resources that are on the fire and the complexity. So right now with the number of resources and the complexity that we have currently it’s a type two.”**

**FIREFIGHTERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO MINIMIZE THE DAMAGE.**

**“We are all on the same page, we all work on the same incident action plan and there’s no difference from a firefighter from New Mexico to Wyoming to Florida, we’re all on the same page out here and we’re all after the same objectives.”**

**THERE WILL BE A COMMUNITY MEETING AT THE BONDURANT SCHOOL WEDNESDAY AT 6PM.**

**BRADY**



RIGHT NOW FIRE OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE STILL TRYING TO FIND THE BEST PLACES TO CREATE FIRE LINES TO STOP THE FIRE WHICH IS ZERO PERCENT CONTAINED. BACK TO YOU.

## **REGINA**

ROUGHLY 100 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN EVACUATED FROM THEIR HOMES, WITH NO TIMETABLE WHEN THEY CAN RETURN.

TETON COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE URGING THE PUBLIC TO TAKE CAUTION WITH WILDFIRE SMOKE ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE PRE EXISTING HEART OR RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS, ALLERGIES, ASTHMA, AND ANY TYPE OF LUNG DISEASE. STAY INDOORS AND KEEP THE INDOOR AIR AS CLEAN AS POSSIBLE.

SOME SUGGESTIONS RESIDENTS SHOULD FOLLOW. FIRST KEEP WINDOWS AND DOORS CLOSED. CLEAN OUT YOUR FILTER IF YOU RUN THE AIR CONDITIONER. SEEK SHELTER ELSEWHERE IF YOU DON'T HAVE A/C. DO NOT VACUUM. THIS STIRS UP PARTICLES IN YOUR HOME. AND OF COURSE DO NOT SMOKE. SMOKING PUTS MORE POLLUTION INTO THE AIR.

## **7/20**

AS THE CLIFF CREEK FIRE CONTINUES TO BURN, AS BRADY MENTIONED, THE TETON NATIONAL FOREST NORTH OF BONDURANT, FIREFIGHTERS ARE WORKING TO PROTECT HOMES AND BUSINESSES BY THIS WILDFIRE FORCING EVACUATIONS.

THE HIGHWAYS BETWEEN PINEDALE AND JACKSON ARE STILL CLOSED BECAUSE OF THE CLIFF CREEK FIRE. NEWS 13'S LANDON HARRAR CHECKED WITH PINEDALE BUSINESS OWNERS TO SEE HOW THOSE ROAD CLOSURES AFFECT AREA TOURISM AND ECONOMY.

**MOST PINEDALE HOTELS ARE FILLED EVERY DAY DURING THE SUMMER WITH TOURISTS HEADED TO THE NATIONAL PARKS.**

**BOOMER FREESNEN: "We stay one hundred percent occupied through the summer so we see people in and out of here from all over the world heading to Yellowstone, Jackson and so we couldn't be any busier in the summer, that's when we make our money."**

**RACHEL: "Its high season, July August and September are the busiest summer months in this neck of the woods in Wyoming and um lots of people travel through here."**

**BUSINESS OWNERS ARE ALREADY FEELING THE IMPACT OF TOURISTS RE-ROUTING THEMSELVES.**

**"Last night will be the first night in the middle of July that we've ever had a vacancy and we were about 20 percent vacant last night."**

**SUBLETTE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EMPLOYEES GET CONSTANT QUESTIONS ABOUT GETTING AROUND THE CLOSURES TO JACKSON.**

**"I would say that our daily average walk-ins through the visitors center right now are probably twice what they usually are, so we're seeing a lot of traffic."**

**DICK TYLER: "today we were scheduled to go up to Jackson hole and of course the road is closed, from what we've been told you can take the back routes to get there but we have other things we want to do so why fight that situation."**



**BUSINESS OWNERS SAY MOTHER NATURE PICKED AN IN-OPPORTUNE TIME TO START A FIRE.**

**"We need that road open for our business it's what sustains us through the winter months is this time of year."**

**MANY TOURISTS ARE BEING SENT THROUGH KEMMERER WHICH ADDS OVER TWO HOURS OF DRIVING. LONDON HARRAR NEWS 13 PINEDALE.**

**BRADY**

**FREESEN SAYS THE FIRST DAY OF THE FIRE HE HAD AROUND SEVENTY PERCENT OF HIS RESERVATIONS CALL AND CANCEL. WE'LL HAVE A FULL REPORT FROM BRADY TONIGHT AT 10.**

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**NO MATTER WHAT WORLD WE LIVE IN, OUR WORLD WILL NEVER BE PERFECT. LITTER IS EVERYWHERE BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CARE AND WANT TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL. NEWS 13'S JACKIE WETZLER SPOKE WITH CITY OFFICIALS TO HEAR WAYS THEY ARE PREVENTING THE AMOUNT OF LITTER.**

**"The biggest problem with the litter in Wyoming is our wind"**

**THERE'S NO ESCAPING WYOMING'S WIND BUT TO HELP WITH LITTER, CITY OFFICIALS BAIL GARBAGE, PUT UP FENCING AROUND THE LANDFILL AND RECYCLING DEPOTS, AND CITY CREWS PICK UP TRASH AROUND THE CITY.**

**CITY ORDINANCES STATE YOU HAVE TO SECURE YOUR LOAD WHEN ENTERING THE LANDFILL, AND RESIDENTS NEED TO BAG THEIR GARBAGE.**

**Shelley LeClair: "We really want to encourage people your gutters you really need to pick up your trash your yards and the alley ways"**

**IF YOU'RE CAUGHT WITH TRASH IN YOUR YARD, THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES**

**"We'll send out a notice of violations and you have 5 days to remove the litter if you choose not to do that then we can have our contractor come out and remove the litter then we can send you a bill for it"**

**CASPER CAN BE CLEANER, IF PEOPLE PITCH IN.**

**Cindie: "It's all about behavior...it's a community issue everybody if they want to prevent it is put it in garbage container bag your garbage"**

**"A little effort goes a long way towards keeping Casper a cleaner and safer place to live, work and play"**

**JACKIE WETZLER NEWS 13 CASPER**

**CITY OFFICIALS ARE WORKING ON BANNING PLASTIC BAGS. ACCORDING TO STATE STATUTE, LITTERING IS A MISDEMEANOR AND YOU COULD FACE UP TO A 750 DOLLAR CHARGE.**

**7/21**



## **BRADY**

THE CLIFF CREEK FIRE GREW 2500 ACRES LAST NIGHT MAKING IT OVER 10,000 TOTAL ACRES. THIS MORNING PEOPLE WHO HAVE HOMES IN BONDURANT WERE TOLD THEY CAN FINALLY GO HOME. THE FIRE IS SPREADING AWAY FROM THE SMALL TOWN, HEADING TO THE NORTH EAST.

PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN GRANITE CREEK HOWEVER STILL CANNOT RETURN HOME. THIS IS BECAUSE THERE ARE ACTIVE SECTIONS OF THE FIRE BURNING CLOSE TO STRUCTURES.

**“There is actual fire in granite creek proper itself, its slowly backing into granite creek. It’s approximately maybe a mile away from the closest structure but it’s still the threat is very near to those structures.”**

DEMASTERS DID SAY BECAUSE THEY HAVE CONTAINED THE FIRE NEAR BONDURANT THEY HOPE TO ANNOUNCE 10 PERCENT CONTAINMENT SOON, INSTEAD OF THE ZERO PERCENT IT WAS LAST NIGHT.

PINEDALE’S MAYOR SAYS THE TOWN IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE A BIG EVENT WITH OVER SEVENTY VENDORS COMING THIS WEEKEND. WITH MOST OF THE HIGHWAY TO JACKSON STILL CLOSED, HE’S NOT SURE EXACTLY HOW MANY VENDORS WILL ACTUALLY MAKE IT. THE HIGHWAY MAY BE OPEN TOMORROW.

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS WILL ANNOUNCE THAT DECISION LATER TONIGHT OR IN THE MORNING. PINEDALE’S MAYOR DID SAY THE SCHEDULED EVENT WILL STILL CONTINUE AS ALL ROADS SOUTH TO PINEDALE REMAIN OPEN.

7/22

## **REGINA**

PINEDALE’S AIRPORT IS GETTING MORE USE THAN NORMAL BECAUSE OF THE CLIFF CREEK FIRE. NEWS 13’S LONDON HARRAR SHOWS US WHAT SOME ORIGINAL CONCERNS WERE ABOUT EXTRA AIRCRAFT AT THE TERMINAL, AND HOW THOSE AIRCRAFT ARE USED TO FIGHT THE FLAMES.

**PINEDALE DOES NOT HAVE A COMMERCIAL AIRPORT, SO AIRPORT PERSONNEL WEREN’T IMMEDIATELY READY TO SUPPORT FIREFIGHTING AIRCRAFT.**

**BOB JONES: “Our biggest concern right now is getting the proper amount of fuel because they’re sucking down a lot of jet A and so we normally don’t stock that much and so getting fuel is our biggest challenge but we’re on top of that and we’re going to be able to support them fine.”**

**JIM PARKER: “Presents a challenge because of the amount of space they take and the amount of space needed for the other aircraft for the ranch owners that own those airplanes that come in here typically in the summer.”**

**THE CLIFF CREEK FIRE IS HIGH PRIORITY FOR AIRCRAFT.**

**DOUG: “Assigned to this fire right now we have two water scoopers and we have currently eight helicopters, they’re not all in the air at the same time.”**

**“With so many aircraft dropping water and retardant on the fires it’s important that ground crews remain in constant communication with what’s called an air attack plane. Now that air attack plane has up to five different radios in it so everybody can know where the next drop is coming and where they need to stand to stay safe.”**



**“The scoopers are bringing in just over 1600 gallons at eight pounds per gallon that’s a lot of weight coming down so we have to make sure that anybody on the ground is clear of the drop zone and that we’re not going to smush anybody into the ground.”**

**AIR SUPPORT IS HELPFUL, BUT GROUND CREWS ARE STILL THE MOST IMPORTANT.**

**“Without forces on the ground the resources in the air are just buying time, if you don’t have folks on the ground to follow up with the water drops or retardant drops. Really it doesn’t put the fire out it just slows it down and gives people a chance to get there.”**

**MOST AIRCRAFT CAN STAY AIRBORNE FOR 2 HOURS BEFORE NEEDING TO RE-FUEL. LANDON HARRAR NEWS 13 PINEDALE.**

**REGINA**

**GROUND CREWS HAVE CALLED IN ASSISTANCE FROM AIRCRAFT AS FAR AWAY AS BOISE.**

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**REGINA**

**YELLOWSTONE FIRE MANAGERS ARE GETTING READY FOR THE WORST PART OF THE SEASON. HOT WEATHER AND DRYING WINDS ARE CREATING DANGEROUS CONDITIONS. PENNY PRESTON REPORTS TECHNICIANS ARE TESTING THE AIR, THE SKIES, AND THE WOOD TO BE READY.**

**Yellowstone wildfires often start in the height of the tourist season: July and August. And, they are often sparked by lightning... as was the 2003 Cub Creek fire, inside the Park’s East Entrance.**

**Penny Preston: “This is where lightning started the blaze one late August night. I was driving back from Jackson, and I stopped to see trees exploding in front of me.**

**A change in wind direction pushed the blaze toward Fishing Bridge 17 miles of forest along the roadway were blackened.**

**Todd Opperman: “Normally, this would be kind of the fire season in Yellowstone National Park, typically for larger fire growth.”**

**Yellowstone’s Deputy Fire Management Officer, Todd Opperman, says by this time of year, the Park usually moves its fire danger index to high...because the millions of acres of trees and grass are drying out..**

**“Larger fuels are very dry now.”**

**How does Opperman know? He has a team of fire managers monitoring conditions across the Park. One is Jessica Hadley, at Yellowstone’s East Entrance. She starts by recording electronic weather readings...and testing the wind for speed and direction.**

**“So our highest is currently about 9.5.”**

**But, then, she actually weighs the wood.**



**Jessica Hadley: “I’d say that’s probably seven. It was eight yesterday. Is that dry? Yes. After it rains, they’re higher up, more like 25.”**

**“We’re doing fuel samplings, as far as fuel moisture at nine sites around the park. Typically they’re done every week, to two weeks.”**

**Opperman says the fuel and weather reports help fire managers set the fire danger level. On this day: High, no restrictions yet, but visitors are encouraged to be careful with campfires and smoking. Opperman says restrictions may be just around the corner.**

**“If the weather stays like this, in the upper eighties, close to nineties, clear weather, we’ll be pushing into very high fire danger at that point.”**

**From Yellowstone, Penny Preston, News 13.**

## **REGINA**

TWO SMALL BACKCOUNTRY FIRES ARE BEING MONITORED IN YELLOWSTONE.)

**7/23**

## **JACKIE**

BIG HORN COUNTY SHERIFFS AND BASIN FIREFIGHTERS ARE ASSISTING WITH A FIRE IN THE BIG HORN MOUNTAINS AREA. THE FIRE HAS COVERED AROUND 3000 ACRES AND IS AT ZERO PERCENT CONTAINMENT. MULTIPLE STRUCTURES ARE THREATENED. POLICE HAVE CREATED A NEED FOR MANDATORY EVACUATION FROM WEST TEN SLEEP LAKE, DEER HAVEN, AND CAMPS AND CABINS IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS. PEOPLE ARE EVACUATING TO BUFFALO.

U.S. HIGHWAY 16 IS CLOSED NEAR TEN SLEEP AND BUFFALO. AT THIS TIME, NO INJURIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED. THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE ALSO ISSUED A FIRE WARNING IN FREEMONT COUNTY FOR THE LAVA MOUNTAIN FIRE.

THE FOLLOWING SUBDIVISIONS ARE BEING ELEVATED TO THE SET PRE-EVACUATION STAGE: HAT BUTTE, UNION PASS, WARM SPRINGS, AND PORQUINE

**7/25**

## **REGINA**

A LARGE FIRE NEAR TEN SLEEP WYOMING IS CAUSED BY OVERHEATED BRAKES. FIRE INVESTIGATORS SAY DRY ROADSIDE GRASSES IGNITED IN THE TEN SLEEP CANYON AFTER SOMEONE WITH OVERHEATED BRAKES PULLED OVER TO LET THEM COOL. PENNY PRESTON FOUND THE SPOT WHERE THE FIRE BEGAN, AND BRINGS US THIS REPORT ON THE 27 HUNDRED ACRE BLAZE.

**The Hatchery fire started around noon Friday, along U-S Highway 16 between Ten Sleep and Buffalo. It was in a steep canyon near the Ten Sleep Hatchery. Sandy Slater manages a Christian Retreat Camp just down the road.**

**Sandy: “There was a couple of cars that drove in really fast. They were yelling and asking us to call the fire department.”**



Slater says soon after she called 911, she saw huge plumes of smoke, and,

**“Helicopters started flying overhead, right over the ranch. And they were going down and dipping, I guess trying to get water from the Ten Sleep Creek.”**

Slater says the heavy smoke continued throughout the weekend, while firefighters protected her guest ranch. By Monday morning, the smoke was gone here, but the non-profit camp lost thousands of dollars of income.

**“We have a large camp that was to arrive this week. And they had to cancel. It was a huge loss.”**

**Brett: “It’s impacted a good amount of acreage. This fire has 301 people on the fire working.”**

Incident Command spokesman Brett Haberstick says 70 of those people are at the incident command post in Ten Sleep. Friday Highway 16 was blocked off to traffic between Ten Sleep and Buffalo, and tourists going to and from Yellowstone to the West could not make it through. But, Sunday night, the highway was reopened.

**Penny: “Traffic is moving through Ten Sleep again, but in the area where the fire started investigators are encouraging motorists to move on.”**

We found Worland’s District Fire Chief, with county and federal officers combing the spot where the fire started. Haberstick says investigators determined an unknown car, RV, or truck pulled over to let their overheated brakes cool, and the hot brakes caught the dry grass on fire. From near Ten Sleep, Penny Preston, News 13.

## **REGINA**

TEMPERATURES HAVE CLIMBED ABOVE 100 DEGREES IN THE TEN SLEEP AREA RECENTLY. HABERSTICK SAYS THE HEAT AND HIGH WINDS ARE CHALLENGING FIRE FIGHTERS WHO ARE TRYING TO CONTAIN THE BLAZE.

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## **REGINA**

ONTO ANOTHER FIRE BURNING IN WYOMING, THE CLIFF CREEK FIRE NOW COVERS MORE THAN 14-THOUSAND ACRES WITH OVER 600 FIREFIGHTERS ON SCENE. A GROUP OF TEENAGERS FROM UTAH ARE WORKING WITH THE FIREFIGHTERS TO KEEP THE INCIDENT COMMAND CAMP CLEAN.

THE TEENAGERS RE-STOCK WATER COOLERS WITH DRINKS AND ICE. THEY ALSO COLLECT AND DISCARD TRASH SO FIREFIGHTERS HAVE A CLEAN CAMP TO COME HOME TOO. THE TEENAGERS ALSO WAKE UP AT 5:30 IN THE MORNING TO PREPARE THE FIREFIGHTERS FOR THE DAY AHEAD.

**Abigail: “waking up early in the morning is when we hand out water to the fire fighters and we hand out their lunches and the ice and what gets them through the day, it’s worth waking up in the morning.”**

EACH TEEN SIGNED UP FOR THE CREWS AND REMAINED ON CALL TO GO ANYWHERE THEY ARE NEEDED IN THE WESTERN STATES. SOME TEENS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THIS AS A SUMMER JOB FOR YEARS....AND CAN VISIT MULTIPLE FIRE CAMPS EVERY SUMMER.



THE CREWS STAY AT EACH CAMP FOR UP TO FOURTEEN DAYS..... THEY TOLD LONDON EVEN THOUGH THE HOURS ARE LONG AND THE WORK MENIAL.....THE FRIENDSHIPS MADE ALONG THE WAY MAKE IT ALL WORTH IT.

FIREFIGHTERS MAY BE OUT ON THE FRONT LINES....BUT WITHOUT THESE HARDWORKING TEENS THEIR JOB WOULD BE EVEN MORE CHALLENGING.THE CREW HAS ALSO BUILT POSTER BOARDS FOR FIRE FIGHTING MAPS AND CLEARED THE CAMP AREA OF LARGE ROCKS SO NOBODY TRIPS AND HURTS THEMSELVES EARLY IN MORNING.

**7/26**

**REGINA**

THE LAVA MOUNTAIN FIRE JUST NORTH OF DUBOIS THREATENS STRUCTURES AND RANCH PROPERTY.

**BRADY**

NEWS 13'S LONDON HARRAR SAW FLAMES REACHING UPWARDS OF 20 TO 30 FEET HIGH TORCHING THE LANDSCAPE ABOUT A MILE AWAY FROM HIM. THERE ARE 650 FIREFIGHTERS NOW TRYING TO GET A HANDLE ON THE UNCONTAINED WILDFIRE.

EIGHT HELICOPTERS ARE DROPPING WATER ANYWHERE IT'S NEEDED....WITH MORE COMING SOON.

**Tom: "There's another helicopter that's coming to join us a Chinook, a heavy lift helicopter in order to help us protect the houses and also I understand that the National Guard has assigned a black hawk helicopter to come help us with any medical evacuations that are needed."**

THE FIRE STARTED FROM A LIGHTNING STRIKE BACK ON JULY 11TH. NATIONAL FOREST SUPERVISORS SAW THE LIGHTNING BUT COULDN'T FIND THE FIRE BECAUSE IT WAS WHATS KNOWN AS A SLEEPER.

THAT MEANS THE FIRE SMOLDERS WITHOUT GIVING UP ANY SMOKE MAKING IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND. ONCE THE WEATHER WARMED UP THE FIRE BURST TO LIFE AND IS NOW COVERING MORE THAN 8-THOUSAND ACRES. SO FAR NO STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN LOST. A STAGE ONE NATIONAL FIRE CREW WILL BE ARRIVING TO TAKE OVER FIREFIGHTING OPERATIONS.

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**BRADY**

SEVERAL WILDFIRES ARE BURNING IN WYOMING. THE LARGEST WILDFIRE IS THE CLIFF CREEK FIRE, SO FAR IT'S BURNED MORE THAN 16,800 ACRES. IT IS 10 PERCENT CONTAINED. THE LAVA MOUNTAIN FIRE IS ABOUT 20 MILES NORTHWEST OF DUBOIS. IT HAS CONSUMED A LITTLE MORE THAN 8,000 ACRES.

ABOUT SEVEN MILES NORTHEAST OF TEN SLEEP THE HATCHERY FIRE HAS BURNED 2,775 ACRES AND IS 60 PERCENT CONTAINED. THE ARDEN FIRE IS 45 PERCENT CONTAINED AND BURNED MORE THAN 550 ACRES.

**7/27**



**REGINA**

ALMOST A THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN EVACUATED AS THE LAVA MOUNTAIN FIRE THREATENS HOMES AND BUILDING.

**BRADY**

NEWS 13'S LANDON HARRAR SHOWS US HOW THE TETON VALLEY RANCH CAMP DEALT WITH THE EVACUATION AND HOW THE NATIONAL GUARD IS ON-CALL FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

**THE TETON VALLEY RANCH CAMP WAS IN FULL SESSION WHEN CAMP DIRECTORS LEARNED THE FIRE WAS HEADED THEIR WAY.**

**Alex Razzolini Camp Facilities Director: "We had about 135 kids here and then about a hundred so about 235 folk total and we started our evacuation in the afternoon on Friday."**

**FIREFIGHTERS STAYED ON THE CAMP GROUNDS AND SUCCESSFULLY SAVED EVERY BUILDING FROM THE FLAMES.**

**"To have 125 firefighters camped out on your green space is a really re-assuring fact and can't thank them enough for everything they've done in putting their lives at stake and protecting just a couple of buildings."**

**THERE IS NOW A BLACKHAWK HELICOPTER WITH A NATIONAL GUARD CREW ON STAND BY FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES FIREFIGHTERS OR CIVILIANS COULD FACE.**

**Greg Leffler National Guard Medic: "We're the National Guard we're here to help everybody, this is a state mission, we're here to help the state I mean the four of us we're excited about being here."**

**Tom Berglund Fire Information Officer: "Our firefighters put it all on the line and a lot of the area that they've been in has roads and easy access and that kind of thing but as the fire moves up into those hills, those steep rocky terrains it would be really hard to get one of them out if there was a bad fall, if something fell and hit them a falling tree a falling rock something like that."**

**THE BLACKHAWK CREW SAYS NOT BEING NEEDED WOULD BE THE BEST SITUATION.....BUT THEY ARE READY TO ROLL WHENEVER THEY ARE CALLED.**

**"You get real nervous, real anxious when you go out on a mission, but there's also that adrenaline pump like this is the missions this is time to go, like this is what we've trained for."**

**SO FAR ONLY TWO FIREFIGHTERS HAVE SUSTAINED MINOR INJURIES OUT IN THE FIELD. LANDON HARRAR NEWS 13 DUBOIS.**

**BRADY**

OPERATIONS FOR THE LAVA MOUNTAIN FIRE ARE NOW IN THE HANDS OF A NATIONAL TYPE ONE TEAM AS OF EARLY THIS MORNING.

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**BRADY**



A GRASS FIRE IN CASPER QUICKLY SPREAD TO NEARBY STRUCTURES THIS AFTERNOON (WEDNESDAY). THE FIRE STARTED IN A BACK YARD BETWEEN TWO HOUSES ON THE 2100 BLOCK OF LILAC. BY THE TIME CASPER FIRE-EMS ARRIVED, THE FIRE HAD ALREADY STARTED BURNING INTO TWO HOUSES. FIREFIGHTERS PUT OUT THE FIRE QUICKLY.

HERE ARE A COUPLE OF GUIDELINES YOU SHOULD FOLLOW TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING. EVERYTHING WITHIN 30 FEET OF YOUR HOME SHOULD BE LAND-SCAPED. SHRUBS SHOULD BE KEPT UNDER 18 INCHES TALL

TRIM YOUR TREE BRANCHES SO NOTHING IS CLOSER THAN 10 FEET TO THE GROUND. AVOID USING BARK OR WOOD CHIPS FOR LANDSCAPING CLOSE TO YOUR HOME.

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## **BRADY**

SPEAKING OF FIRES, AROUND 9:30 LAST NIGHT (TUESDAY), NATRONA COUNTY, MILLS AND BLM FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDED TO COUNTY ROAD 125 FOR REPORTS OF A WILDFIRE. THERE WERE THREE SEPARATE FIRES BURNING, AND THEY EVENTUALLY BURNED TOGETHER TO MAKE ONE BIGGER FIRE. IT EVENTUALLY BURNED ABOUT 140 ACRES. ALL THE FIRES WERE STARTED BY LIGHTNING.

7/28

## **REGINA**

THE RED CROSS HAS SET UP A SHELTER FOR THOSE EVACUATED BECAUSE OF THE LAVA MOUNTAIN FIRE. NEWS 13'S LANDON HARRAR SHOWS US WHAT 'S AVAILABLE FOR THOSE AFFECTED AND HOW THE COMMUNITY IS JOINING IN THE RECOVERY EFFORTS.

**RED CROSS PERSONNEL SAY THEY ARE HERE TO HELP RECOVERY, NOT DO IT ALL BY THEMSELVES.**

**Bill: "We're basically here to support the community, help the community recover in any manner that they need so right now because we' don't have a lot of people actually staying at the shelter, we're actually providing mass care, we're expecting to feed approximately two hundred people tonight."**

**THEY WILL BE OFFERING DINNERS COOKED BY LOCAL VOLUNTEERS EVERY EVENING.**

**Troy: "Gotta give them a good experience, they're having a hard time in life right now so kick out some good food and that might put a bit of a smile on their face."**

**"Having food, very good food, we'll have things tonight like homemade meatballs and spaghetti, roasted chicken, we'll have really great food here."**

**VOLUNTEERS GIVE WHATEVER TIME THEY CAN SPARE TO HELP HOWEVER THEY CAN.**

**"I'm a new father, I've got an eight day old daughter, so I got to be at home, I got to make some money and all that but if I can donate five or six hours a day here I'll sleep when I die."**

**RED CROSS WORKERS SAY A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE STAYING WITH FAMILY NOW, AS THE FIRE CONTINUES TO RAGE THEY EXPECT MORE PEOPLE TO USE THE FACILITIES.**



**“Their family may get tired of them sleeping on the couch and ask them to come to the shelter so we’re here for those people too so that does happen. Sometimes we’ll see no one in a shelter for a week and then they’ll start trickling back in.”**

**Landon: “Red cross personnel say the best way you can donate now is simply to give your time and energy. Because the shelter is open twenty four hours a day, anybody who would be willing to come and relieve the night shift workers so they can get some rest would be a major help. Landon Harrar news 13 Dubois.”**

## **REGINA**

**RIGHT NOW THE NIGHTSHIFT FIREFIGHTERS ARE SLEEPING IN THE SHELTER, THERE’S ROOM FOR ANYBODY ELSE WHO NEEDS A BED, SOME FOOD AND A HOT SHOWER.**

**7/29**

## **BRADY**

**FIRE FIGHTERS IN NATRONA COUNTY HAVE RESPONDED TO A FIRE ALMOST EVERY DAY DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS. SOME FIRES IN CASPER ARE CAUSED BY VERY FIXABLE MISTAKES. NEWS 13’S RAY BOGAN SHARES THE STORY OF SOME MISTAKES THAT HAVE CAUSED FIRES THAT YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE.**

**EVERYONES HEARD OF STUPID CRIMINALS. BUT THERE ARE ALSO PEOPLE WHO VERY INNOCENTLY DO STUPID THINGS THAT RESULT IN A FIRE.**

**Ray Bogan: “So this is true. I got the idea to do this story when I was driving home Friday night and saw someone using a charcoal grill in their garage. Captain Smith says most people do that because they want to get the grill out of the wind. Bad Idea.”**

**Ray: “Captain Smith, what is the right way to get your grill out of the wind.”**

**Captain Smith: “You want to look for the natural wind blocks that might be in your yard. Sometimes the fence or the shed or other structures will provide a natural wind block. And because wind’s such a chronic problem around here and outdoor kitchens becoming more popular, it’s not uncommon for people to build a wind break to be out of the wind. And typically we do that out of noncombustible materials. Certainly the surface needs to be tile or steel. Something that won’t easily ignite.”**

**Ray: “Another no-no, putting cigarettes in potted plants. I’ve covered multiple fires that have started that way, including one that burned the entire back of the house off.”**

**Smith: “When we’re talking about potted plants, we’re talking about pine bark, and other organic materials that once they dry out they ignite very easily.”**

**OUR FINAL NO, NO, LEAVING OPEN GASOLINE CANS IN YOUR GARAGE. THE FLASHPOINT OF GASOLINE IS 45 DEGREES BELOW ZERO, WHICH MEANS VOLATILE VAPORS ARE ALWAYS COMING OUT OF OPEN CANS.**

**Smith: “Because gasoline vapors are always going to be escaping as long as it’s warmer than 45 degrees below zero, it’s important that you buy the gas cans that have a safety mechanism that make it normally closed. That you actually have to open it to pour the gas.”**

**SO PLEASE, LISTEN TO THE CAPTAIN. RAY BOGAN NEWS 13 CASPER.**



**BRADY**

CAPTAIN SMITH SAYS BECAUSE OF WYOMING'S LOW HUMIDITY, STATIC ELECTRICITY CAN BE A PROBLEM. SO IF YOU NEED TO REFILL GAS TANKS, DON'T DO IT IN THE BED OF A PICK UP OR EVEN GARAGE FLOOR, DO IT ON THE GROUND.

## **August**

**8/1**

**BRADY**

THE LAVA MOUNTAIN FIRE IS NOW 40 PERCENT CONTAINED, NOT AS THREATENING AS LAST WEEK.

**REGINA**

THERE'S A TOWN MEETING TONIGHT AT SEVEN WHERE FIRE OFFICIALS WILL TELL HOMEOWNERS IF IT'S SAFE TO GO HOME.

**FIREFIGHTING OFFICIALS SAY IF THE WEATHER DOESN'T START ANY MORE FIRES IT'S POSSIBLE SOME EVACUATIONS COULD BE LIFTED.**

**"We don't know for sure that it's going to happen tomorrow, that's the hope, it might be the next day. We need to wait and see today is a red flag day we've got low humidity, strong winds and a lot of atmospheric instability which can lead to a high potential for fire growth,"**

**PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON THE MOUNTAIN SAY ANTICIPATING EVACUATIONS WAS THE WORST PART.**

**"It's the not knowing, I think for folks that were evacuated as well as those who were on SET, it was just not knowing exactly what's happening and not feeling like you have much control."**

**"Dubois residents say they're happy evacuees can get ready to go home but they're also happy that all the thick smoke is finally disappearing. That smoke was deterring drive thru business for the town and has also been making it hard to breathe for the elderly."**

**"The greatest excitement is not dealing with the smoke it does affect people's sinuses, breathing, especially the older people, people with respiratory problems so it will be wonderful to have the smoke clear out."**

**SOME FIREFIGHTERS WILL TRANSFER TO OTHER WILDFIRES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.**

**"We've had other fires calling and saying we need resources is there any chance you could help and that's the same way it was here about a week ago. They were asking for resources and other fires were giving up their people to come here and now we're at a point where we can say yes we'll send our firefighters elsewhere."**

**FIRE OFFICIALS SAY WE SHOULDN'T GET TOO RELAXED YET... SOME COULD STILL BE ASKED TO EVACUATE AGAIN LATER.**

**REGINA**



FIRE OFFICIALS HOPE THEY CAN HAVE THE FIRE 100 PERCENT CONTAINED AND PUT OUT BY SEPTEMBER FIRST. MANY PEOPLE TOLD TO GET READY TO EVACUATE DECIDED THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO GET OUT FIRST WAS THEIR LIVESTOCK.

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## **BRADY**

UNION PASS AND PORCUPINE SUBDIVISION RESIDENTS EVACUATED BECAUSE OF THE LAVA MOUNTAIN FIRE ARE ALLOWED HOME.

## **REGINA**

OFFICIALS STARTED LETTING RESIDENTS BACK ON THE MOUNTAIN AT NINE A-M THIS MORNING. MULTIPLE HANDMADE SIGNS THANKING FIREFIGHTERS AND CALLING THEM HEROES ARE PLACED ON THE ROAD UP THE MOUNTAIN.

NEAR BOTH SUBDIVISIONS THERE ARE BURNED-OUT AREAS SURROUNDING OR NEAR HOMES. ONE HOMEOWNER SAYS SHE SAW THE SMOKE BEFORE BEING TOLD A FIRE WAS RAGING CLOSE TO HOME.

**Alice Irwin Has a Home on Union Pass: "I first saw the smoke and there were two fires at that time, there was one over in the Bondurant and there was one here and we would get both of the smokes coming across and kind of crossing directions at the end of the day."**

FIREFIGHTERS MANAGED TO SAVE EVERY STRUCTURE IN THE EVACUATED AREA EVEN THOUGH SOME HOMES HAVE BURNED TREES LESS THAN FIVE FEET AWAY.

ONE HOME'S WINDOWS CRACKED BECAUSE OF THE HEAT AND THE WOODEN WALLS ARE SINGED. FIREFIGHTERS SAY IT'S A MIRACLE THEY WERE ABLE TO SAVE EVERY STRUCTURE AS NEAR THE FIRES ACTUALLY GOT TO THEM. FIRE OFFICIALS AND THE FREMONT COUNTY SHERIFF HAVE ONLY OPENED THE ROAD TO RESIDENTS ON THE MOUNTAIN BECAUSE THERE ARE STILL ACTIVE FIRE CREWS ON DUTY.

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## **REGINA**

HUGE CLOUDS OF SMOKE HANG OVER CODY TONIGHT AS HIGH WINDS WHIP A FIRE TOWARD THE CITY. IT STARTED TUESDAY IN WAPITI VALLEY, BETWEEN CODY AND YELLOWSTONE.

## **BRADY**

THE FIRE IS STILL MILES AWAY FROM CODY, AND THE BUFFALO BILL RESERVOIR STANDS IN THE PATH OF THE BLAZE. PENNY PRESTON REPORTS EVACUATIONS STARTED LAST NIGHT, AS HOUSES BURNED.

**As huge clouds of smoke billow over the mountains south of the Yellowstone highway, helicopters and an air tanker dropped water and retardant over what the B-L-M calls the Whit Fire. Cody Field Office Manager Delissa Minnick says the 3000 acre blaze started on private land in the Whit Creek area, but when asked about the cause, would only say it is under investigation. We found the property where it apparently started, and the foundation of a burned home nearby.**



**PENNY:** “This is the property next door to where the fire started Tuesday. The man who lives here says he didn’t have time to do anything but watch the fire go by.”

**PATRICK:** “I smelled smoke and turned around and there it was coming right at me. I grabbed my shovel and tried to put it out but it got so hot, so fast.

Patrick Perotti ran to his house...

“And before I could get the water hose turned on, it was already past the house.”

“Legally we’re not allowed to do a mandatory evacuation in the state of Wyoming.”

But, Park County’s Homeland Security office issued a Code Red evacuation recommendation to people who lived in the area Tuesday night.

**MART:** “It was an evacuation recommendation, for the area of the Whit Creek drainage east to Gibbs Bridge.”

Some homeowners did leave. Some, like David Woods, decided to wait and see...

“You pays your money, takes your chances out here in this part of the country. It’s what it is.”

Woods filled up his water tanks, packed up his valuables so they’re ready to go, and put out sprinklers. He says people tell him...

**DAVID:** “If you need help, call. And then there’s the few that want me to come help them do something. Hey, I’m sorry what you’ve got going on is not as important as what I have today.”

Woods watches the smoke billowing over Wapiti valley, as do the tourists heading to and from Yellowstone. High winds on this day are pushing the fire toward Buffalo Bill Reservoir, and the smoke toward Cody. From Wapiti Valley, West of Cody, I’m Penny Preston, News 13.

**BRADY**

B-L-M SPOKESWOMAN MIMMICK SAYS THE WILDFIRE IS BURNING MOSTLY ON B-L-M LAND, BUT IS ALSO SPREADING THROUGH PRIVATE LANDS AND PARTS OF THE SHOSHONE NATIONAL FOREST.

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**BRADY**

AN EVENT AT LANDER’S CHILDRENS MUSEUM IS TEACHING KIDS THE INS AND OUTS OF SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY IN A HANDS ON WAY. NEWS 13’S LONDON HARRAR SHOWS US WHAT EXACTLY THOSE KIDS WERE LEARNING ABOUT.

**EVENT ORGANIZERS WANT TO GET KIDS EXCITED ABOUT SCIENCE AT A YOUNG AGE.**

**Jody Shaw Children’s Museum Executive Director:** “They’re learning how viruses travel and just getting a lot of science around biology and learning what the future may look like!”

**Adam Conner Pre-med CWC Helper:** “I think it’s good to start young. I wish I had.”



**ALL THE KITS FOR EXPERIMENTS ARE DONATED BY THE BOSTON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AS HANDS ON LEARNING TOOLS FOR KIDS.**

**“When kids can touch and feel and do they learn. At the age group that most of children are that come to the museum that’s the best way for children to learn is hands on and if they have that real life experience then they remember.”**

**“You can get across core concepts and ideas pretty easily using simple objects like Chinese food boxes emulate say a virus that you’re using to deliver a cure.”**

**CENTRAL WYOMING COLLEGE STUDENTS AND A BIOLOGY PROFESSOR WERE THERE TO HELP EXPLAIN THESE IDEAS.**

**“CWC has agreed to come over and help us, then we have one of their instructors of biology and two of his students came to help and the DNA test that we’re doing is actually one that they do in their classrooms so they have come with their expertise to come share with the children too.”**

**KIDS EVEN GOT TO SEE THEIR OWN DNA USING AN EXPERIMENT COLLEGE STUDENTS DO AT CWC. LANDON HARRAR NEWS 13 LANDER.**

**EVENT ORGANIZERS SAY THE IDEAS OUTLINED TODAY WILL HOPEFULLY STAY WITH THE KIDS AND INFLUENCE THEIR FUTURE JOB AND EDUCATION CHOICES.**

**8/4**

**REGINA**

**PEOPLE WHO LIVE WEST OF CODY ARE BEING TOLD TO “EVACUATE QUICKLY IF A DEPUTY COMES KNOCKING ON YOUR DOOR.**

**BRADY**

**THAT MESSAGE TONIGHT FROM A TYPE ONE FIREFIGHTING TEAM, WHO TOOK OVER MANAGEMENT OF THE WHIT FIRE TONIGHT.**

**REGINA**

**PENNY PRESTON REPORTS THE GOVERNMENT’S MOST SKILLED AND ADVANCED TEAM WILL FACE A FIRE THAT HAS COVERED TEN THOUSAND ACRES...AND IS STILL GROWING.**

**As the big trucks pulled in to the Buffalo Bill Campground, Planes and water dipping helicopters flew overhead, dropping water and retardant onto the Whit Fire, As they did Wednesday, near where the fire started on private land fifteen miles west of Cody the day before. Although winds from the west pushed the fire over onto the South Fork...and tripled its size to ten thousand acres...only two homes and a few outbuildings were lost.**

**But, winds from the East pushed the fire back toward Wapiti Valley overnight. And, homeowners put up their sprinklers, and carried out their keepsakes. They weren’t the only ones.**

**PENNY: “This is our family cabin at the end of Green Creek Road in the Shoshone National Forest. The fire is on the back side of Table Mountain and the wind is blowing in this direction. So, I came home to pack up the pictures and the family memorabilia.”**



Meanwhile, the management team that included BLM, Shoshone National Forest, Park County, the Wyoming State Forestry Division, and a Type 3 Incident Management team, welcomed a new crew to the Whit Fire.

**KRISTIE:** “When the fire came up over the mountain and came down into the South Fork area, that brought a lot more structures into our fire perimeter area, and increased the complexity of the Whit fire. So, we decided that it was time to bring in our most skilled and advanced team which is Type I incident Management Team.”

That team commander, Todd Pechota, met Cody and Park County residents Thursday night. He told them there may be as many as 750 firefighters working to control the Whit fire, which is now threatening homes on two fronts. We asked him how people can help his firefighters...

**TODD:** “So when the 911 system and law enforcement recommends an evacuation, to heed those warnings.”

Residents of Wapiti’s east end and portions of the South Fork were advised to evacuate Tuesday night. Will people on the west end of the valley be asked to evacuate soon?

“I’m not suggesting that I’m anticipating more. Could they happen yes. But, I’m talking generally.

From Cody, and Wapiti, Penny Preston, News 13.

#### **BRADY**

IN ADDITION TO PREVIOUS EVACUATIONS, THREE TRAILS ARE CLOSED NOW: GREEN CREEK AND TWIN CREEK TRAILS IN THE SHOSHONE NATIONAL FOREST, AND SHEEP MOUNTAIN TRAIL ON B-L-M LANDS.

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#### **REGINA**

HIGHWAY FATALITIES IN WYOMING HAVE DROPPED NEARLY 40 PERCENT THIS YEAR, COMPARED TO THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR. IN AUGUST 2015, WYOMING HAD NEARLY 90 HIGHWAY FATALITIES ON THE YEAR. SO FAR THIS YEAR, THERE HAVE BEEN 54.

HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPERS CREDIT SAFETY EDUCATION LIKE THE ALIVE AT 25 PROGRAM. THE W-H-P HAS ALSO HIRED ABOUT 20 TROOPERS IN THE LAST YEAR. THEY DIDN'T CREATE ANY NEW POSITIONS, THEY JUST FILLED VACANCIES.

**Shawn Dickerson:** “So we've got a more active presence on the highway. Which we certainly believe impacts drivers behavior. Hopefully it slows them down, encourages them to put their phone down and stuff like that. To where they're actually paying attention to driving. Putting their seatbelt on. That's obviously the number one thing people can do to stay safe on the highway is put their seatbelt on.”

DICKERSON ALSO BELIEVES THE DOWNTURN IN THE ECONOMY MAY HAVE AN IMPACT, BECAUSE THERE'S LESS COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC ON THE ROADS AND FEWER PEOPLE COMMUTING.

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CASPER POLICE SAY A MAN IS SAFE AND REUNITED WITH HIS FAMILY AFTER BEING TAKEN HOSTAGE THIS MORNING (FRIDAY). ACCORDING TO A POLICE REPORT, THIRTY FIVE YEAR OLD DAVID CHAVIS TOOK A 51 YEAR OLD MAN HOSTAGE AT 800 WERNER COURT IN CASPER. THAT'S JUST OFF NORTH POPLAR STREET DOWN THE HILL FROM THE EVENTS CENTER.

CHAVIS DID HAVE AN EDGED WEAPON. WE'RE STILL TRYING TO LEARN HIS MOTIVATION AND THE INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING. HOWEVER CASPER POLICE ARE VERY RELIEVED IT ENDED WITH OUT ANY INJURIES.

**HADLOCK: Hadlock: these can go many many ways. But when we can get it resolved like this with a lot of team work and partnership with the community, we do well.**

THE SITUATION WAS MAINLY RUN BY NATRONA COUNTY'S SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM ALONG WITH A HOSTAGE NEGOTIAN TEAM. CASPER POLICE RAN THE INVESTIGATION. WE'RE STILL WAITING ON CHARGES FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WHICH COULD BE RELEASED AS SOON AS TOMORROW.

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## REGINA

AN ARMY OF FIREFIGHTERS IS ATTACKING THE WHIT FIRE NEAR CODY, USING CHINOOK HELICOPTERS, NEW WATER SCOOPING AIRCRAFT FROM CANADA. AND PEOPLE ON THE GROUND CLEARING FUEL AHEAD OF THE FIRE. PENNY PRESTON REPORTS THE FIRE MOVED A LITTLE TO THE WEST THURSDAY NIGHT, BUT IS EXPECTED TO HEAD BACK EAST TOWARD CODY THIS WEEKEND.

**Boats are not allowed on the Buffalo Bill Reservoir now, because Super scoopers skim the water surface for ten to fifteen seconds, then lift up into the air at full speed. The four fixed wing aircraft from Canada are joined by nine helicopters...**

**PENNY: "And several crews clearing out fuel ahead of the fire. This group is getting rid of lower limbs, high grasses, and brush to protect Green Creek cabins on the western end of Wapiti Valley. Several housing developments are adjacent to the Shoshone National Forest...where the fire is burning now."**

**But, Operations chief Rob Powell says the blaze moved toward Green Creek just a little Thursday night...when the winds were pushing to the east.**

**ROB POWELL: "It's not well established up in there. We've got to work indirect with some hot shot crews up in there. When the aircraft is flying over constantly, so we're keeping that in check."**

**Powell says the winds will be pushing the fire back to the East Saturday and Sunday. So crews on the south and east flanks of the fire hand crews are constructing fire lines... to help protect homes on the south fork, and nearer to Cody.**

**But, they're also working to stay ahead of the fire in Wapiti...hoping it won't come over Table Mountain to the west side...but getting ready in case it does.**

**"That's one of our biggest values at risk right now is the private property and homes in that area. That's why we're getting after it before it gets there."**



Since the firefighters came to Cody from all over the country, they're having to take lessons on working and camping in bear country...grizzly bear country. Everyone, including team commander Todd Pechota took the course. And everyone has to keep bear spray close.

The official press release says the Whit fire has grown to more than 10 thousand acres; it also says the fire that was probably human caused is 15 percent contained. From Cody, Penny Preston, News 13.

SEVERAL EVACUATIONS AND TRAIL CLOSURES REMAIN IN PLACE IN WAPITI AND THE SOUTH FORK.)

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**REGINA**

THERE ARE MANY OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES IN CASPER, ESPECIALLY IN THE SUMMER. MANY OF THESE LOCAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE AN OPEN OR CASH BAR. WHAT IF YOU DECIDE TO DRIVE HOME AFTER A COUPLE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, AND PULLED OVER? NEWS 13'S JANIE EVANS LEARNED ABOUT WYOMING DUI LAWS.

**YOU'RE HAVING A GREAT NIGHT OUT. YOU'VE HAD A COUPLE OF DRINKS. ON THE WAY HOME, YOU GET STOPPED. IT'S WYOMING, ARE YOU GOING TO BE CHARGED WITH A FELONY?**

**SERGEANT SHATTO EXPLAINS IN THE STATE OF WYOMING, MULTIPLE DUI ARRESTS CAN TURN INTO A FELONY.**

**SHATTO: "Of course if they receive a 4th DUI in 10 years, it is a felony. And they can serve up to seven years in the Wyoming State Penn."**

**DEBORAH: "In the US, it is estimated that a person has driven 80 times before they are arrested for their first DUI."**

**THREE OUT OF FIVE FAMILIES ARE AFFECTED BY SOMEONE DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE.**

**DEBORAH: "You're driving down the street and that person coming up behind you or right in front of you or coming at you could be an impaired driver."**

**HOW CAN YOU AS A WYOMING CITIZEN HELP CHANGE THE DRUNK DRIVING LAWS IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THEM? SHATTO SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY.**

**SHATTO: "Certainly if you want to see the laws change, you have to get with your State Legislatures."**

**IF YOU DO PLAN ON GOING OUT THIS WEEKEND, PLEASE THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK. JANIE EVANS. NEWS 13. CASPER.**

**REGINA**

CASPER HAS MANY WAYS FOR YOU TO GET HOME SAFELY AFTER A NIGHT OUT. CALL A FRIEND, CALL A CAB, OR HAVE A DESIGNATED DRIVER...

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**REGINA**



FEDERAL LANDS IN NORTHWEST WYOMING WILL SOON BE UNDER BURNING RESTRICTIONS. A WEEK AFTER THE WILDFIRE BETWEEN CODY AND YELLOWSTONE SCORCHED 12-THOUSAND ACRES...YELLOWSTONE, THE U-S FOREST SERVICE, AND THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ARE RESTRICTING OPEN FIRES.

**BRADY**

PENNY PRESTON REPORTS BACKCOUNTRY FIRES MAY, OR MAY NOT BE ALLOWED, DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU ARE.

**This is what happened when dry grass was set on fire last Tuesday. The Whit Fire destroyed two homes, several outbuildings, and scorched more than twelve thousand acres west of Cody. It is 70% contained, but ground crews are still fighting high winds, and very dry conditions.**

**Those conditions prompted Shoshone National Forest Supervisor Joe Alexander, and Cody BLM Field Office Manager Delissa Minnick to inform Park County Commissioners about impending restrictions.**

**“Extreme conditions on the south end of the forest.”**

**Alexander says both the Forest Service, and the BLM are recommending stage one fire restrictions, which means:**

**Joe Alexander, Shoshone National Forest Supervisor: “Allow people to have campfires in designated sites. Campgrounds with fire grates. Those kinds of things, places that we have a little bit of control.**

**Alexander says open campfires won’t be allowed in the Forest outside of those campgrounds...except in the wilderness areas where there will be no burning restrictions.**

**“We would restrict smoking in designated areas, and also require spark arresters on chain saws.”**

**Penny Preston, Reporting: “Yellowstone is at a higher elevation, and therefore usually not as dry as the National Forests and B-L-M lands surrounding it. But, they imposed restrictions Monday.”**

**Mike Johnson, Yellowstone, NPS Fire Information Officer: “So we’re in stage one restrictions here in Yellowstone National Park. What that means is now backcountry fires have been prohibited.”**

**Fire Information Officer Mike Johnson says campfires will still be allowed in fire rings in designated campgrounds.**

**“People using backcountry campsites or accessing the trails in the backcountry can currently only use their portable stoves.”**

**Wyoming’s Park County’s Commissioners say they’ll consider countywide burning restrictions next week. From Yellowstone and Cody, Penny Preston, News 13.**

**BRADY**

MIKE JOHNSON SAYS THERE HAVE BEEN TEN FIRES IN YELLOWSTONE SO FAR THIS SUMMER.

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**BRADY**



CASPER CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS APPROVED CHANGES TO THE CITY'S EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN TONIGHT (TUESDAY), WHICH COULD SAVE THE CITY 600 THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. NEWS 13'S RAY BOGAN HAS THE STORY.

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE THUMBS UP, IN SUPPORTING CHANGES TO HELP THE CITY SAVE AN ESTIMATED 600 THOUSAND A YEAR, OR ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S HEALTH PLAN COSTS. THE CITY'S HEALTH PLAN DESIGN COMMITTEE CHOSE TO RAISE DEDUCTIBLES, OUT OF POCKET COSTS AND MAKE SOME OTHER CHANGES; INSTEAD OF RAISING PREMIUMS. THE CURRENT PLAN IS RUNNING ON A DEFICIT.**

**Tracy Belser, Assistant City Manager: "So that's why we're looking at taking some action on the plan design. To try to have the plan on a sustainable fund."**

**THE DEFICIT FOR THE HEALTH PLAN WAS HIGHEST IN 2014, WAS A LITTLE BETTER IN 2015 AND IS SLOWLY COMING BACK.**

**Becky Nelson: Casper HR Department: "So it has been declining but we are still running at a deficit."**

**DEDUCTIBLES WILL INCREASE FOR BOTH IN AND OUT-OF-NETWORK DOCTORS. THESE CHANGES WILL SAVE THE CITY AN ESTIMATED 320 THOUSAND A YEAR.**

**THERE WILL ALSO BE AN INCREASE FOR OUT OF POCKET MAXIMUMS. THESE CHANGES WILL SAVE THE CITY AN ESTIMATED 256 THOUSAND A YEAR.**

**THE CHANGES TO DEDUCTIBLES AND OUT OF POCKET COSTS LIKELY WON'T HAVE A BIG IMPACT ON EMPLOYEES, AS 80 PERCENT ON THE PLAN DON'T MEET DEDUCTIBLES AND LESS THAN 20 PERCENT REACH OUT OF POCKET MAXIMUMS. HOWEVER COUNCILMAN HEILI WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE FEW.**

**Wayne Heili: "For 80 percent of the members that's great but for the ones who are using the insurance the most this is going to have the hardest impact."**

**THE NEW PLAN ALSO INTRODUCES PRESCRIPTION STEP THERAPY WHICH REQUIRES PROVEN LESS EXPENSIVE DRUGS BE TRIED BEFORE BUYING MORE EXPENSIVE DRUGS. DOCTORS CAN OVERRIDE THIS REQUIREMENT. IT WILL HAVE AN ESTIMATED SAVINGS OF ABOUT 38 TO 50 THOUSAND A YEAR.**

**DESPITE THESE CHANGES COUNCILMAN POWELL GAVE THE CITY CREDIT FOR A WELL RUN HEALTH PLAN.**

**Because we haven't had to make changes to the plan in about 5 years or so.**

**THERE ARE SOME MORE CHANGES BUT THEY HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS IMPACT ON SAVINGS. RAY BOGAN NEWS 13 CASPER**

**CHANGES TO THE PLAN WILL NOW BE HANDLED BY THE CITY MANAGERS OFFICE. THE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR CITY EMPLOYEES IS IN SEPTEMBER. IF THE NEW EMPLOYEE HEALTH PROGRAM GOES THROUGH, IT WILL BEGIN JANUARY 1ST 2017.**

**8/10**

**BRADY**



A NEW WILDFIRE BETWEEN CODY AND YELLOWSTONE IS THREATENING THE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY OF CRANDALL ON THE CHIEF JOSEPH HIGHWAY. THE HUNTER PEAK FIRE IS THE SECOND BIG BLAZE IN PARK COUNTY WYOMING IN A WEEK. PENNY PRESTON REPORTS THE HUNTER PEAK FIRE IS MOVING FAST TOWARD CABINS THERE...

**Smoke was reported on Hunter Peak near Crandall Tuesday night. By Wednesday afternoon, it was threatening cabins and homes there.**

**Kristie Salzmann, Shoshone Public Information Officer: "We've actually with the help of the Park County Sheriff's office been able to evacuate the Squaw Creek area."**

**Two sisters drove up from Powell to check on the cabin that had been in their family for 40 years. They were stopped at a roadblock.**

**Kristie Franklin, Cabin Owner: "Well, they aren't letting us go up to the cabin. They are again evacuating everybody, and that it had jumped the road at 125, which is a mile marker and so that would be very close to where our cabin is."**

**The owner of the store where the sisters grabbed a snack used a garden hose to wet down her deck as she watched the smoke from the Hunter Peak Fire.**

**Firefighters streamed up the road to try to save Kristie Franklin's family cabin, and other homes nearby. Some cabins were burned here in 1988, when the Yellowstone wildfires also hit the Shoshone National Forest. Shoshone spokeswoman Kristie Salzmann says the scars may help.**

**"We were talking about that this morning with our fire management staff. And they said there is the potential that that already burned area"**

**Homeowners may have gotten another break; firefighters and equipment from the highly experienced Type One team that fought the Whit Fire last week were sent to the Hunter Peak Fire.**

**That includes the super scoopers which helped bring the containment up to 80 percent on the fire west of Cody. The Hunter Peak Fire was estimated at more than six hundred acres, before it grew closer to the cabins.**

**From Crandall, on the Chief Joseph Highway between Cody and Yellowstone, I'm Penny Preston, for NEWS 13.**

**BRADY**

**GROUND CREWS WERE ASSISTED BY HELICOPTERS DROPPING WATER TODAY (WEDNESDAY). THURSDAY MORNING THE MUCH LARGER TYPE ONE FIREFIGHTING TEAM WILL TAKE OVER THE HUNTER PEAK FIRE.**

**8/13**

**JACKIE**

**A SERIES OF RECENT COURT DECISIONS COULD CHANGE THE RULES ABOUT \*HOW\* AMERICANS WILL BE CASTING VOTES THIS NOVEMBER, INCLUDING IN NORTH DAKOTA. A FEDERAL JUDGE BLOCKED NORTH DAKOTA'S STATE'S VOTER I-D LAW, SAYING IT INFRINGED ON THE RIGHTS OF NATIVE AMERICANS. BUT WASHINGTON BUREAU REPORTER SAMANTHA-JO ROTH REPORTS, THE FIGHT FOR NATIVE AMERICANS AGAINST EFFORTS TO TIGHTEN VOTING LAWS IS FAR FROM OVER.**



**VOTING RIGHTS. IT'S A BATTLE THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAS BEEN FIGHTING FOR A LONG TIME.**

**"We have real barriers, they are not perceived barriers, having a physical address is a barrier in many places in Indian country. Having a birth certificate is still a barrier."**

**JACQUELINE PATA WITH THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS SAYS SHE WAS RELIEVED AFTER A NORTH DAKOTA LAW THAT WOULD HAVE TIGHTENED I-D REQUIREMENTS WAS BLOCKED.**

**Creating such strict rules that you couldn't even use a passport or a military ID to be able to vote definitely becomes a hurdle for native Americans who may not have access to get the appropriate state issued driver's license or alternative ID.**

**"These are conservative judges that are finding that the state legislature went too far."**

**PRATT WILEY WITH THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE SAYS THE LAW WOULD HAVE AMOUNTED TO HAVING PEOPLE PAY TO VOTE.**

**"The cost of obtaining a photo ID is disproportionately harder on the Native American community, especially in North Dakota than it is for the population as a whole."**

**"This decision is the latest setback in the courts for Republican led- efforts to enact voter ID laws with the intent of curbing voter fraud. We reached out many times to the Republican National Committee and the North Dakota Republican Party, but our requests for a comment were never even acknowledged."**

**WHILE PATA CONSIDERS THE NORTH DAKOTA DECISION A VICTORY... SHE SAYS HER WORK IS FAR FROM OVER.**

**"We need the Department of Justice to step up and to be able to help ensure to protect our native citizens to exercise their right to vote."**

**IN WASHINGTON...SJR**

**JACKIE**

**NORTH DAKOTA'S SECRETARY OF STATE, AL JAEGER, SAYS THE STATE WILL FOLLOW THE FEDERAL JUDGE'S ORDER. IN A RECENT Interview HE INDICATED HE'D LIKE TO TACKLE THE ISSUE AGAIN DURING THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

**8/15**

**REGINA**

**A DEADLY AMOEBA LIVES IN WARM SPRINGS IN GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK. PARK SUPERINTENDENT DAVID VELA IS ASKING PARK VISITORS TO AVOID THE POPULAR SOAKING AND SWIMMING AREAS.**

**BRADY**

**PENNY PRESTON REPORTS THE SPRINGS ARE NOT BLOCKED OFF.**



That is the call of two bullfrogs in Kelly Warm Spring in Grand Teton National Park. Bullfrogs and tropical fish live here. They are not native, but they are not the deadly one celled organism that can kill. Although it is deadly, *Naegleria fowleri* may naturally occur here.

**SUE:** “U.S.G.S. researchers have sampled these waters and have discovered some potentially dangerous organisms in the water, including one called *Naegleria fowleri*.”

The Park’s resource management chief, Sue Consolo-Murphy says there is more than one potential pathogen.

“And we also know we have high levels of E. Coli which can pose a danger to humans.”

E. Coli comes from fecal matter, and can cause intestinal sickness. Signs warn people not to get into the warm water. But, there are no regulations against swimming or wading here, so it’s up to the visitor to decide.

“There’s no one in here today swimming in the water, but it’s not uncommon to come out here and see people wading, swimming, splashing around.”

Consolo-Murphy says there aren’t any reported cases of sickness from this spring, and infection risk is low. But, a park press release says it can destroy brain tissue, cause swelling, and death.

“*Naegleria fowleri*, if it gets into the nasal passages can cause primary amoebic meningitis, which can be fatal.”

United States Geological Survey researchers have also found the amoeba in streams and pools near to Kelly Warm Spring.

Consolo-Murphy says Grand Teton officials have another reason to discourage people from going in the warm waters here: the possible destruction of rare and fragile geothermal features.

“It’s our mission to protect the resources fundamentally to insure that they last for the enjoyment of present and future generations.”

From Grand Teton, Penny Preston, News 13.

## **BRADY**

THE PARK PRESS RELEASE SAYS THE AMOEBAS HAS ALSO BEEN FOUND IN HUCKLEBERRY HOT SPRINGS, AND POLECAT SPRINGS IN THE JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER PARKWAY. PUBLIC ENTRY IS NOT ALLOWED IN THOSE SPRINGS.

8/17

## **REGINA**

DO YOU THINK THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE IN YELLOWSTONE? IF YOU GO TO THE PARK, YOU CAN PICK UP A SURVEY AND TELL PARK MANAGERS WHAT YOU THINK. THE PARK REGISTERED MORE THAN FOUR MILLION VISITS LAST SUMMER, SETTING AN ALL TIME RECORD. PENNY PRESTON REPORTS THE LATEST FIGURES MEAN THIS SUMMER WILL SET ANOTHER VISITATION RECORD FOR YELLOWSTONE.



If you go to watch Old Faithful erupt, you may notice a lot of people around you....thousands, as a matter of fact. Some people feel there are too many other people in Yellowstone.

**JOODE:** “So noisy, and so busy, and so overcrowded, they were closing areas because of overcapacity of the cars.”

Although this couple flew over the Atlantic to see Yellowstone, they left because it was too crowded for them.

“And on leaving the Park it was quite late, and we got into yet another traffic jam.”

Traffic jams on the parks roads, and people jams at popular spots like Mammoth, Old Faithful, Canyon Falls, and Mud Volcano are common during the summer months. Visitation topped four million for the first time in 2015. A park press release says by the end of July, this year’s visitation was up almost seven percent over last year’s.

**CHERISSA:** “We are on track for a record year. Every month this year so far, we’ve exceeded the year previous.”

In May, Superintendent Dan Wenk said...

**DAN:** “We’re studying the visitor experience, the visitor expectations, how we’re meeting those expectations.”

Park Spokeswoman Cherissa Reid said the park would actually do surveys to ask people:

“What are their expectations, do they think it’s crowded?”

The surveyors recently set up shop just inside the Park’s entrances. They hand out questionnaires for people to take with them, and fill out after they visit the Park.

While some have suggested a reservation system, Wenk talked early and often about a bus system that would allow some visitors to take tours from the entrances...

“I’m not suggesting exclusively mass transportation, but could mass transportation in some way alleviate the congestion that’s in the park?”

This visitor thinks so: “And that cuts down the cars enormously. And maybe they need to think of doing that because the experience just isn’t there.”

From Yellowstone and Grand Teton, Penny Preston, News 13.

PARK PRESS RELEASES INDICATE BUS TRAFFIC REPRESENTS THE GREATEST GROWTH IN YELLOWSTONE, WITH DOUBLE DIGIT INCREASES EVERY SUMMER MONTH, INCLUDING JULY.)

## **8/16**

A 25 YEAR OLD RIVERTON MAN IS CHARGED WITH THE SECOND DEGREE MURDER OF HIS 3 MONTH OLD SON. NEWS 13’S LANDON HARRAR GETS REACTION FROM NEIGHBORS ON THE SHOCKING NEWS.

**POLICE ORIGINALLY CAME FOR REPORTS OF AND UNRESPONSIVE CHILD TUESDAY AFTERNOON.**



**Karen Fried Lives Up The Road: “I was out here moving my water hose and I heard a bunch of sirens and just stopped and looked down and they were all parked two ambulances on each side of the road, cops on both sides and when they took off both of them had sirens going, both ambulances and it was like wow something really big is going on.”**

**3 MONTH OLD HUNTER MILLER DIED TUESDAY NIGHT.**

**“An autopsy revealed the baby had a skull fracture consistent with blunt force trauma. And miller admitted in an interview with police that he had hit the child’s head on a changing table, and when the child was crying he had squeezed him so hard he heard a pop come from his body.”**

**Captain Eric Murphy Riverton Police Department: “Injuries that were consistent with a homicide, so the coroners called the police department and we started working the case as a homicide at that point. We conducted several interviews we conducted a search warrant on the house, things of that nature which subsequently ended with an arrest of Paul Miller the father.”**

**NEIGHBORS SAY THE MOTHER MOVED OUT OF THE APARTMENT THIS WEEKEND.**

**“Sunday when I was out here doing something outside and I happened to look down and there’s like five vehicles and they are just loading boxes and furniture in really fast, like within two hours they were out.**

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE SHOCKED AND SAY IF MILLER HAD ASKED FOR HELP .....THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE THAN WILLING TO GIVE IT.**

**“I was pretty devastated something this close to my mom’s house and my house and just down the street. It’s hard to believe that somebody could do that without reaching out to their neighbors. There’s a child daycare two houses down, you know, the same block.”**

**MILLER WAS FORMALLY CHARGED WITH SECOND DEGREE MURDER MONDAY AFTERNOON.... A FELONY CARRYING A PRISON SENTENCE OF NO LESS THAN 20 YEARS IF CONVICTED.**

**MILLER ALSO ADMITTED TO POLICE ACCIDENTALLY BRUSING HUNTERS LEGS...STOMACH AND RIBS BECAUSE HE WASN’T SURE HOW HARD TO HOLD THE BABY.**

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**SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS IN PARK COUNTY WYOMING ARE READY TO FIGHT, IF THEY HAVE TO, TO KEEP SCHOOL CHILDREN SAFE. DRIVERS FROM CODY, POWELL AND MEETEETSE TRAINED TO DEAL WITH AN ACTIVE SHOOTER, AND OTHER THREATS...PENNY PRESTON REPORTS THEIR TRAINING COMPLETED JUST IN TIME FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.**

**“Sir please stay off the bus, I’m calling the police.”**

**“Stay off the bus. You’re yelling at my kid.”**

**School bus drivers face this kind of situation on a regular basis. An angry parent or student tries to climb on board, as they challenge the driver. But, these days, school bus drivers may also face a threat from within: a student firing a gun...intent on killing as many other people as they can.**

**More than a hundred Park County Wyoming school bus drivers attended a day long class in Powell, to learn how to properly deal with shooters...and other threats on the school bus. But, the instructors, who**



are retired police officers, were most intent on teaching the drivers how to stop the threats from happening, by recognizing the warning signs.

Paul: “We don’t want any more active shooters. We want our people prepared for active shooters. Prevention is the key. So we teach that development. Those behaviors of concern to look for.”

The drivers were also taught how to take a gun away from a shooter....deal a quick crippling blow to the neck. And, how to use the tools at hand. But, this training was not about using a gun to defend against a gunman.

“We do not advocate guns on the bus. We advocate prevention... awareness...observations.”

Lead instructor Paul Pabone says the private company’s course: APEX Safety Curriculum Fundamentals, teaches school employees to be ready...

“When a gun does come on a bus, we want that driver, or that teacher, or that employee to be prepared.”

The class was conducted on campus, and on the bus...a week before classes begin.

When they do, these drivers will have the training to help protect their precious cargo. From Powell, Penny Preston, News 13.

APEX IS A PRIVATE COMPANY THAT TEACHES ACTIVE SHOOTER DEFENSE CLASSES IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AROUND THE COUNTRY.

8/18

## **BRADY**

GET YOUR HANDS ON TODAY’S NEWEST TECHNOLOGY AND TAP INTO YOUR CREATIVE SIDE AT THE 307 MAKERS LAB IN FORT WASHAKIE. NEWS 13’S LANDON HARRAR SHOWS US WHAT THE TECHNOLOGY LAB OFFERS TO US ALL.

**IF YOU HAVE EVER WANTED TO USE A 3-D PRINTER, OR ENGRAVE OBJECTS USING A LASER, THE 307 MAKERS SPACE LAB IS THE PLACE FOR YOU.**

David Maulik Makers Space Lab Instructor: “We’ve got tons and tons of tools, we’ve got awesome space to work in, we’ve got a substantial investment in very expensive tools that are very hard for most people to have at home that we make available at very very low cost for community members, we also teach huge numbers of classes.”

**LAB STAFF OFFER CLASSES AND MEMBERSHIPS TO ARTISTS, STUDENTS, AND CREATIVELY-INSPIRED PEOPLE.**

Lorre Hoffman Makers Space Lab Director: “People take classes, they learn how to use the equipment and then from there with a membership they can just come in here and keep making stuff.”

“Its 50 dollars and that gives you essentially 20 visits and then each additional visit is basically a dollar so very very inexpensive

**4-H STUDENTS ARE REGULARS AT THE LAB.**



**Cedar Smith 4-H Student: “Making stuff like creating stuff and like see what I can do with different kinds of technology.”**

**“Often times we use traditional ideas and we move them forward with technology and that’s a big part of making too, is you’re always standing on the shoulder of a previous process when you’re learning how to do a new one.”**

**WITH SO MANY TOOLS AVAILABLE, THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE NEARLY LIMITLESS.**

**“I can start something on the laser and now I can run out here and start something on the CNC router and then I can go in there and do something on the vinyl cutter, so I could have three machines running at once so my productivity could go so far.”**

**LAB STAFF RECENTLY ACQUIRED A CNC ROUTER AND WILL BE CREATING A 3-D MODEL OF A CRATER ON MARS USING ACTUAL SCANS FROM NASA. LANDON HARRAR NEWS 13 FORT WASHAKIE.**

## **BRADY**

**MAKERS SPACE STAFF ROUTINELY TAKE EQUIPMENT TO RESERVATION SCHOOLS SO KIDS CAN LEARN AND CREATE WITH 21ST CENTURY TECHNOLOGY.**

## **8/19**

**SOME MORE GOOD NEWS FOR OUR COUNTRY, THE NUMBER OF RIGS EXPLORING FOR OIL AND NATURAL GAS INCREASED BY 10 THIS WEEK TO 491. ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM BAKER HUGHES. A LITTLE OVER 400 RIGS SOUGHT OIL AND A LITTLE OVER 80 FOR NATURAL GAS.**

**HERE ARE SOME STATES THAT GAINED. TEXAS UP EIGHT RIGS, PENNSYLVANIA UP TWO, OKLAHOMA AND WEST VIRGINIA ADDED ONE. SOME STATES THAT LOST, NORTH DAKOTA DOWN TWO, NEW MEXICO DOWN ONE.**

**WYOMING REMAINS UNCHANGED. IN MAY A RECORD LOW OF 404 RIGS WERE COUNTED, AND IN 1981 IT WAS AT its ALL TIME HIGH WITH CLOSE TO 4,500.**

## **8/21**

## **JACKIE**

**A WOUNDED WYOMING VETERAN SAYS FISHING AND TYING FLIES SAVED HER LIFE. SHE IS ONE OF SEVERAL CODY AND POWELL AREA VETERANS WHO BELONG TO A GROUP CALLED “PROJECT HEALING WATERS”. PENNY PRESTON REPORTS THEY FOUND PURPOSE, PRIDE, AND PEACE.**

**A group of veterans and volunteers build a sidewalk for Vietnam veteran George Holcombe.**

**He loves to work in his shop. But, it is a long, hard journey in his wheelchair over gravel.**

**George Holcombe, Retired Army Sgt.: “It’s a long way. It’s just hard to do.”**

**Holcombe is a member of a group called, “Project Healing Waters”. A couple of his buddies from the group noticed Holcombe’s challenge.**



Tina Smith, Co-Leader Project Healing Waters: "... saw him having to wheel himself over this gravel from his garage to his house. And, it just killed us."

So Tina and her husband, Project Healing Waters leader Larry Smith put out the word online...they needed volunteers, donations, and. They came. The Big Horn Redi Mix Company brought a lot of free concrete.

James Steward, Driver Big Horn Redi Mix: "It's nice to help out a fellow veteran."

So, with a little work, Holcombe's sidewalk was complete.

"They tell me they're thanking me for my service, no, I thank them for what they're doing for me."

But, this is a side project for the healing waters group....their real purpose is to help hurting veterans forget their pain.

Penny Preston, Reporting: "They gather in Cody or Powell every other weekend, to tie flies for fishing. And, then when they can, they get back to the healing waters."

Larry Smith, Project Healing Waters Leader: "Get that tip up, you see all that slack?"

Larry Smith contacted the national Healing Waters organization. They told him he could take fly tying classes..

"And he's like no, you don't understand. There is nothing like this where I'm at. And I don't understand, because this is one of the biggest fly fishing communities around."

Smith organized a Northwest Wyoming chapter, and now...

About a dozen wounded veterans wash away their pain, and loneliness, in these waters.

"I was very suicidal"

Charlynn Hank says she's not now. She has something to look forward to. Tying flies gives her purpose, and pride...

Charlynn Hank, Retired Marine: "I take pictures of it with my phone and I send them to other veterans."

Hank says every veteran should try fly fishing.

"It's peaceful to be out here. And I think it's peaceful to be with other veterans."

From Powell, and Wapiti, Penny Preston, News 13.

**JACKIE**

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT PROJECT HEALING WATERS IN WYOMING AND MONTANA YOU CAN FIND A LINK ON NEWS 13'S HOME PAGE.

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**BRADY**

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LAST WEEK WE REPORTED ON A RESIDENCY CHALLENGE TO A FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE FROM THE RESERVATION. NEWS 13'S LONDON HARRAR SHOWS US WHAT HE FOUND OUT WHEN FOLLOWING-UP ON THOSE CLAIMS.

**GARY COLLINS WON THE NOMINATION ELECTION TO REPRESENT THE RESERVATION AS A COMMISSIONER. HIS COMPETITOR BRUCE COOK SAYS COLLINS ACTUALLY LIVES IN LANDER.**

**Gary Collins Nominated For Commissioner:** "Well I just want to say I am a resident of the reservation, been there for quite some time. I also keep positive I have 30 years of experience with the reservation on varied issues."

**Landon Harrar:** "Behind me is the house the complaint says Gary Collins is currently living at and it is in fact in Lander. Now Collins told me earlier today that's he's only been here for about a week and that's because he is looking after the house for his grandson who is out of town."

**THE FREMONT COUNTY CLERK SAYS THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME COLLINS RESIDENCY HAS BEEN QUESTIONED WHEN IT COMES TO VOTING.**

**Julie Freese Fremont County Clerk:** "I've had some other instances with him over the last several elections on where he was actually voting and where he actually resided."

**RESERVATION RESIDENTS SAY IT'S IMPORTANT THE COMMISSIONER THEY CHOOSE CAN RELATE TO THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES.**

**Victoria Cook Lives on the Reservation:** "As a county commissioner that's our community's voice and how can you have our voice when you don't live here? Or you get to see it but your just an outsider looking in the window, you're not really going through the struggle as we do."

**COLLINS SAYS HE IS DOING EVERYTHING HE CAN TO PROVE HE LIVES WHERE HE IS REGISTERED.**

"I've spoken with the county prosecutor and the county attorney's office, I've spoken with Julie freese about the protocol I need to do to ascertain my residency and that's in the process."

**FREESE HAS ASKED THE SHERIFF TO HELP WITH THE INVESTIGATION TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE MATTER. LONDON HARRAR NEWS 13 WIND RIVER RESERVATION.**

**BRADY**

COLLINS TOLD NEWS 13 IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM IF WE JUST DROPPED THE STORY, BECAUSE HE DOESN'T WANT THIS TO BE A BIG DEAL.

**8/23**

**REGINA**

CASPER'S SIGNAL TIMING HAS BEEN UNDER REVIEW SINCE LAST APRIL BY TRAFFIC SUPERVISORS AND A CONTRACTED ENGINEERING CONSULTANT... K-L-J... AFTER MONTHS OF RESEARCH, THE STUDY'S FINDINGS WERE REVEALED AT TONIGHT'S (TUES) COUNCIL MEETING. THERE HAS BEEN SOME IMPROVEMENTS AND A FEW PROJECTS STILL "IN THE WORKS". I SPOKE WITH CASPER'S TRAFFIC SUPERVISOR AND PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR, TO GET ALL OF THE INFORMATION AT TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS HAD A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT CASPER'S SIGNAL TIMING STUDY.**



**Andrew Beamer:** “The last several months’ traffic division has been implementing the signal timing study and we’ve seen a mark decrease in delays specifically in the AM travel times.”

**FROM 7 TO 8 AM YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED FEWER DELAYS WITH YOUR COMMUTE TO WORK.**

**THIS STUDY SHOWS A 22 PERCENT IMPROVEMENT IN MORNING PEAK HOURS. AND ALMOST A 10 PERCENT IMPROVEMENT FROM 5 TO 6 PM. ONE BIG TOPIC WAS OF CASPER COLLEGE'S 20 MILES PER HOUR SCHOOL ZONE THIS SUMMER FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM.**

**“We had some discussions with the college we're going to remove that next summer so you won't see the 20 mph school zone next summer and we're also going to 7 am to 5 pm for the school year this year.”**

**BY NEXT YEAR, 23 INTERSECTIONS WILL HAVE FLASHING TURNING SIGNS.**

**“We were just awarded the contract over the last meeting so that will start taking place this fall, and it'll be ongoing with unwanted traffic signals.”**

**CASPER'S TRAFFIC SUPERVISOR MONICA DE LEON SAYS THE TWO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS THAT MAY GET ADDITIONAL UPGRADES IN THE FUTURE INCLUDE 12TH AND BEVERLY, AND 2ND AND BEVERLY.**

**Monica De Leon:** “Maybe a bit later we might contract out to change the infrastructure.”

**“We've already removed the signal on Casper mountain road and into the college so people who drive that corridor have seen that has already been gone we're discussing some additional signal removals for the school district but we're gonna wait ‘til school's in session before we start discussing.”**

**REGINA**

**BEAMER AND DE LEON TELL ME COMMUNITY RESPONSE AND INPUT IS IMPORTANT. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD OR HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS, YOU CAN VISIT CASPER WY DOT GOV.**

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**BRADY**

**SOMETHING THAT COULD SAVE A PERSON'S LIFE HAS NOW BECOME NEARLY UNAFFORDABLE TO THE AVERAGE JOE. DOCTORS AND PATIENTS TOLD NBC NEWS THE MYLAN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY THAT MAKES THE EPIPEN, JACKED UP THE PRICE FROM 100 DOLLARS IN 2008 TO AS HIGH AS 500 DOLLARS TODAY. NEWS 13'S JACKIE WETZLER SPOKE WITH AN EPIPEN USER TO HEAR HOW IT'S GOING TO AFFECT HER.**

**"It's a real thing that I could die without one"**

**STEPHANIE GASTIL HAS HAD AN ALLERGIC REACTION TO PEANUTS SINCE SHE WAS 18.**

**"Basically it's terrifying when you feel like you can't breathe"**

**SHE'S ONLY HAD TO USE AN EPIPEN ONCE BUT NOW WITH THE EPIPEN PRICE SPIKE SHE MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO AFFORD ANOTHER**



Stephanie: "I can't afford 500 dollars or an increase in the co-pay for the epipen so I won't be buying another one"

**SHE'S USING EXPIRED ONES BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S GOING TO DO IF SHE HAS TO PAY NEARLY 500 DOLLARS.**

**PHARMACISTS SAY THEY ARE SEEING SOME PEOPLE NOT PURCHASING THE EPIPEN**

Andrea Falk: "I remember a lot not a lot but a handful of patients that have just said 'I'm not going to get it because of the cost'"

**PHARMACISTS FEAR EPIPEN USERS LIKE GASTIL ONE DAY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD THEM.**

"This is a medication that patients do need and with that being said they need to be able to afford it especially like a child who goes into anaphylactic shock they need to have that it's lifesaving"

**FALK SAYS THERE ARE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO THE EPIPEN. JACKIE WETZLER NEWS 13 CASPER**

**BRADY**

A MYLAN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE TOLD NBC NEWS THE PRICES HAVE "CHANGED OVER TIME TO BETTER REFLECT IMPORTANT PRODUCT FEATURES AND THE VALUE THE PRODUCT PROVIDES AND THAT WE'VE MADE A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT TO SUPPORT THE DEVICE OVER THE PAST YEARS."

**8/24**

**BRADY**

CORE LOGIC DATA REVEALS CASPER'S AREA FORECLOSURES HAVE GONE UP CLOSE TO POINT ONE PERCENT FROM JUNE 2015 TO JUNE 2016. THE DATA ALSO REVEALED MORTGAGE DELINQUENCY RATES HAVE ALSO INCREASED IN CASPER BY ALMOST POINT 6 PERCENT IN THE SAME TIME PERIOD.

BUSINESS INSIDERS SAW THE SAME TRENDS FOR STATES LIKE WYOMING THAT RELY HEAVILY ON OIL, GAS, AND COAL MINING. A REAL ESTATE MANAGER SAYS THAT'S WHAT'S EXPECTED BECAUSE OF HOW WYOMING'S ECONOMY HAS BEEN RECENTLY. HE'S ALSO SEEING AN INCREASE WITH DELINQUENT CONSUMER LOANS AND PEOPLE REFINANCING THEIR HOMES, GOING FROM A 10 OR 15 YEAR LOAN TO A 30 YEAR LOAN.

**Chad Steinert: "Even though there's a lot of us struggling because of the oil and gas industry overall the economy in Casper and in Wyoming in general is still very strong and I think there's a lot of positives going on out there"**

**BRADY**

ACCORDING TO CORE LOGIC, CASPER'S FORECLOSURE ACTIVITY IS STILL WELL BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE WHICH WAS POINT NINE FIVE IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR.

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**BRADY**



A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FIXING WATER PRESSURE LINES IS BLOCKING THE ENTRY WAY TO LANDER'S SAGE WEST HOSPITAL. THE HOSPITAL IS NOT CLOSED BECAUSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION, BUT PEOPLE HAVE TO TAKE A DETOUR TO GET TO THE BUILDING.

THE CONSTRUCTION IS TAKING OUT OLD IRON PIPES THAT BREAK MULTIPLE TIMES EVERY YEAR AND REPLACING THEM WITH MORE DURABLE P-V-C PIPES.

PROJECTS LIKE THIS HAVE BEEN GOING ON ALL YEAR. THE NEXT IS SCHEDULED NEAR LANDER'S RODEO GROUNDS. THE WATER WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR AT LEAST 7 HOMES TONIGHT. THOSE AFFECTED HOMES WILL BE WITHOUT WATER UNTIL AT LEAST TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

**Lance Hopkin Lander Public Works Director: "The high pressure water line work by the hospital started on Monday with some prep work and it should go through Friday, we're hoping everything is back to normal by Saturday."**

**BRADY**

THIS IS PART OF A FIVE MILLION DOLLAR WATER PRESSURE PROJECT THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

8/25

**BRADY**

SPEAKING OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE...HIGHWAY 89 CONNECTING THE GRAND TETON NATIONAL FOREST TO SOUTH YELLOWSTONE IS CLOSED BECAUSE OF A FOREST FIRE. NEWS 13'S LANDON HARRAR SHOWS US WHAT THE FIRE IS CURRENTLY IS DOING AND HOW IT'S AFFECTING TOURISM.

**FIRE OFFICIALS CLOSED THE HIGHWAY AFTER STRONG WINDS AND HIGH TEMPERATURES LET THE FIRE JUMP ACROSS JACKSON LAKE.**

**Ron Steffens Grand Teton Fire Analyst: "It crossed the road, again about an hour after it crossed the lake it was burning across the road with about a hundred foot flame lengths so both sides of the road had fire on it for approximately a mile and a half."**

**THE ROAD IS STILL CLOSED NOT BECAUSE OF FIRE, BUT BECAUSE OF BURNED TREES.**

**Brian Lawatch Berry Fire Information Officer: "There's hazard trees on the road, there's trees that could fall down and they're also trying to manage that fire and suppress where appropriate along the road corridor especially to be able to get that road open, be able to get the businesses back open and be able to get people through to Yellowstone National Park."**

**TOURISTS WHO PLANNED TRIPS EXPECTING THE HIGHWAY TO BE OPEN NOW HAVE TO TRAVEL THROUGH IDAHO TO GET TO YELLOWSTONE.**

**Monica Sahasrabudhe Elk Refuge Inn Manager: "They have intention of going to grand Teton and then continuing on to Yellowstone and many people will book you know a few nights here and then a few nights in Yellowstone and their intention is not to have to go around."**

**"It is a pretty significant inconvenience, people are having to re-route around to west Yellowstone by going around the Tetons, up to Ashton Idaho and then on to west Yellowstone, it can put a couple of more hours on your trip but people have been doing it."**



**THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TRAVEL HIGHWAY 89 EVERY DAY.**

**“average summer day we sort of think of ten thousand and so the estimate I heard this year is that in a typical month in this busy summer, the centennial summer roughly a million people a month have been going north or south across this route..”**

**LIGHTNING STARTED THE FIRE COVERING MORE THAN TWELVE THOUSAND ACRES JULY 25TH. LONDON HARRAR NEWS 13 GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK.**

**BRADY**

**FIRE OFFICIALS TOLD LANDON FIRES ARE INCONVENIENT WHEN THEY BURN.....BUT WITHOUT THEM THE FOREST WOULD BE MUNDANE AND NOT NEARLY AS HEALTHY FOR WILDLIFE.**

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**REGINA**

**NEXT WEDNESDAY MARKS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OF THE NATRONA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT. THAT ALSO MEANS SCHOOL ZONE DRIVING RULES WILL GO INTO AFFECT. NEWS 13'S RAY BOGAN LOOKED INTO THE RULES OF THE ROAD IN SCHOOL ZONES, AND WHY THE SPEED LIMIT IS 20.**

**CASPER ROAD CREWS HAVE BEEN REPAINTING CROSSWALKS AND INSTALLING NEW SIGNS IN SCHOOL ZONES THIS PAST WEEK. THE SCHOOL ZONES IN CASPER ARE 20 MILES AN HOUR AND HERE'S WHY.**

**AT 20 MILES AN HOUR REACTION TIMES ARE SHORTER AND THERE'S ONLY A TEN PERCENT CHANCE OF DEATH. AT THIRTY MILES AN HOUR THE CHANCES OF DEATH TRIPLE, AT FORTY MILES AN HOUR, THE VICTIM DIES ALMOST EVERY TIME.**

**Detective Hatcher: “It shows right there, by slowing down and driving 20 miles an hour, not only is your reaction time better, but unfortunately if you do hit a pedestrian there's a very good chance the person's just going to have minor injuries.”**

**THERE TWO TYPES OF SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS, FLASHING AND PRINTED. BUT BE CAREFUL. NOT SCHOOL ZONES ARE ACTIVE AT THE SAME TIME, THERE'S AN ESPECIALLY BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOLS AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. FOR INSTANCE THIS SIGN AT NATRONA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL IS FROM 6 TO 9 AND 11:30 TO FIVE. PARK ELEMENTARY JUST A BLOCK AWAY IS 6 TO NINE AND TWO TO FIVE. SPEEDING FINES IN SCHOOL ZONES ARE DOUBLE THE PRICE.**

**Hatcher: “The fines are doubled to let people know it is so important to slow down. So we decided to hit the financial, your pocket book to hopefully remind people.”**

**LAST YEAR, THE AVERAGE SCHOOL ZONE SPEEDING TICKETS IN CASPER WERE 8 TO 12 MILES AN HOUR OVER. THAT RANGES FROM A 180 TO 220 DOLLAR TICKET.**

**Hatcher: “Which is a pretty steep fine. But again we want that not to make revenue for the city, but to let people realize, slow down when you're going through school zones.”**

**RAY BOGAN NEWS 13 CASPER.**



## **REGINA**

ITS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER SPEEDING TICKETS IN SCHOOL ZONES ARE TWICE THE PRICE AS NORMAL TICKETS. MEANING IF YOU GET A SPEEDING TICKET GOING FIVE MILES AN HOUR OVER IN A SCHOOL ZONE, INSTEAD OF BEING 55 DOLLARS IT WILL BE 110.

**8/26**

## **BRADY**

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. NEWS 13 JUSTIN ROTH SPOKE TO A LOCAL DOCTOR TO SEE WHAT VACCINES YOUR CHILD MAY NEED BEFORE GETTING ON THE SCHOOL BUS.

**SNEEZING, COUGHING, AND FEVERS.**

**"Students need to get the immunizations based on their age schools require certain ones."**

**DOCTOR RADKE IS THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER AT THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OF CENTRAL WYOMING. HE SAYS YOU SHOULD CHECK WITH YOUR SCHOOL AS TO WHICH VACCINES ARE REQUIRED. BUT HE ALSO SAYS THERE IS ONE YOU SHOULD PROBABLY GET NO MATTER WHAT.**

**Doctor Karl Radke: "The primary one would be the influenza vaccine which first becomes available in September their really no need to delay that anymore."**

**THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION SAYS IF THE FLU VACCINE IS TAKEN IN THE FALL IT SHOULD LAST UNTIL SPRING TIME. SOME ACTORS AND PARENTS HAVE COME OUT AGAINST VACCINATIONS IN THE PAST SAYING THERE IS AN INCREASE CHANCE FOR AUTISM....**

**"That has absolutely been one hundred percent categorically proven to be false."**

**DOCTOR RADKE SAYS JUST BECAUSE YOUR CHILD IS HEALTHY DOESN'T MEAN THEY SHOULDN'T GET A VACCINE.**

**"Immunizations are important and you should not delay those or try to change what the C-D-C has come up with the guidelines and the sooner you can get those through the better your child will be and safer they will be for the future. "**

**MOST PARENTS WOULD AGREE A SMALL NEEDLE OF PAIN IS BETTER THAN A WEEK IN BED.**

**JUSTIN ROTH NEWS 13 CASPER.**

## **BRADY**

**SOME BEST PRACTICES WHEN IT COMES TO STAYING HEALTHY IS TO WASH YOUR HANDS, EAT HEALTHY, AND EXERCISE ON A REGULAR BASIS.**

**8/27**

## **JACKIE**



MEMBERS OF THE GROUP "WYOMING AGAINST ISLAM, AMERICANS FOR A SECURE WYOMING" HELD A BAN ISLAM RALLY IN GILLETTE THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON. ABOUT 15 PEOPLE RALLIED IN A PARK IN FRONT OF ABOUT 30 PROTESTERS WHO STOOD IN SUPPORT OF ISLAM. MEMBERS OF WYOMING AGAINST ISLAM BURNED A QURAN DURING THE RALLY, BUT NEWS 13 WILL NOT SHOW THAT OUT OF RESPECT FOR MUSLIMS. NEWS 13'S RAY BOGAN WAS AT THE RALLY.

**MEMBERS OF WYOMING AGAINST ISLAM HELD A RALLY CENTERED AROUND THEIR HATRED OF THE ISLAMIC FAITH AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. THEIR PROPOSED SOLUTION: PEACE, DIALOGUE AND UNDERSTANDING.**

**Frank Jorge, Rally Organizer and Speaker: "People have got to come to terms with what is being called a religion. But is really something hateful and evil disguised as a religion."**

**ALTHOUGH MEMBERS OF THE GROUP CALL FOR BANNING MUSLIMS, NOT ALL MEMBERS THINK THE BAN SHOULD BE ABSOLUTE. JON ROAN IS MAINLY CONCERNED ABOUT A REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM.**

**Jon Roan, Wyoming Against Islam: "No I don't think all Muslims are bad. I think Islam is bad. But I think they should be properly vetted before we bring them in."**

**ROAN BELIEVES MANY MUSLIMS ARE GOOD AND CAN COME TO WYOMING.**

**Jon Roan. "If it's a good hard-working person, don't care, properly vetted, don't care. Bring them in. "**

**MANY GILLETTE RESIDENTS OPPOSED THE RALLY. INCLUDING THE MAYOR WHO'S BEEN VOCAL ABOUT HER OPPOSITION, BUT RESPECTED THEIR RIGHTS OF SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY.**

**Geno Palazzari, Gillette Spokesman: "This isn't Gillette. We have a very welcoming and inclusive community."**

**DURING THE RALLY, DIFFERENT SPEAKERS SHARED THEIR POLITICAL BELIEFS AND WHY THEY BELIEVE THE ISLAM IS FLAWED. THEN FRANK JORGE GOT UP TO SPEAK AND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY TURNED AROUND TO ADDRESS PROTESTERS DIRECTLY.**

**Frank Jorge: "Ladies and gentleman, the biggest problem that the people of the United States have, it isn't illegal immigration, it isn't immigration, it isn't Islam, it's the very government that is supposed to serve us. "**

**AS JORGE SPOKE PROTESTERS TURNED THEIR BACKS. THEN A MUSLIM MAN PROTESTING THE RALLY WALKED UP TO JORGE AND WAS HANDED THE MICROPHONE.**

**"So there's no reason to have hate in your heart. Love everybody, enjoy everybody, say hi, say by, don't have hate."**

**AFTER A BRIEF STATEMENT, JORGE TOOK BACK THE MICROPHONE AND ASKED HIM IF THE PROPHET MUHAMMED WAS A PEDOPHILE.**

**Jorge: "Did the prophet marry a six year old girl?"**

**Muslim man: "No, I don't know where you hear this stuff."**

**WYOMING AGAINST ISLAM MEMBERS CONTINUOUSLY CALLED FOR PEACE AND A DIALOGUE DURING THE RALLY. BUT PROTESTERS DOUBTED IT WOULD HAPPEN.**



Tanya Krummreich, Gillette against hate movement coordinator: "They have exhibited only hate. WE are happy to give them a dialogue if they would actually communicate. The thing is, is there idea of dialogue is a lot of vague threats and a lot of name calling."

**AFTER THE RALLY, WITH THE HELP OF A POLICE OFFICER, MEMBERS OF BOTH SIDES TO TRIED TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER JUST A LITTLE BETTER.**

**RAY BOGAN NEWS 13 GILLETTE.**

WHILE THERE WAS SOME CURSING AND YELLING BETWEEN THE GROUPS, THE RALLY WAS PEACEFUL.

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**REGINA**

MILLS TOWN MAYOR MARROLYCE WILSON RESIGNED HER POSITION AS MAYOR TODAY. HER LAST DAY IS THIS THURSDAY.

**BRADY**

WILSON'S RESIGNATION COMES AS MILLS TOWN TREASURER LISA WHETSTONE FACES CRIMINAL ALLEGATIONS SHE STOLE \$64,000 FROM THE TOWN OF MILLS. WHETSTONE HAS ENTERED A NOT GUILTY PLEA TO THOSE CHARGES. TODAY (TUESDAY) I DUG INTO THE FACTS SURROUNDING WILSON'S DEPARTURE.

**IT'S NOT CLEAR RIGHT NOW WHY MARROLYCE WILSON IS STEPPING DOWN AS MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF MILLS.**

**IN MAY, NEWS 13 REPORTED WILSON MAY OWN A LIQUOR LICENSE. UNDER STATE LAW, IT WOULD BE A CRIME FOR A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, LIKE A TOWN MAYOR, TO DO SO. IT'S UNKNOWN WHETHER WILSON'S RESIGNATION HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE LIQUOR LICENSE.**

**BUT NATRONA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY MIKE BLONIGEN CONFIRMED IN MAY HE WAS AWARE OF WILSON AND THE LIQUOR LICENSE IN QUESTION.**

Mike: "So, it bears more inquiry before anything is done about it but it is on our radar."

**WILSON TOLD NEWS 13 AT THE TIME SHE OWNED THE HIDEAWAY BAR FOR 14 YEARS. SHE SAID HER L-L-C, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OWNS THE LIQUOR LICENSE, NOT HER.**

Marrolyce Wilson, TOWN OF MILLS: "From what I'm understanding, as far as holding a position you cannot have a liquor license, by state statute in your name, I do not hold a liquor license."

**MEANWHILE, SOME PEOPLE IN MILLS ARE DISAPPOINTED ABOUT HOW THINGS ARE GOING.**

Sarah Tooker, town of mills resident: "I would like, you know, to be able to trust our officials, especially when our officials here are, um, community. You know, they come from our community, And that, that's sad."

**WHEN REACHED FOR COMMENT, TOWN OF MILLS CITY COUNCILMAN SETH COLEMAN SAID HE WANTS TO RESERVE COMMENT UNTIL AFTER WILSON IS OFFICIALLY OUT OF OFFICE.**



## **BRADY**

WILSON HAS BEEN MAYOR SINCE JANUARY 2012 AND HAD TWO MORE YEARS IN OFFICE. NEWS 13 REACHED OUT TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY MIKE BLONIGEN FOR AN UPDATE INTO HIS INVESTIGATION BUT DIDN'T HEAR BACK TODAY. WILSON COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT.

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## **REGINA**

SHOSHONI'S SCHOOL MAY HAVE MOVED BUT THE SCHOOL ZONE CROSSWALK OVER HIGHWAY 789 WILL NOT. NEWS 13'S LANDON HARRAR SHOWS US WHY IF YOU DRIVE THROUGH SHOSHONI YOU STILL NEED TO SLOW DOWN OR GET TICKETED.

**THE FLASHING 20 MILE PER HOUR SIGN IS ONLY ON DURING TIMES KIDS MIGHT USE THE CROSSWALK.**

**Bruce Thoren Superintendent District #24: "The crosswalk on the highway between Riverton and Casper is lit in the morning when kids are coming to school at lunchtime when potentially a kid could go home from school and of course when school gets out at the 3:30 timeframe."**

**THERE ARE NEW BUS ROUTES TO THE NEW SCHOOL, THAT DOESN'T MEAN KIDS WON'T BE USING THE CROSSWALKS.**

**"There's always that situation, kid gets up late and misses the bus and they've got to get to school and their parents have gone to work or aren't home or whatever the situation may be so there will be those kids that end up walking to school so we just have to ensure their safety."**

**Crystal Knigge Shoshoni Mother of 3: "My kids use this street all the time to either go to their friend's house or their friends are coming here or they're going to school or coming back from a school activity. I have a fifteen year old, eleven year old and an eight year old."**

**Landon Harrar: "I spoke to multiple Shoshoni residents who say even though the school has moved the kids homes have not and they need these like flashing lights on the crosswalks so those kids can continue to get home safely especially across this road which has a constant flow of traffic."**

**SHOSHONI POLICE WATCH THE CROSSWALKS CLOSELY AND IF YOU'RE SPEEDNG YOU WILL GET A TICKET.**

**"I sit here in the store and see people all the time coming from out of town, going over the speed limit down this road and I'm thankful that we do have good law enforcement in this town and watch over our kids and make sure people are obeying the speed limit."**

**BEERS SAYS OVER 5-THOUSAND CARS TRAVEL SHOSHONI'S MAIN STREET EVERY DAY. LANDON HARRAR NEWS 13 SHOSHONI.**

**THOREN SAYS AROUND 30 KIDS WALK TO SCHOOL REGULARLY, MANY CROSSING THE HIGHWAY TWICE DAILY.**

## **September**

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## **REGINA**

IN THE LAST YEAR, THE BRAIN INJURY ALLIANCE HAS WORKED ON 11 CASES WHERE PEOPLE WITH A BRAIN INJURY OR DISABILITY HAVE BEEN TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF FINANCIALLY.

## **BRADY**

NEWS 13'S RAY BOGAN SHARES HOW IT HAPPENS, AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STOP IT.

**NEXT WEEK THIS HOUSE WILL GO UP FOR AUCTION. IT WAS PAYED FOR BY A MAN WITH A BRAIN INJURY, BUT OWNED BY HIS CARETAKER. A CASE HIS LAWYER AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES CALL UNJUST.**

**EARL CURTIS NOT ONLY HAS A BRAIN INJURY BUT IS ALSO MISSING A LEG AND IS NEARLY BLIND. HE NOW LIVES IN A TINY HOUSE WITH OUT HEAT, AND WONDERS WHAT HE'LL DO THIS WINTER. HE HOPES TO FIND HIS NEPHEWS IN ARIZONA.**

Earl Curtis: "I was with those two boys for a long time before they became teenagers."

**MANY PEOPLE HAVE TRIED TO HELP EARL, BUT MOST OF THE DAMAGE IS ALREADY DONE AND IRREVERSIBLE.**

Dawn Lacko: "I'm angry that he got taken advantage of. Very angry. And he's one of 11 people in the last year who have walked through our doors who we've picked up payee ship or started working with because someone else is taking advantage of their money."

**LACKO WISHES MORE PEOPLE WOULD BE PROSECUTED FOR WHAT SHE CALLS, STEALING.**

Lacko: "But again it takes an extra effort. It's hard to prosecute. How do you prove that someone didn't willingly give their money away?"

**SO HOW CAN YOU TELL, AND WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF SOMEONE IS BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF FINANCIALLY.**

**FIRST, KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS. IF A DISABLED PERSON HASN'T BEEN OUT OF THE HOUSE IN A WHILE, CHECK ON THEM. IF FAMILY OR FRIENDS SHOW UP ON THE SAME DAY EACH MONTH, CHECK INTO WHY.**

Lacko: "If people notice and are aware, contact adult protection."

**BUT LACKO BELIEVES REAL CHANGE WILL COME WITH MORE PROSEUTION.**

Lacko: "If we start prosecuting people for doing this, I think there is more of a disincentive to do it."

**RAY BOGAN NEWS 13 CASPER.**

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## **REGINA**

CASPER HUMANE SOCIETY IS TEMPORARILY STOPPING DOG ADOPTIONS AFTER 12 OF THE DOGS HOUSED THEIR CAME DOWN WITH KENNEL COUGH. THE DOGS ARE BEING TREATED AND SHOULD



RECOVER SOON, BUT BECAUSE KENNEL COUGH IS VERY CONTAGIOUS, THE SOCIETY IS STOPPING ADOPTIONS AND PUBLIC VISITS WITH THE DOGS AS A PRECAUTION. NEWS 13'S RAY BOGAN REPORTS.

**SOME DOGS AT THE CASPER HUMANE SOCIETY AREN'T FEELING WELL AND HAVE COME DOWN WITH A STRAIN OF KENNEL COUGH THAT APPEARS TO HAVE SPREAD IN MANY AREAS OF THE COUNTRY BECAUSE IT'S RESISTANT TO THE VACCINE.**

**ONE VETERINARIAN DESCRIBES IT AS THE DOG EQUIVALENT TO WHOOPING COUGH IN CHILDREN, BOTH ARE CAUSED BY BORDATELLA.**

Randy Verink, Veterinarian: "Basically it's a respiratory disorder. Where the animals, just like with whooping cough, have fever, they're sick, they're coughing all the time. You know it's sort of an annoying disease which rarely, if ever, is fatal."

**SO TO HELP GET THEIR DOGS BETTER, THE HUMANE SOCIETY MANAGER IS TREATING INFECTED DOGS WITH MEDICATION AND KEEPING THEM SEPARATED FROM OTHER DOGS.**

Craig Cummings: "I always say the shelter is very similar to preschool. You know you have one kid who gets sick and then passes it to the next kid. SO it's been a process of letting it run its course and trying to contain it as much as possible."

Verink: "Well we'll see in the summer dogs just like with children, and even us older people, they're more likely to congregate and do things outside. And dogs when you get them together they're usually smelling each other front and back end."

**VERINK SAYS DOG OWNERS SHOULDN'T BE TOO WORRIED ABOUT THIS. BUT SYMPTOMS FOR KENNEL COUGH INCLUDE A RUNNY NOSE, A FEVER, AND DEPRESSION.**

Cummings: "That's why we have initially shut down all of the dog areas and advise people not to bring their animals into the shelter either for their own safety."

**MOST DOGS ARE ALREADY VACCINATED, BUT FOR THOSE THAT AREN'T THERE ARE ORAL AND NASAL VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE. RAY BOGAN NEWS 13 CASPER.**

THE DOGS SHOULD BE BETTER AND READY FOR ADOPTION BY NEXT WEEKEND. IN THE MEAN TIME, THE CASPER HUMANE SOCIETY IS STILL OPEN. NONE OF THE DOGS AT METRO ANIMAL SERVICES HAVE KENNEL COUGH AND THEY CAN STILL BE ADOPTED.

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## **REGINA**

MORE GRIZZLY BEARS MEAN MORE CONFLICTS OUTSIDE OF WHAT GAME AND FISH BIOLOGISTS CALL SUITABLE BEAR HABITATS. IN FREMONT COUNTY THERE HAVE BEEN NO CONFLICTS IN LANDER OR RIVERTON, BUT TWO PROBLEM GRIZZLIES \*WERE\* REMOVED NEAR DUBOIS.

LARGE CARNIVORE SPECIALIST DAN THOMPSON SAYS SO FAR THIS YEAR CONFLICT NUMBERS ARE AROUND AVERAGE, BUT 40 PERCENT OF THOSE CONFLICTS OCCURRED OUTSIDE THE GREATER YELLOWSTONE AREA CONSIDERED THEIR SUITABLE HABITAT.

ONE REASON FOR THIS IS CONSERVATION EFFORTS HAVE WORKED SO WELL, MORE GRIZZLIES ARE TRAVELING FARTHER TO DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM OTHER BEARS.



**Dan Thompson Game and Fish Large Carnivore Supervisor: "As the population has recovered and grown and expanded, it's that it has moved beyond those boundaries and basically as we know those bears are in those less than suitable habitats there's more potential for conflicts."**

THOMPSON SAYS AS THE HUNTING SEASON APPROACHES, MORE CONFLICTS ARE EXPECTED SIMPLY BECAUSE MORE PEOPLE WILL BE OUT IN THE FORESTS. GAME AND FISH BIOLOGISTS HAVE SEEN BEARS STARTING TO VENTURE FARTHER OUT OF THE GREATER YELLOWSTONE AREA THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

**9/7**

PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD BECAME NEW AMERICAN CITIZENS IN YELLOWSTONE TODAY. MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED PARKS HELD NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES THIS YEAR TO CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY. THE EVENT IN YELLOWSTONE WAS COVERED BY NEWS CAMERAS FOR THE FIRST TIME, BECAUSE IT WAS HELD OUTSIDE. NEWS 13'S PENNY PRESTON WAS THERE.

**While visitors from around the world saw Yellowstone's wonders for the first time, 37 people from 15 countries around the world waited anxiously to become new U.S. Citizens.**

**Most of these people had waited years to take to become citizens of the United States. They studied the constitution, and passed a stringent test on it. Their reward? Citizenship in the United States of America, and part ownership of the nations' national parks.**

**STEVE: "And now they are yours. America's National Parks belong to every American Citizen."**

**They eagerly pledged allegiance to the flag, then could not resist joining in singing the national anthem. And then, took an oath:**

**"I hereby declare on oath."**

**To abandon allegiance to the countries from which they came, defend the constitution, and bear arms on behalf of the United States. One young man from Ukraine was already in Army uniform.**

**Maksym Gerasymenko signed up for duty in May, 2015.**

**MAKSYM: "It was my dream to become a member, U.S. Force member, of the army."**

**Gerasymenko says his unit will be eligible to ship out to Afghanistan soon.**

**"I feel proud being an American, and it's part of my dream and I feel like my dream was fulfilled."**

**Another immigrant from Peru was moved to tears. She had waited 30 years for citizenship.**

**YSABEL: "I appreciate it give me better life, this country."**

**PENNY: "This is only the third naturalization ceremony to take place in Yellowstone National Park"**

**And, it was the first to be filmed, because cameras aren't allowed in the courtroom....but this one happened at the base of Mammoth Hot Springs...and the judge removed the restrictions, so families, friends, and the media could record this historic event. From Yellowstone, Penny Preston, News 13.**



ANGELA BARROWS OF THE U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES SAYS SHE HOPES PARK OFFICIALS WILL ALLOW MORE NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES IN YELLOWSTONE IN THE FUTURE.)

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## **REGINA**

THE CASPER NORTH PLATTE RIVER REVIVAL PROJECT WILL CONTINUE SOON AND WORK WILL KICK OFF WITH A VOLUNTEER DAY THIS MONTH. LAST YEAR CREWS COMPLETED TWO OF THE SEVEN RIVER SITES WHICH CITY LEADERS HOPE TO REVITALIZE. CREWS BUILT A NEW RIVER BANK, INSTALLED ROCK STRUCTURES TO PREVENT EROSION, AND MOVED THE RIVER 80 FEET WEST AT MORAD PARK AND WYOMING BOULEVARD.

THIS YEAR CREWS WILL WORK A LITTLE FURTHER DOWN STREAM FROM WYOMING BOULEVARD AND REMOVE RUSSIAN OLIVES, ISLANDS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RIVER, AND NARROW THE RIVER.

**Jolene Martinez, Casper City Special Projects Coordinator: "We're getting parts of the river that are eroding very badly into the river, creating a lot of sedimentation and water pollution."**

THE THIRD PHASE OF THE PROJECT WILL START IN EARLY OCTOBER. SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH, THE 10TH ANNUAL VOLUNTEER DAY WILL BE HELD FOR VOLUNTEERS TO REMOVE LITTER, DEBRIS AND RUSSIAN OLIVES.

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## **REGINA**

THE LIFE SAVING EPI PEN HAS MADE NATIONAL HEADLINES AFTER THE PRICE WAS RAISED FROM UNDER 60 DOLLARS IN 2007 TO 600 TODAY. BUT IN 2013, A MEDICAL SERVICES GROUP IN SEATTLE DEVELOPED A KIT WITH THE SAME LIFESAVING MEDICINE THAT COSTS ABOUT 20 BUCKS.

## **BRADY**

NEWS 13'S RAY BOGAN REPORTS HOW MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS IN CASPER ALSO TREAT ALLERGIC REACTIONS FOR A FRACTION OF THE PRICE.

**IF YOU HAVE AN ALLERGIC REACTION IN NATRONA COUNTY AND WYOMING MEDICAL CENTER EMT'S ARRIVE, YOU WON'T BE TREATED WITH AN EPI PEN. INSTEAD YOU'LL RECEIVE AN EPINEPHRINE SHOT. THE EPINEPHRINE COSTS W-M-C LESS THAN A DOLLAR AND THE WHOLE PACKAGE WITH A SYRINGE, LESS THAN THREE DOLLARS.**

**ANGELENA POTTER: "Usually they'll start with a little bit of a scratch in the throat. Get hives, little blotchy spots all over their body. It could be isolated to the face, the trunk, the hands."**

**PARAMEDICS CRACK OPEN THE EPINEPHRINE, PUT IT INTO THE SYRINGE, WIPE DOWN EITHER THE LEG OR UPPER ARM AND INJECT.**

**"We like to give it in the upper arm in the very meaty tissue. Give it i-m, intermuscular. Sometimes they can get it in their leg which is where a person would usually give themselves an epi pen, where there's a lot of meat. And then the medication gets distributed throughout the body from that muscle."**



**PARAMEDICS CARRY MANY DRUGS IN THEIR MEDICAL KIT. IN ADDITION TO EPINEPHERINE THEY CARRY ADENOSINE FOR PEOPLE WITH RAPID HEART RATES, NITROGLYCERINE FOR PATIENTS HAVING A HEART ATTACK, BENADRYL, AND SPECIALTY MEDICATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH CERTAIN DISORDERS. EPINEPHRINE TARGETS RECEPTORS THAT CAUSE THE REACTION.**

**“So an epinephrine is an H2 receptor. So what it does is it works on the receptors that the allergic reaction is causing the reaction at, it helps shut that down. What it also does is it vaso constricts the vessels and it helps slow that reaction down.”**

**RAY BOGAN NEWS 13 CASPER**

**BRADY**

**POTTER SAYS WHILE THEY RESPOND TO ALLERGIC REACTION CALLS ABOUT ONCE A WEEK, MANY PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY USED THEIR OWN EPIPEN BY THE TIME PARAMEDICS GET THERE.**

**9/9**

**BRADY**

**RIVERTON'S HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM NOW HAS AN AMBULANCE ON STAND-BY AFTER IT TOOK MORE THAN 30 MINUTES FOR ONE TO ARRIVE IN TIME TO HELP AN INJURED PLAYER DURING FRIDAY NIGHTS GAME. NEWS 13'S LANDON HARRAR TELLS US WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY IT TOOK SO LONG FOR THE AMBULANCE TO ARRIVE.**

**SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY THEY HAVE NEVER HAD TO WORRY ABOUT AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES BECAUSE THE HOSPITAL IS SO CLOSE TO WHERE THE FOOTBALL TEAMS PLAY.**

**Terry Snyder Superintendent School District: “We’re right across from the hospital, right across the street from the hospital and every other time that we’ve called it’s been two to three minutes, we had no need to have the ambulance at the field because the service was excellent.”**

**Reggie Miller Riverton High School Vice principal/Athletic Director: “Our hospital is only about 300 yards from the field and it was a perfect storm that night they had two ambulances in Riverton and they were both on a call and so there wasn’t one for us, there was one in lander that was on its way over but again that’s 30 minutes away.”**

**ATHLETIC TRAINERS FROM BOTH TEAMS MADE THE DECISION TO WAIT FOR AN AMBULANCE.**

**“The decision was made to not move the player until the medical attention arrived, not knowing what the circumstances were the player was in considerable pain.”**

**“Player safety is our number one priority and responsibility and so even though we didn’t have the ambulance there we do have an athletic trainer in place and that young man is very good at providing safety for our athletes.”**

**BECAUSE OF THIS INCIDENT, SCHOOL OFFICIALS DECIDED TO ALWAYS HAVE AN AMBULANCE AT THE SCENE OF ALL HOME GAMES SO PLAYERS SAFETY IS NEVER AGAIN COMPROMISED.**

**“we can’t’ have that occur, we just can’t, we got lucky, or the player got lucky I guess because it wasn’t serious but that can’t happen again.”**



**THE AMBULANCE COSTS 95 DOLLARS AN HOUR TO BE AT THE GAMES. A PRICE SNYDER SAYS IS WELL WORTH THE COST. LONDON HARRAR NEWS 13 RIVERTON.**

THE ATHLETE'S INJURY WAS NOT SERIOUS. HE SUFFERED A STRAINED LIGAMENT IN HIS GROIN AND IS EXPECTED TO BE OKAY.

**9/10**

**JACKIE**

THE DOYLE FAMILY IN CASPER HAS BEEN BATTLING MANY DIFFICULTIES OVER TIME, BUT THEY SHOWED THEIR SUPPORT TODAY AT EL MARKO LANES. NEWS 13'S SAM WRIGHT SPOKE TO BEN DOYLE AND THE STRONG SUPPORT GROUP THAT IS THERE FOR HIM.

**WHILE THE TIME AT THE BOWLING ALLEY WAS FUN FOR ALL, FAMILY AND FRIENDS GATHERED TO ALSO HONOR THE MEMORY OF DEBBIE DOYLE. DEBBIE WAS BATTLING ALS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF SUMMER, BUT SHE WAS NOT ALONE IN HER FIGHT.**

**BEN DOYLE-DEBBIE DOYLE'S SON: "A bunch of the Casper Crush Moms got together and decided to do a big old fund raiser for her to help us out. Unfortunately we lost her this last week...but where they decided to still do it and this is amazing."**

**AMAZING IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT. BEN HAS HELPED SUPPORT HIS FAMILY THROUGH THESE TOUGH TIMES DESPITE BATTLING HIS OWN WITH AN INOPERABLE TUMOR. BEN'S FATHER TOM ALSO HAS PHYSICAL DIFFICULTIES AFTER AN ACCIDENT IN THE LATE SEVENTIES. IN AN OFFICIAL FAMILY OF EIGHT, THE NUMBERS DON'T STOP THERE.**

**KYLER HENDERSON-FRIEND OF BEN: "We probably keep supporting him and keep being a family with him and just move on and keep going with him because he's family also."**

**SAM WRIGHT: "While ben and his family have been through a lot...the community around Casper has shown great support for him. This bowling alley today is packed out for Ben. Now also a couple of people in here are going to give him a little surprise today as soon as they get out."**

**"Ben, from the Atkins family, and world class autos."**

**AND BY LITTLE SURPRISE, I MEANT A NEW FORD F 150.**

**"Celebration."**

**THE DOYLE FAMILY AND FRIENDS HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN ON A ROLLER COASTER, BUT LIKE ALL RIDES, WE'RE STRAPPED IN UNTIL THE END. SAM WRIGHT NEWS 13 CASPER**

**JACKIE**

BEN SAID HE'D SEEN THE VEHICLE BEFORE AND HAD HOPED HIS DREAM TRUCK WOULD COME TO HIM SOMEDAY.

**9/12**

**REGINA**



THE AIR INSIDE MIDWEST SCHOOL CONSTITUTED AN URGENT HEALTH HAZARD IN MAY WHEN OFFICIALS DECIDED TO EVACUATE THE SCHOOL. THIS ACCORDING TO A NEW GOVERNMENT REPORT RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY).

## **BRADY**

THE AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY RELEASED A FORMAL REVIEW, WHICH FOUND AIR SAMPLES FROM INSIDE THE SCHOOL CONTAINED CARBON DIOXIDE LEVELS THAT EXCEEDED HEALTH GUIDELINES.

THE REVIEW ALSO SHOWED AREAS OF THE SCHOOL WERE OXYGEN-DEFICIENT. AIR SAMPLING FROM MAY AND JUNE SHOWED ACUTE LEVELS OF BENZENE, 200 TIMES RECOMMENDED LEVELS. EXPOSURE TO BENZENE CAN CAUSE BOTH SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM HEALTH PROBLEMS, INCLUDING DEATH AND AN INCREASED RISK OF CANCER.

MIDWEST SCHOOL HAS BEEN CLOSED INDEFINITELY SINCE IT WAS EVACUATED IN MAY. ABOUT 100 STUDENTS ARE BUSED INTO CASPER TO ATTEND CLASSES. SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES PLAN TO HIRE AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE BY OCTOBER FIRST TO PROVIDE MITIGATION ADVICE. BUT SOME PARENTS SHOWED UP TO TONIGHT'S (MONDAY) SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TO EXPRESS CONCERNS ABOUT HOW LONG THE PROCESS IS TAKING.

**JUSTIN MARKER, PARENT OF DISPLACED STUDENTS:** "Just like the School Board says, they're concerned for the safety of the kids, and so am I. I'm putting my kids on the bus as 6 o'clock in the morning, and 11 hours later they come home. We're all familiar with the Wyoming weather and I don't like the idea of having my kids on the road for 100 miles every day."

## **BRADY**

NO NATRONA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE WAS WILLING TO TALK ON CAMERA ABOUT THE MATTER. BUT CHAIRMAN KEVIN CHRISTOPHERSON SAID DURING A PUBLIC HEARING THE SITUATION IS OUT OF THE BOARD'S HANDS WHILE MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM.

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## **REGINA**

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO TRY BEAR SPRAY, BUT THOUGHT IT WAS TOO EXPENSIVE? PEOPLE CAN GET IT CHEAP OR FREE IN NORTHWEST WYOMING, WHERE GRIZZLY BEARS ARE ACTIVE RIGHT NOW. PENNY PRESTON REPORTS HUNTING ORGANIZATIONS, PRIVATE BUSINESSES, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, AND WYOMING'S GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT ARE WORKING TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS SAFE IN BEAR COUNTRY.

**In late August, hundreds of people saw a bear eating a buffalo in Yellowstone. This is the time grizzlies are very hungry, fattening up for hibernation.**

**It was in August just one year ago, when a lone hiker was killed by a grizzly about a half mile off the popular Elephant Back Loop Trail. Park officials killed the sow they believed was responsible.**

**This spring, Yellowstone officials announced a new campaign: Posters at park entrances remind visitor's to be vigilant in grizzly bear country, and to carry bear spray. This bear spray rental company opened for business before the Yellowstone hiker died, and got a lot of business right after the attack...but then business dropped off a lot.**



**SALLY:** “We had people that thought we were a gimmick. They just didn’t understand the need for bear spray, or just what it was.”

**Sally Vering** says the Park’s new bear aware campaign has boosted business, a lot.

“The Park’s message is extremely strong and helpful in getting the word out.”

When the campaign started, park scientists said only 28 percent of the park’s visitors were carrying bear spray in the backcountry.

**PENNY:** “Earlier in the season, when we asked hikers here why they weren’t carrying bear spray. One woman said, ‘I guess I’m just too cheap’. When you think about it, paying \$50 for something you hope you never have to use can be a little bit expensive.”

But, Vering’s company rents the spray for less than ten dollars a can a day. If ten dollars is cheaper than fifty, then free is even cheaper.

Wyoming’s Game and Fish Department, gave 100 cans of bear spray to hunters in less than an hour last September. They’re going to do it again this year, 8 a.m. sharp, September 20th, They’re not just protecting hunters. They’re protecting bears.

“Wyoming Outdoorsmen, Yellowstone Country Bear Hunters’ Association, have really stepped up to reduce human caused bear mortality.”

From Yellowstone and Cody, Penny Preston, News 13.

## **REGINA**

THE GAME AND FISH BEAR SPRAY GIVEAWAY WILL HAPPEN SEPTEMBER 20 AT 8 A.M, AT THE GAME CHECK STATION ON CODY’S WEST END. ONLY WYOMING HUNTERS ARE ELIGIBLE. BUT, YOU MAY WANT TO GET THERE EARLY. ALL THE BEAR SPRAY WAS GONE IN LESS THAN AN HOUR LAST SEPTEMBER.

**9/13**

## **REGINA**

THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, COMMONLY KNOWN HAS HUD, PROVIDES GRANT MONEY TO THE CITY OF CASPER EACH YEAR.

## **BRADY**

THE FUNDS MUST BE USED TO BENEFIT LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS, REDUCE SLUM AND BLIGHT, OR MEET AN URGENT COMMUNITY NEED.

CASPER CITY EMPLOYEES SET SIX GOALS LAST YEAR TO MEET THOSE CRITERIA AS PART OF THE CITY’S FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN. THE DIRECTOR OF CASPER’S HUD GRANT PRESENTED HER YEAR-END REPORT AT CASPER’S CITY COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT (TUESDAY). THE REPORT OUTLINES HOW THE CITY USED NEARLY 273 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN HUD GRANT MONEY. THE CITY SPENT 35 THOUSAND DOLLARS ON TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE, 82 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE LIFE STEPS CAMPUS, AS WELL AS ALMOST 44 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EMERGENCY HOME



REPAIRS. THE REPORTS SAYS THE CITY OF CASPER MET ALL OF ITS GOALS AND HUD REQUIREMENTS. CASPER'S PROGRAM DIRECTOR SAYS THE MONEY WAS WELL SPENT.

**Joy Clark, community development block grant program director:** "The low-income residents that would be unable to possibly fund a repair on their home. Um, get transportation assistance; um; just not where they're able to expend funds, HUD makes that available."

**BRADY**

THIS WAS THE END OF THE FIRST YEAR OF THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN. CLARK WILL SUBMIT THE FINAL REPORT TO HUD AFTER THE FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, WHICH IS AT CASPER'S SEPTEMBER 20TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

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**REGINA**

IF YOU'RE A FORMER COAL MINER OR ENERGY WORKER WHO WAS EXPOSED TO URANIUM AND COAL DUST AND HAVE DEVELOPED EITHER BLACK LUNG DISEASE OR ANOTHER RESPIRATORY DISEASE.THERE ARE BENEFITS OUT THERE YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT. NEWS 13'S JACKIE WETZLER SPOKE WITH HEALTH CARE REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE SPREADING THE WORD.

**KRISTY ANTONETTE:** "Critical Nurse Staffing is a company that provides in-home nursing care to former uranium minors and nuclear workers across the United States"

**ENERGY WORKERS ARE USUALLY IN TOXIC ENVIRONMENTS. URANIUM WORKERS WHO ARE SICK CAN GET IN HOME SERVICES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.**

"We can provide them with like I said, as little as one nursing visit a month up to 24 hours a day of nursing visits"

"I have never had a patient stop this program once they've started it"

**ALONG WITH FORMER URANIUM WORKERS, FORMER COAL MINERS CAN RECEIVE SERVICES THEY MIGHT NOT BE AWARE OF.**

**KEVIN YAKE:** "Were providing in-home at no cost to the miner pulmonary rehab for the treatment of black lung"

**BLACK LUNG, A RESPIRATORY DISEASE, IS CAUSED FROM INHALING COAL DUST AND IT GETS WORSE WITH AGE. THERAPISTS HOPE TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE WITH EDUCATION AND EXERCISE...**

"There is a service out there and we want to be able to provide it, we want them to know about it, and know no matter if they live in an area that has a pulmonary rehab or doesn't we can still provide that care for them in their home"

**THERE ARE NO BLACK LUNG CLINIC PULMONARY REHAB CENTERS WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI. JACKIE WETZLER NEWS 13 CASPER**

YAKE SAYS THEY ARE STARTING TO SEE AN INCREASE IN BLACK LUNG PATIENTS GOING BACK TO THE NUMBERS OF THE EARLY 1970'S. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS INFORMATIONAL



MEETING YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION ON THESE BENEFITS ON OUR WEBSITE KCWY 13 DOT COM

**9/14**

**BRADY**

IF YOU'RE HAVING A HARD TIME SELLING YOUR HOME, YOU ARE NOT ALONE. MEMBERS OF THE WYOMING REAL ESTATE COMMISSION MEETING IN CODY TODAY AGREED THE HOUSING MARKET IS SOFT IN A LOT OF WYOMING MARKETS. PENNY PRESTON REPORTS IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHERE YOU LIVE.

**Builders are still putting up new houses in Cody, but there are a lot of for sale signs around town. Is the market slow in Wyoming? When we put that question to members of the Wyoming Real Estate Commission, they said it depends on where you live. Commission Chair Randall Hall.**

**Randall Hall, Commission Chair: "I was talking to a broker today in Buffalo. He's closing his business. They had 70 sales there last year, and 44 agents in the market. So, that would be considered pretty damn soft."**

**While the commissioners mentioned some reasonably stable markets, like Casper...most seemed to think the weak energy market, and pending presidential election are suppressing sales. One commissioner remarked Wyoming has survived boom and bust housing markets before, and**

**"We just, keep on."**

**Penny Preston, Reporting: "If you want to sell your own house, what do you do? One of the commission members mentioned that in her market, reasonably priced houses still sell pretty quickly. But, if you own a starter castle, you may be in trouble."**

**Ray Elser, Retired Chair Wyoming Real Estate Commission: "Residential sales above three million dollars year to date is off about nineteen percent."**

**Ray Elser has been selling homes in the Jackson area since 1980. He says prices there are back up to the 2005-2006 levels. But, the number of sales are way down in luxury resort markets all over the country,**

**"Aspen was reporting that their year to date number of sales transactions was off 44 percent."**

**Elser says similar drops are being reported in the Hamptons and Miami, and no one seems to know the exact cause.**

**"Is it the presidential election? All we can really say is people are being very cautious."**

**From Cody, Penny Preston, News 13.**

**BRADY**

**WHILE THE COMMISSION WRAPPED UP THEIR MEETING IN CODY THIS AFTERNOON, THE WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS IS GATHERING THERE FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS.**

**9/15**



**BRADY**

77-YEAR-OLD LARRY ROSENBERG OF CHEYENNE OPENED FIRE IN THE SENIOR RESIDENCE OF HERITAGE COURT APARTMENTS YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY). NEWS 13'S SAM WRIGHT DISCOVERED HOW TO BEST DEFEND YOURSELF AND OTHERS IN THIS SITUATION.

**THE SHOOTING IN CHEYENNE SAW THREE LIVES THREATENED, AND ONE OF THEM LOST.**

**THERE IS USUALLY A PIECE OF EVIDENCE THAT CAN FORESHADOW THESE TYPES OF EVENTS, AND ROSENBERG HAD WRITTEN A LETTER ABOUT HIS CONCERN OF POKER GAMES BEING HELD WITHIN THE COMPLEX. FOR REASONS LIKE THESE, WE NEED TO BE AWARE.**

**JOHN HATCHER- CASPER POLICE DETECTIVE:** "I think a lot of things with them is just people having eyes...and being aware of what's going on around them. when we go around and do training for active shooter drills...one of the biggest things we tell people is be alert of what's going on...who's coming and going from your establishment"

**IN A SENIOR ENVIRONMENT, THIS IS A SITUATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN SEEN OFTEN.**

"It actually kind of shocking and immediately already has me thinking."

**SAM WRIGHT:** "A lot of the senior affiliated areas here have been asking the same question. What do we do in case this happens to us...and the best thing you can do is to make sure that your defensive strategy is set? Make sure everyone knows where to go and what to do in the case of a threat."

**CAYSIE LaRue-Executive Director:** "We have electronic locks if somebody is lurking or something does looks off I would lock the doors because I can lock them from my computer and then contact the PD."

**ANOTHER METHOD IS TO ALSO ASK SOMEONE IF THEY CAN LEAVE THEIR FIREARM OUT OF SIGHT.**

"We've found a lot of times that people do that and if it makes people uncomfortable a lot of times just asking us we'll put it away."

**HATCHER SAYS IT'S A RIGHT FOR WYOMING RESIDENTS TO HAVE A FIREARM, BUT TO KEEP THE TENSION IN THE AIR LOOSE, IT'S A WISE IDEA TO POLITELY ASK IF THEY CAN PUT IT AWAY. SAM WRIGHT NEWS 13 CASPER.**

**BRADY**

ROSENBERG WAS IN POSSESSION OF A HANDGUN AND RIFLE, BUT IT IS UNCLEAR IF BOTH WERE USED IN THE SHOOTING.

**9/16**

**BRADY**

EARLIER THIS WEEK WE BROUGHT YOU A STORY ABOUT HOW PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN MIDWEST ARE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR SCHOOL, WHICH WAS CLOSED INDEFINITELY IN MAY BECAUSE OF DANGEROUS AIR. MIDWEST SCHOOL WAS EVACUATED IN LATE MAY. HIGH LEVELS OF THE CANCER-CAUSING GAS BENZENE WERE LATER DISCOVERED.



SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF HIRING A CONSULTING FIRM. THEY WILL REVIEW DATA FROM NATRONA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST THEM IN SAFELY RETURNING THE STUDENTS TO THEIR CLASSROOMS IN MIDWEST. TUESDAY SEVERAL RESIDENTS FELT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS LOOKING FOR A REASON TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL.

**Dennis Bay - Executive Director Business Services for NCS D: "The district has no reason to close that school. Our reason is we need to have the students and staff safe in that building**

**BRADY**

NATRONA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL HOLD A TOWN HALL MEETING IN MIDWEST THIS COMING TUESDAY EVENING AT FIVE THIRTY.

**9/20**

**REGINA**

NATRONA COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL OFFICIALS HELD A MEETING THIS EVENING (TUESDAY) AT MIDWEST TOWN HALL TO DISCUSS RECENT UPDATES INVOLVED WITH THE GAS LEAK.

**BRADY**

NEWS 13'S JACKIE WETZLER ATTENDED THE MEETING TO HEAR THE PROGRESS BEING MADE.

**ABOUT 30 TO 40 PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, SCHOOL STAFF AND EVEN STUDENTS CAME TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE MIDWEST GAS LEAK.**

**"They get home at 1:30am in the morning been up since 5am to 1:30am the next morning"**

**"Our kids were in school an entire day"**

**SCHOOL OFFICIALS ORGANIZED A PLAN TO GET STUDENTS BACK INTO MIDWEST SCHOOL.**

**DENNIS BAY- NATRONA COUNTY SCHOOLS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: "My goal and the district's goal is to get back in that building as soon as we can"**

**BAY SAYS THE FIRST STEP IS GETTING FOUR ENVIRONMENTAL/CERTIFIED INDUSTRIAL HYGIENISTS TO REVIEW DATA FROM THE AIR MONITORING SAMPLING FROM MAY AND JUNE.**

**"We can monitor CO2 we cannot monitor benzene"**

**BAY SAYS A MITIGATION PLAN IS ALSO IN THE WORKS BECAUSE OF THE LEVELS OF BENZENE.**

**"And that is part of our Environmental and Hygienist firms jobs is to review the plan the FDL has presented to us"**

**THE PLAN AND SAMPLES WILL THEN BE SUBMITTED TO THE WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY.... THE ENVIRONMENTAL/CERTIFIED INDUSTRIAL HYGIENISTS WILL BE ON BOARD BY OCTOBER 1ST.**

**JACKIE WETZLER NEWS 13 MIDWEST**



**BRADY**

THE SCHOOL WILL HAVE NEW CO2 MONITORS. THE RESULTS FROM THE HEALTH SURVEY ALSO HAVEN'T BEEN COMPLETED. SCHOOL OFFICIALS PLAN TO HAVE ANOTHER MEETING NEXT MONTH SO COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN ASK MORE QUESTIONS FOR THE HYGIENISTS.

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A STATE FARM AGENT SAYS WYOMING RANKS 8TH IN THE COUNTRY FOR THE MOST DEER COLLISIONS - UP FOUR POSITIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THIS MEANS WYOMING DRIVERS ARE NEARLY 20 PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO COLLIDE WITH A DEER THAN LAST YEAR.

A GAME AND FISH BIOLOGIST SAYS WHILE THE WYOMING DEER POPULATION IN IS UP SLIGHTLY... DEER COLLISIONS HAVE A LOT TO DO WITH DRIVER'S INATTENTION TO ROADSIDE DEER. THE RAIN IN LATE SUMMER TO EARLY FALL WILL COLLECT IN ROAD DITCHES, WHICH ATTRACTS DEER TO GREENER GRASS NEAR THE HIGHWAY.

**Brian Olsen: "During the fall early winter those deer will migrate down corridors and a lot of times they will be crossing highways in larger numbers so people need to be aware that this time of year you'll see deer and other wildlife closer to highways in the state":15**

ALONG WITH PAYING ATTENTION TO THE ROAD, DRIVERS SHOULD ADHERE TO DEER CROSSING SIGNS, DRIVE SLOWLY, USE YOUR HIGH BEAMS WHEN POSSIBLE, AND BRAKE IF NECESSARY.

**9/21**

**BRADY**

A WRITER FROM NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC DEBATES OVER THE NEGATIVE IMPACT BOTH STRAY AND FERAL CATS HAVE ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

FERAL AND STRAY CATS ARE A BIG ISSUE IN WYOMING. JUST LAST YEAR, METRO ANIMAL HOUSED OVER 13-HUNDRED CATS, OVER 250 WERE FERAL. THIS YEAR, METRO HAS TAKEN OVER 900 CATS, SEVEN PERCENT OF THEM HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THEIR OWNERS. THEY CAN SPREAD RABIES, BE A DANGER TO LITTLE KIDS, AND CAN KILL OTHER ANIMALS LIKE SONG BIRDS AND RABBITS.

**TORY WALSH: "Metro Animal Services encourages people to keep their cats indoor for one it keeps them safe it keeps them healthy they certainly live longer inside an average of 15 years as opposed to 2 or 4 for an outdoor cat"**

WALSH DISCOURAGES ANYONE FROM FEEDING STRAY ANIMALS BECAUSE IT COULD ATTRACT MORE DANGEROUS ANIMALS LIKE BEARS, MOUNTAIN LIONS, OR RACCOONS THAT COULD HAVE RABIES. IF YOU SEE A STRAY CAT, YOU CAN ALSO GET A TRAP ON-LINE OR FROM METRO ANIMAL SERVICES.

**9/22**

**BRADY**

SALES TAX INITIATIVES WERE THE BIG TOPIC THIS MORNING (THURSDAY) AT A REVENUE COMMITTEE MEETING. NEWS 13'S JACKIE WETZLER ATTENDED THE MEETING TO HEAR WHAT CHANGES MAY BE COMING.



**SOUTH DAKOTA REPRESENTATIVES PASSED A LAW LAST YEAR TO COLLECT SALES TAX FROM OUTSIDE VENDORS, IN OTHER WORDS ON INTERNET SALES. WYOMING REPRESENTATIVES NOW WANT TO DO THE SAME.**

**SENATOR PETERSON: "Any Internet, outside business that doesn't have a physical presence in Wyoming would probably fit in that category of the people we're going after to force them to play fair"**

**THE STREAMLINE TAX EFFORT IS A NATIONAL MOVEMENT WYOMING HAS BEEN A PART OF FOR THE LAST 17 YEARS.**

**"The unfairness of it is we have competitors from outside our state that don't have a physical presence in the state of Wyoming that aren't assessed that sales tax so they have a distinct advantage in their selling price of whatever product the state of Wyoming citizen is buying"**

**IN-STATE BUSINESSES ARE EXPECTED TO PAY SALES TAXES.**

**THE ONLY DOWNSIDE IS YOU WOULD HAVE TO PAY MORE FOR YOUR ON-LINE ITEMS**

**"Either we do that or we just do away with the tax altogether if we can't enforce it equally"**

**PETERSON SAY IF SALES TAX GOES AWAY WERE LOOKING AT POSSIBLY HAVING A STATE INCOME TAX OR INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES**

**"I'm after that 4%"**

**IT'S ALREADY STATE LAW, BUT MANY OF US DON'T KNOW WE ARE TO FILL OUT A FORM ABOUT ON-LINE PURCHASES AND SEND THE MONEY TO THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT.**

**JACKIE WETZLER NEWS 13 BUFFALO**

**BRADY**

**THE WIND ENERGY TAX WAS DISCUSSED AS WELL. PETERSON SAYS HE'S ALSO NOT IN FAVOR OF INCREASING WIND TAX, IT'S A WAY TO DIVERSIFY THE STATE AND ATTRACT OUTSIDE BUSINESSES**

**9/23**

**REGINA**

**SCHOOL OFFICIALS EVACUATED SAGEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CASPER TODAY (FRIDAY) AFTER A GAS LEAK WAS DISCOVERED AT THE SCHOOL.**

**BRADY**

**I (BRADY GILLUM) WAS THERE AS STUDENTS EVACUATED THE BUILDING AND WERE RECONNECTED WITH THEIR PARENTS.**

**IT INTERRUPTED WHAT HAD BEEN A TYPICAL SCHOOL DAY AT SAGEWOOD ELEMENTARY.**

**Rick: "We had a school, Sagewood, who got word that there was a potential gas leak."**

**SOMEONE SMELLED GAS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL BUILDING.**



"But because it was in the...in the vicinity of a transformer, they didn't want to run the risk of having something go wrong."

**SCHOOL OFFICIALS EVACUATED SAGEWOOD AND BUSSED STUDENTS AND STAFF TO NEARBY ALTA VISTA PARK.**

Angela: "Well, I just got, yeah, I just got actually a text saying come down here, and I didn't know why, just that the students had been evacuated."

**AFTER STUDENTS AND STAFF WAITED IN THE PARK FOR ABOUT 45 MINUTES, SCHOOL AUTHORITIES BUSSED THE STUDENTS TO MANOR HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO AVOID RAINY, WINDY CONDITIONS. SCHOOL OFFICIALS NOTIFIED PARENTS THEY COULD PICK UP THEIR CHILDREN THERE.**

John: "But we decided to come get him. It's kind of scary; you know, a gas leak, so."

**IN THE END, NOBODY WAS HURT. PARENTS AND STAFF FELT RELIEVED IT WAS ONLY AN INTERRUPTION TO THE SCHOOL DAY.**

"They followed their evacuation plan. It went very, very smoothly."

"The funny thing is he was trying to get out of school today anyways. He was trying to play his mom. She was like you need to come get him early. So, she cracked a joke about it, so."

"So, yeah, it's a big relief to know it was just a gas leak."

**NOW IT'S BACK TO TYPICAL SCHOOL DAYS.**

"OK....HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND....THANK YOU."

**BRADY**

NO WORD YET AS TO WHAT CAUSED THE LEAK OR HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE TO FIX IT.

9/27

**BRADY**

FREMONT COUNTY SHERIFFS HAVE ROPED OFF A HOUSE AS A CRIME SCENE IN DUBOIS. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED SUNDAY NIGHT TO THE HOME WHERE A 49-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WAS FOUND DEAD.

UNDERSHERIFF RYAN LEE SAYS IN A SHORT STATEMENT THEY HAVE NOT RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF FOUL PLAY. THE STATEMENT SAYS THE INITIAL CALL WAS FOR A WOMAN NOT BREATHING.

UNDERSHERIFF LEE WILL NOT RELEASE ANY MORE INFORMATION RIGHT NOW... SAYING DETAILS ARE LIMITED. HE DOES NOT WANT TO COMPROMISE THE INTEGRITY OF THE INVESTIGATION. A DEPUTY IS STATIONED AT THE CRIME SCENE TO MAKE SURE NO ONE ENTERS THE HOME.

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CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS HELD A SPECIAL MEETING TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH A PRIVATE MANAGEMENT COMPANY TO TAKE OVER THE CASPER EVENTS CENTER. AS OF OCTOBER FIRST THE CASPER EVENTS CENTER WILL BE MANAGED BY SPECTRA VENUE MANAGEMENT.

NEWS 13'S JACKIE WETZLER ATTENDED THE MEETING. JACKIE WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME?

**JACKIE**

IN AN 8 TO 0 VOTE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AGREED THIS CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT WOULD BE THE BEST OUTCOME FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AFTER THE RETIREMENT OF LONG TERM MANAGER, BUD DOVALA.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS APPROVED SPECTRA VENUE MANAGEMENT TO TAKE OVER THE CASPER EVENTS CENTER.**

**Wayne Heili: "It's a good time to turn a new page and see what the Casper Events Center can become"**

**VH McDonald: "The overall goal of having the Events Center privately managed is to reduce the amount of subsidy required for the operation of the facility which is currently around one million dollars a year depending on the number of shows and the performance of each show"**

**MCDONALD SAYS ANOTHER PURPOSE FOR THE EVENTS CENTER IS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY EVENTS LIKE HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENTS AND CNFR.**

**SPECTRA'S REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT RICK HONTZ SAYS THESE TWO THINGS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED UNDER SPECTRA'S MANAGEMENT.**

**Rick: "The money the fee that they're paying for our services more than pays for itself what were able to do with increase of events, increase in revenue, and obviously we have to control the expenses which we know is customary to this industry"**

**"There's some great events you mentioned that were going to make sure we keep here for a long time**

**UNDER THE NEW AGREEMENT, CURRENT EVENTS CENTER EMPLOYEES WILL NOT LOSE THEIR JOBS. THEY WILL ALL BECOME SPECTRA EMPLOYEES.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS, CASPER EVENTS EMPLOYEES, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS APPRECIATE EVERYTHING DOVALA DID FOR THE EVENTS CENTER AND GAVE TO THE COMMUNITY UNDER HIS 30 PLUS YEARS OF MANAGING.**

**JACKIE**

**SPECTRA'S CONTRACT IS 5 YEARS. CITY OFFICIALS CAN RENEW THEIR CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL FIVE YEAR PERIODS. BACK TO YOU**

**BRADY**

**SPECTRA EMPLOYEES ALREADY PROVIDE TICKETING AND FAN ENGAGEMENT TO THE CASPER EVENTS CENTER.**

**9/28**



**BRADY**

WIND RIVER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN ANIMAL SCIENCE AND BUSINESS SKILLS WITH FLESH-EATING BUGS AND SKULLS. NEWS 13'S LANDON HARRAR SHOWS US WHAT THE BUGS AND BONES CLASS IS ALL ABOUT AND HOW IT'S HELPING STUDENTS EVEN AFTER THEY GRADUATE. SOME OF THE IMAGES ARE OF STUDENTS PREPARING REAL ANIMAL SKULLS...VIEWER DISCRETION IS ADVISED.

**STUDENTS IN THE BUGS AND BONES CLASS ACCEPT ANY SKULLS HUNTERS WANT TO DISPLAY AS A TROPHY.**

**Dirk Gosnell Wind River Science Teacher: "We clean skulls, we take them fresh from the hunters, through a process of using bugs to clean them and cleaning and whitening processes and we come out with a finished product."**

**Ceatriss Wall Wind River High School Principal: "Alligators from Florida, we've had brown bears from Canada, Alaska, caribou, a few years ago the class did a grizzly bear and a wolf."**

**THE CLASS IS RUN LIKE A BUSINESS. HUNTERS PAY FOR THE SKULL CLEANING AND STUDENTS TAKE CARE OF THE REST, TO TEACH THEM HOW A SMALL BUSINESS IS RUN.**

**"We talk about utilities and rental. If this was our business, what would it cost to rent a building like this and what would the utilities be and if we had people coming in to work for us how would we determine what we would pay those people."**

**Rohinnie Ward Freshmen Skull Cleaner: "It gets me ready for it and then I know, I'm already experienced with what I need to do so it's a good thing for me to have this class because I don't have to go through it the first time I go with my business."**

**THE MONEY EARNED GOES TO REPLENISHING SUPPLIES; ANY EXTRA IS PUT TOWARDS CHARITIES AND COLLEGE EDUCATION.**

**"Anybody who is in the bugs and bones class they get 250 dollars per year towards a scholarship and obviously they have to enroll and prove enrollment for in the college and they send that to us."**

**"They pick a family or an organization to donate to and in the past they've done like the Dubois, the town of Dubois when they had their tragic fire, we've done the Chance Phelps Foundation, we've done our own students who have had medical emergencies in their life."**

**THE JOB IS A SMELLY ONE. BUT STUDENTS ENJOY ITS REALNESS.**

**"I love skinning, right now I'm in the middle of skinning an antelope, skinning I think is very fun to me. I get to get down and get dirty you know, there's only two girls in the class so it's kind of cool sometimes when you show up the boys and everything."**

**LANDON HARRAR NEWS 13 PAVILLION.**

**BRADY**

**LAST YEAR STUDENTS CLEANED OVER 300 SKULLS. IT COSTS 50 DOLLARS FOR DEER AND ANTELOPE SKULLS AND 100 DOLLARS FOR AN ELK.**