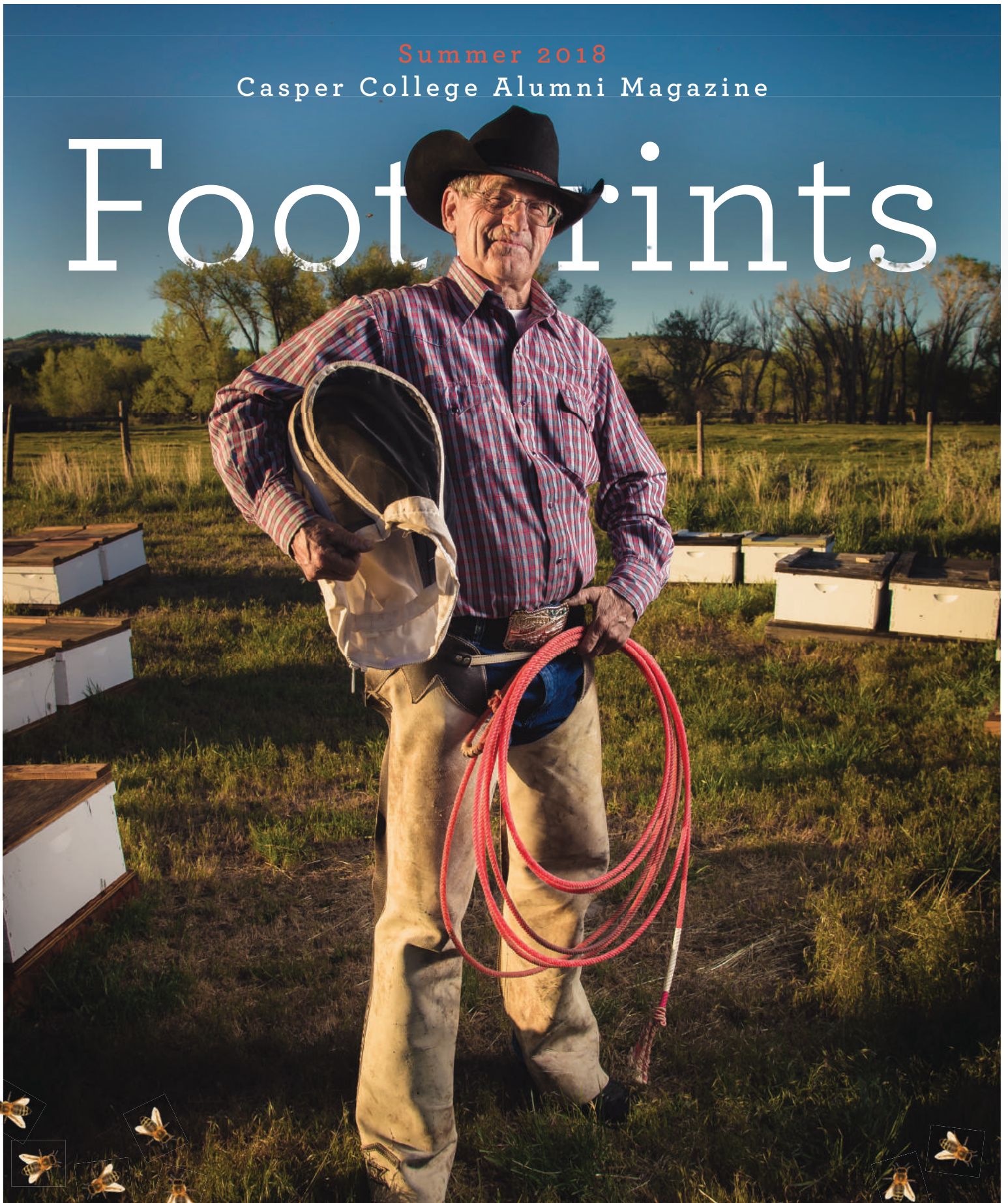


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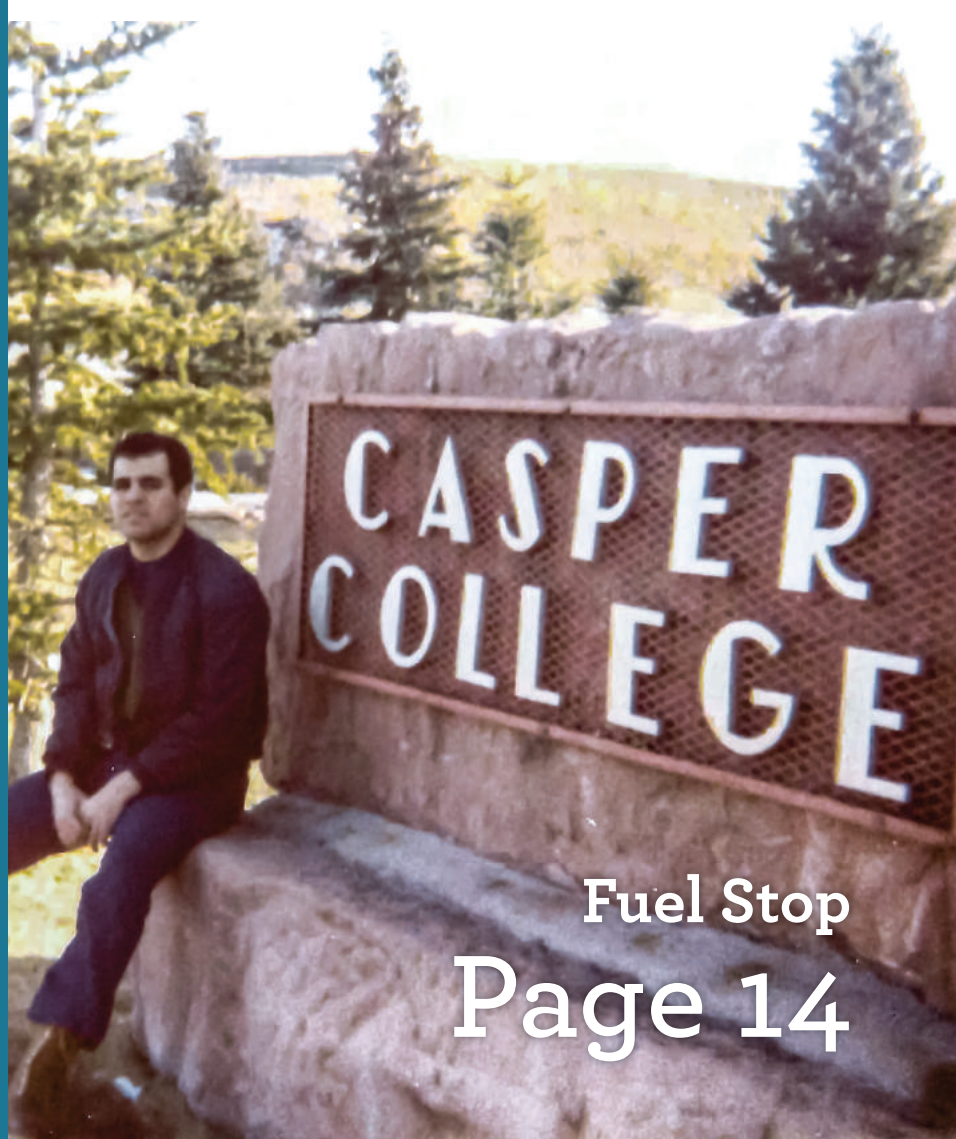
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Dear fellow alums and friends of Casper College,

Casper College Homecoming 2018 was so much fun! Watching the T-Bird men and women beat the Gillette College Pronghorns, reconnecting with old friends, getting pictures taken in the photo booth, and enjoying great chili made for a wonderful afternoon and evening.

Erickson T-Bird Gym was rockin' and rollin' with a wonderfully boisterous crowd, which no doubt helped lift up the teams. It brought back great memories from my time at Casper College when the gym was filled to capacity for each men's game. There were no women's sports at that time. All college activities enjoyed great student, community, and alumni support then.

I certainly understand that today's world has literally unlimited ways to demand everyone's time and attention. But supporters of Casper College, and in particular, alumni, can make a true difference in the success of college activities.

It's so easy to find out "what's goin' on" at our beloved college. Just go to the Casper College website and click on "Events Calendar" under the "Quick Links" tab on the right side of the page. You will find a veritable feast of offerings each day.

If you are interested in a specific activity, you can also choose from the following calendars:

- Alumni
- Arts
- Athletics
- Conferences/Camps/Lectures
- Meetings and Other Events
- Student Activities/Events

Being a "fine arts girl," I was immediately drawn to the "Arts" calendar link. There, I found everything from a "Kimono Tapestries" exhibit, to "Jazz Night," to the "Eyes of Freedom: Lima Company Memorial."

Husband T. J. and I drove to Casper from Thermopolis, Wyoming, to see the "Eyes of Freedom" traveling memorial. Twenty-two Marines and a Navy corpsman from one

company were killed in Iraq in a four-month period in 2005. Life-size portraits, plus each fallen hero's boots displayed below his portrait, made the exhibit incredibly powerful. Wyoming Governor Matt Mead has been the only governor to visit the memorial in all of its travels around the U.S. The Patriot Guard Riders provided a motorcycle escort into and out of Casper, and the campus provided a flag line during opening and closing ceremonies. The Casper College Veterans Club sponsored the exhibit's trip to Wyoming.

Not only can alumni help support the various activities at Casper College, I believe we can set a powerful example for the students who are there and who are our future alumni.

Lea Schoenewald (AA '72)



President, Casper College Alumni Association,
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*Casper College Alumni Association
President Lea Schoenewald speaking
to the 2018 CC graduating class.*

Alumni & Campus News

Donor Recognition Luncheon

The Casper College Foundation and Alumni Association hosted their first annual donor appreciation luncheon on Friday, March 2, 2018, at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper. The event hosted both scholarship donors and scholarship recipients, giving everyone the opportunity to mingle and chat. Three students spoke, **John Livingston III**, (AA '18) **Crystal Marsh**, (AA '18) and **Morgan Whitson**, (ADN, '18) and shared their respective journeys and their gratitude for scholarship support while attending Casper College.

Paulann Doane, executive director of the Casper College Foundation and Alumni Association, lauded both groups, citing her hope that attendance at the annual event will continue to grow. "It's a joy to put donors and students into the same room. Students truly benefit from meeting the people who provide the means necessary for them to finish their education with less debt. Donors have the opportunity to see first-hand the impact of their generosity," Doane said.



Crystal Marsh

Students and donors enjoy luncheon.



CC's Brandon Kosine chats with CC student Albert SixFeathers.



Livestock Judging Team Finds Success in Phoenix, Denver, and Fort Worth

The Casper College livestock judging team found success at several meets during the 2017-2018 season.

At the Arizona National held in Phoenix, the team had a top-five finish in cattle, hogs, sheep, and reasons and took fourth place overall. Individually team member **Eli Nielsen**, (AS '18) Medaryville, Indiana, placed third in cattle while **Alexis Andrews**, Ellensburg, Washington, took fourth in cattle and eighth overall.

At the National Western Stock Show in Denver, they competed first in the Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest against 24 other colleges. The team placed first overall in hogs, reserve overall in reasons, and third overall as a team. The team also competed in the Collegiate Carload Judging Contest and placed fourth overall.

Individually, **Logan Despain**, Laramie, Wyoming, took second high individual in swine, fourth in reasons, and seventh overall. **Cole McKenney**, Big Timber, Montana, placed sixth

in swine and **Shanan Davey**, (AS, AS '18) Olathe, Colorado, placed seventh in reasons, eighth in cattle, ninth in sheep and goats, and 10th overall.

At the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, the team was second in horses, second in sheep and goats, second in reasons, and fifth overall.

Individually, **Alexi Goodnow**, (AS '18) Craig, Colorado, was first high individual in swine, eighth high individual in horses, and eighth overall. Davey was first in horses, second in sheep, second in reasons, and fifth overall.

CC Adds New Degrees, Certificates, Enhances Program

Casper College has added two new degrees, three certificates, and updated a degree program for the 2018-2019 school year.

The new degrees are in American Sign Language studies, and kinesiology and

health promotion. The new certificates are for coaching, personal training, and interprofessional health care. The updated degree program is in cyber security.

The CC Continuing Education Department also introduced a new program to train students to become surgical technicians.

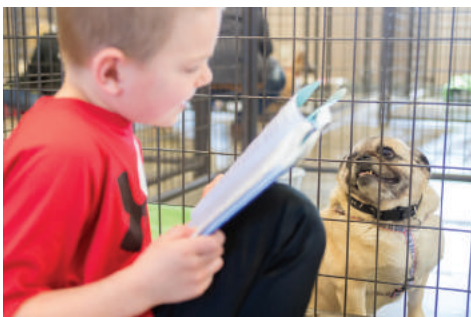
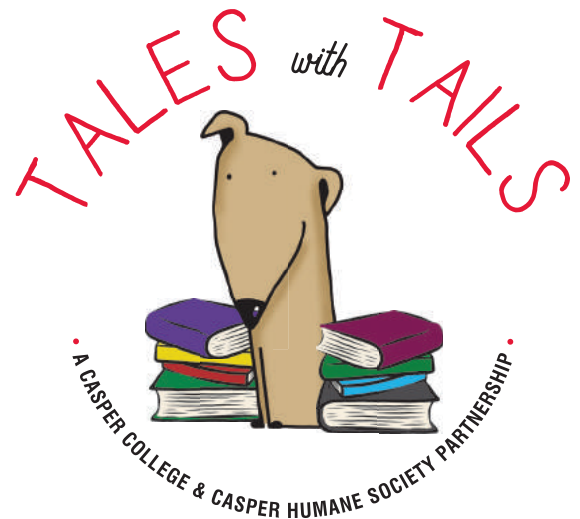
CC Student Named Peer Advisor of the Month

Casper College student **Frank Herzberg**, a member of the Casper College Veterans Club, was named a Veteran Education Peer Advisor of the Month for February by the Peer Advisors for Veteran Education Program.

"Being awarded Peer Advisor of the month

through the PAVE program is actually a pretty big deal," said **Nicholas Whipps**, special population coordinator at Casper College. "Out of 40 different colleges and over 600 peer advisors nationwide, Frank was chosen for this award," Whipps said.

The PAVE program, which began with 12 partner campuses, now has a total of 40 partner campuses. Of that number, Casper College is one of only three community colleges nationwide selected to participate in the program.



Tales with Tails was started in conjunction with the Casper College Office of Student Financial Assistance to offer work-study and service-learning opportunities for our college

students while also providing a new, research-based, fun literacy program for Natrona County kids. Kids gained fluency practice by reading to dogs sheltered at the Casper Humane Society

and the dogs became more socialized and adoptable because of the attention from the kids.

Casper College Students Receive Awards

Two Casper College students, **Emma Clymer** (AA '18) and **Tiffany Horne**, (AS '18) were recently nominated to the Wyoming All-State Community College Academic Team.

To qualify for the nomination, all students must be a member of their local Phi Theta Kappa chapter and demonstrate academic

excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society.

Chloe Adkins, a 2017 graduate of Douglas High School in Box Elder, South Dakota, was selected as the 2018 recipient of the **Jon E.**

Brady Award in Political Study at Casper College, where she is a political science major.

Adkins is the 17th recipient of the annual award, according to **Erich Frankland**, political science instructor.

Son Honors Memory of Father with Donation

Sidney V. Anderson Jr., (AS, '67) of Casper donated \$12,000 in the memory of his father, **Sidney V. Anderson Sr.** who taught industrial arts at Casper College from 1966 to 1978.

The money was used for the purchase of a new JET manual vertical milling machine and related equipment to set it up like the other manual vertical milling machines the machine

tool technology department already has, said **Mark McCool**, machine tool technical instructor.

McCool noted that his department is currently receiving weekly calls for machinists. "Machinists starting out make approximately \$35,000 a year, and the pay goes up from there. Last spring two Casper College machine tool technology graduates got jobs in Casper

and started at \$43,680 a year. Others from our program are starting at \$37,440 a year," he said.

Anderson, a retired chemical engineer, lives with his family in Casper and stated that he donated the money in his father's name because his family had done well for themselves and wanted to help.

Grant to Provide Above Entry-level Work Opportunities

Individuals who have barriers mainly to education and employment can now find help in earning degrees, industry certifications, and state and national licenses that will provide them above entry-level work opportunities through America's Promise Grant at Casper College.

"America's Promise Grant offers qualifying individuals up to \$2,450 in tuition assistance towards advancing their current career or helping them pursue a new career in over 70 degree and certificate programs and continuing

education options available at Casper College," said **Joy Shain**, workforce training specialist at the college.

The grant targets five high-growth, high-demand, middle- to high-level occupations in the following industries: advanced manufacturing, education services, financial service, healthcare, and information technology and IT related industries. An H1-B grant, America's Promise is designed to train or retrain American workers for positions that would otherwise be filled by qualified foreign nationals who obtain an H1-B work visa.

On July 1, 2017, Casper College joined a consortium grant, Educating Toward Economic Diversity Partnership, with Northern Wyoming Community College District – Sheridan College and Gillette College, Laramie County Community College, and City College at Montana State University Billings. The ETED Partnership was granted America's Promise Grant and has set a goal of serving 804 individuals until December 31, 2020, with 201 individuals being served at Casper College.

Author Keynotes Humanities Festival

Noted author **Jasper Fforde** gave the Demorest Lecture at the 2018 Humanities Festival themed "Fables, Folklore and Fantasy." Other presenters included **Jared Bush**, Walt Disney Animation Studios director and screenwriter; **Steven Seagle**, writer, producer and co-creator of the characters featured in Disney and Marvel's Academy Award-winning collaboration, "Big Hero 6;" and **Lewis E. Mehl-Madrona**, a Stanford-educated doctor and author of the "Coyote" trilogy.



Jasper Fforde at the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper.

The Eyes of Freedom Memorial at CC

The Casper College Veterans Club hosted "The Eyes of Freedom: Lima Company Memorial." The memorial was on display at the Casper College campus April 24-28 at the Walter H. Nolte Gateway Center.

The Wyoming Patriot Guard Riders organized a procession and escort for the memorial from Cheyenne to Casper. Casper College helped organize a 70-person flag line to greet the memorial's arrival to campus.

Guest speakers for the opening ceremony included Chaplain Wade Jensen with the

Wyoming Air National Guard; **Jordan Janski**, Casper College Student Veterans Club president; Casper College President **Darren Divine**; Wyoming Governor Matthew Mead; and **Col. Daniel Perala**, (AS, '87) medical group commander for the Wyoming Air National Guard.

Visitors were asked to sign the "Eyes of Freedom" Memorial flag that was later presented to **Colton Sasser**, (AS, '16). The Casper College Student Veterans Club elected Sasser for the honor. Sasser, a local hero,

is a Wyoming native and U.S. Army veteran, wounded in action in Afghanistan, April 15, 2012. He is the founder of Hunting with Heroes, an organization with a mission to give back to our nation's disabled veterans by honoring them with unique hunting, fishing, and other outdoor experiences.

Casper College was also named to the 2018-2019 Military Friendly Schools list as a Gold Award recipient.



A 70-person flag line greeted the "Eyes of Freedom" memorial's arrival at Casper College.

2018 Graduate Morgan Whitson Chosen as Commencement Speaker

The commencement speaker for this year's commencement was Casper College graduating student **Morgan Whitson** (ADN, '18). Whitson was selected from a pool of seven students who each presented their proposed commencement speech to a panel of nine judges.

Whitson is a nontraditional student originally from Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Her education includes a bachelor's degree in musical arts with a minor in business administration in 2008 and a certificate in child development in 2012. Highly involved with her community, Whitson has participated in the Casper College Student Nurses' Association as the community service and fundraising chair, World Prematurity Day Awareness Health Fair, attended the Wyoming and National Student Nurses' Association Annual Conference, ran as a police department representative for the Special Olympics

Torch Run, participated in the Kids Against Hunger Food Packaging Project, helped pack food baskets for families in need at the Casper College Student Nurses' Association Thanksgiving Basket Packing, and participated in the Food for Thought Health Fair.

In school, Whitson has been awarded scholarships for each of her four semesters in nursing, is on the Casper College Dean's Honor List, and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society.

In addition to an outstanding speech and presentation, the winner of the 2017-2018 Student Commencement Speaker Contest had to have a minimum 3.0 grade point average, graduate in the 2017-2018 school year, and be in good standing with Casper College. Whitson graduated in May with her associate degree in nursing.



*CC graduate
Morgan Whitson.*

“Enjoy it. These are the best days of your life.”

Who among us doesn't remember hearing that phrase as students and wondering how it could be true, while we stood knee deep in term paper research and drowned in exam preparation. And don't forget about all the rest of day-to-day life with friendships, romances, work and, for many students, the added responsibilities of raising a family. Feeling a bit queasy, just at the memory? None of those pressures have gone away for Casper College students.

But come up to campus today, and you may discover a new coping strategy for students and staff. The Koru Mindfulness® course is changing how Casper College students and staff experience the stressors we all feel in our lives, both on and off campus. Developed at Duke University, the program's founders describe Koru Mindfulness as "... an evidence-based curriculum specifically designed for teaching mindfulness, meditation, and stress management to college students and other young adults."

Joanne Theobald, director of counseling at Casper College, was working toward certification in mindfulness-based stress reduction. Her motivation was personal. Chronic pain from an old injury was interfering with her quality of life. As a counselor, she'd seen firsthand the cost of internal pain and stress on students, so when she encountered the evidence-based Koru Mindfulness training program and the book "The Mindful Twentysomething," she thought of her clients. After some research into Koru, she took the teacher training in January 2017 and launched the first Koru Mindfulness class for students in February 2017.

Theobald knew mindfulness training offered solid benefits. According to Daniel Goleman and Richard Davidson in their 2017 book, "Altered Traits," mindfulness offers less amygdala reactivity to stress, better focus, less mind wandering, improved working memory, and increased empathy, even after just two weeks of practice. Furthermore, with increased practice, mindfulness can lower reactivity to stress and lessen inflammation, and increase the ability to manage distress and lower levels of cortisol.

According to Koru Mindfulness curriculum co-author and co-founder of the Center for Koru Mindfulness at Duke University, Holly Rogers, "College-aged young adults have more choices today than ever before. They have less



Cultivating Calm

By Linda Nix

structure. Rates of suicide and depression are going up. Substance abuse is commonplace. I see all these students ... who are supposed to be having the time of their lives and instead, they're struggling. All of these competing pressures can start to feel like quicksand in the mind – and those pressures are not going to go away."

The two Koru Basic classes offered to Casper College students each semester fill quickly,

and to date, 53 students have completed the course. Class sizes are limited based on the Koru model, and Theobald is the only certified instructor in Wyoming.

An "ah-ha" moment that the student program would be more successful if staff members understood and appreciated the benefits of meditation motivated Theobald to offer the same class to staff the summer of 2017. She reasoned that more staff insight could

*Mindfulness:
A state of psychological freedom that occurs
when attention remains quiet and limber,
without attachment to any particular point of view*

J.R. Martin



lead to more student participation. Theobald was overwhelmed at the response, with 78 employees completing the basic course in less than a year. An additional eight staff members took Koru 2.0 training, the follow-up course to Koru Basic.

Her hunch was right. Two departments now offer extra credit to students who take the tuition-free Koru class. And Koru Mindfulness is an integral part of sociology instructor **Chad Hanson**'s first-year semester course, Education and The Good Life. Casper College President **Darren Divine** sees tangible benefits to the program. "As someone who seems to continually chase the elusive goal of a desirable work-life balance, Joanne's introduction of Koru and the mindfulness principle has been transformational in dealing with the emotional traps of stress, anxiety, and unfounded worry," he said.

Student **Chance Brauburger** is sold on the benefits of Koru Mindfulness training, "Koru gave me not only a physical place of peace I could go to weekly but also a mental one I can go to at any time. As a college student I'm always thinking what's next, when's my paper

due, is the presentation today? Koru gave me a calm that I hadn't had before and a way to deal with the stress of school in a positive way," he said. At the request of Koru graduates, this past spring Theobald started a weekly sit time open to the entire campus community, and Brauburger is a regular.

The word about the campus-based meditation program is out around Wyoming and Theobald is in high demand as a speaker. At the request of a member of the Casper College District board of trustees, Theobald taught the first community class in summer 2018, as well as a second Koru 2.0 class for employees. "Once something has changed, even in the mind of one person, you really can't ever go back ... The practice of being in the present moment has great value, and it seems to be a basic human need. Life passes by too fast, and we have this feeling that we're missing something. With the younger students, I feel as if I'm planting seeds. Even if they do not have a daily practice, that seed has the potential to change their brains in a positive way. Perhaps it's a basic survival skill for our future world," she said.



KORU

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*Crystal Watts, digital learning
AV specialist, meditates in a
corner she created in her office.*



*Joanne
Theobald, CC
director of
counseling.*

Getting There from Here

CC Grads at Wyoming Medical Center

By Linda Nix

The old adage, “the only constant is change,” holds especially true in nursing yet the underpinning of the profession, a focus on caring for patients, remains constant. Add more technology. Add new roles. Add medical advances. Still, the patient remains at the center.





Three Casper College-trained nurses currently working at Wyoming Medical Center reflect a few of the different ways hospital-based nursing careers unfold. **Nick Hopkins** (AS, '97), **Michelle (Hladik) Giffin** (AS, '99) and **Landy Millien** (AS, '14) went through the Casper College nursing program during different times, and each heard the call to become a nurse at a slightly different stage in life. Millien didn't expect to be in the United States. Nursing wasn't even on Hopkin's radar. Giffin thought she'd use nursing overseas as a missionary. None of their paths have been straight, yet each of them loves where their careers have actually taken them, and all three cite the personal fulfillment they have received from their time in direct patient care.

Nurses can move between jobs that involve direct patient care to procedural, managerial, educational, and research-based positions. They can move into rehabilitation care or wellness and health promotion. Or work as clinic managers. The variations are endless, too many to delineate. According to **Marge Christiansen**, head of the Casper College nursing program, students learn about this flexibility beginning on their very first day in the program. Nursing offers a fluid career path, allowing a nurse to shape his or her career to the current configuration of their life. Christiansen, who is also this year's president of the Wyoming State Board of Nursing, continues to work not only as a nursing instructor but also as an emergency room nurse.

Hopkins took the self-processed "rough route" when he first started college, beginning his education in 1993. He says he really wasn't ready and after some failures, he buckled down and went full-time in 1995, still without a

focus. Nursing instructor **Jolene Knaus**, now retired, was a family friend and asked Hopkins what college courses he liked. When he replied math and science, much to his surprise Knaus suggested he consider health care. It had never crossed his mind. No one in his family was in the profession, but he took a chance. In fact, his first visit to a hospital was during his initial clinical experience as a nursing student. When he saw the cardiac unit, he thought, "this is awesome!" After his first year of nursing school, Hopkins became a certified nursing assistant and went to work at Wyoming Medical Center that following summer, continuing to work and go to school until he graduated with two degrees from Casper College in 1999, an A.S. in general studies and an A.S. in nursing. He subsequently earned an M.S. in nursing from Walden University in 2014.

Hopkins' nursing experience is extensive. Over the past 18 years, he's worked as a CNA, a progressive care unit nurse, an intensive care unit nurse, an intake and marketing coordinator, and as PCU manager where he relished the chance to influence the next generation of nurses. He also worked in interventional radiology for five and a half years caring for patients for anywhere from 15 minutes to five hours, as they underwent various tests, injections, and other procedures. Hopkins recently took another leap into the role of WMC's risk manager where he sees his clinical background as great preparation. Patient safety drew him to risk management with the opportunity to help transform institutional culture to improve patient care. In addition, he has been an adjunct instructor in the Casper College Nursing Department.

Millien is fulfilling her mother's dream of being a nurse. "I grew up in Haiti, a very poor

county where not everyone is fortunate enough to make it past high school. My mom could not afford to go to school, so she made sure that we got a good education. Becoming a nurse was actually my mother's dream; she is such a sweet, kind, and gentle person," she said. Millien embraced nursing as her own dream in high school and knew it was meant to be when she got into nursing school. She moved to Casper from Haiti in 2011, and successfully graduated with her nursing degree in 2014, and then went to work at WMC on the medical floor of the hospital, doing direct patient care.

"My education at Casper College prepared me for the real world. It was great when I was hired at WMC because I was already familiar with the ins and outs, policies, etc. of the hospital. I wouldn't be the nurse I am today if I didn't get the great education I did at the college. I am always proud to say that I was a Casper College student and I truly think that our nursing program is one of the best. I love my job. I like the fact that I make people smile, I get to make their days better. I am part of a wonderful team that actually makes a difference," said Millien. She aspires to earn her BSN and be an ICU nurse.

Giffin knew at age 12 that she wanted to be a nurse and dreamed of providing nursing care as a medical missionary in a foreign country. Although the setting is different than she imagined, she lives her dream every day. For the last eight and half years, Giffin has worked as a quality analyst, monitoring the accuracy and thoroughness of the nursing documentation at Wyoming Medical Center. She also helps ensure that WMC meets all quality and regulatory mandates, both state and federally directed. "Since the medical world is always changing and the government is never

Marge Christiansen,
Casper College
director of nursing



quite sure where it wants to settle on healthcare regulations, my current job is always changing. I also am not living in a foreign country, but as my children continue to get older, I may be able to start taking short-term medical mission trips to countries in need of aid," she said. Prior to her current position, she worked in nursing home care, public health, and schools.

As nursing evolves, advanced nursing degrees open even more doors for nurses. Giffin has started looking at getting her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree with an emphasis in leadership or informatics. She already has a master's degree in nursing informatics – the management and use of healthcare information. Her goal is to be one of the first chief nursing informatics officers in Wyoming in an effort to help Wyoming better leverage the correct technological advances in health care, to further improve patient care, and to help improve the experience for both the patient and the nurse providing care.

Challenges in nursing careers abound, affording nurses an opportunity to refresh their knowledge. Giffin said one of those challenges begins right at the patient's bedside, "It's important to see beyond the computer screen to actually interact with the patient and treat them as a whole person, not just a medical record with required items to document. Often there is a great new idea of some electronic device that is meant to help the nurse, but there is no one available to collaborate directly with the bedside nurse to get feedback about usefulness or if it is just more busy work." As a bedside nurse, Millien sees the impact of a shortage of nurses, "I thought at the beginning that being a nurse was physically demanding, but I have found out that it is also emotionally draining, and I quite often feel guilty that I might never be able to do enough."

If she could talk to her younger self, Giffin would first urge herself to learn Spanish. She'd also tell herself to stay in direct patient care for as long as possible. Somedays she misses interpersonal interactions with patients. Hopkins observed that some of the most meaningful interactions in his life have been with patients. He sees it as a relationship that is different, and in many ways deeper, than most others. As for the advice Millien would give to her younger self, "Be good to yourself. Take time to enjoy life. Be kind. Right now, I am trying to take time to enjoy the beauty of nature and all that it has to offer. I'm learning to snowboard, swim, and to be open to new experiences.

**Nick
Hopkins**
(AS, '97)



**Michelle
(Hladik)
Giffin**
(AS, '99)



**Landy
Millien**
(AS, '14)



Pushing Pause

An update on Matteo Pistono

by Danica Sveda (AA, '09)

World peace seems like a lofty goal, but **Matteo Pistono**, (AA, '91) is the type of person who understands that the collective vision of a peaceful world is won by each individual. A Casper College Distinguished Alumni honoree in 2014, with many adventures around the world under his belt, Pistono is still forwarding his cause by focusing on his own backyard and facilitating a meditation workshop for teenagers.

Young adults get bombarded with so much information and pressure he recognized the need to develop a workshop that would provide participants some tools to deal with the strain of modern living. Attendees spend time learning techniques to help them create space between stressful situations and their response to stressors. In a world of instant information with exigent reactions, a thoughtful pause can be an asset. He has a lot of experience to draw on to help his young participants. As a young man, Pistono was a curious adventurer who learned a great deal from his personal experiences, and he uses those experiences to connect with the members of his workshop.

He first explored the world by moving to Italy for high school. Neither his host family nor the

Italian high school used English, and he didn't speak Italian. That sink or swim moment and his desire to improve his Italian led him to Casper College, which at the time, was the only college in Wyoming offering Italian. He graduated with an Associate of Arts degree in 1991.

In 1994 Pistono's thirst for adventure took him to Tibet via Nepal, beginning a personal and spiritual journey. During his travels, he discovered that many Tibetan Buddhists were fighting the Chinese government for the right to observe their religion, following the invasion of Tibet in 1950. Unable to ignore the human rights abuses, Pistono began to document the injustices against Tibetans he witnessed and helped bring the Tibetan struggles to a global stage. He published the book "In the Shadow of the Buddha" in 2011 and has not been able to return to Tibet since 2008 when the Chinese government refused to grant him a visa for travel.

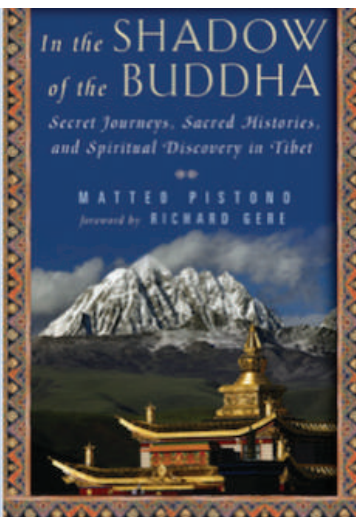
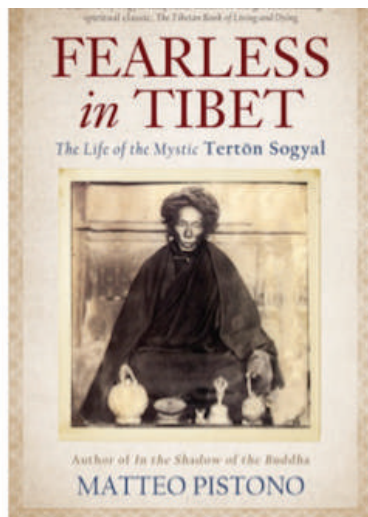
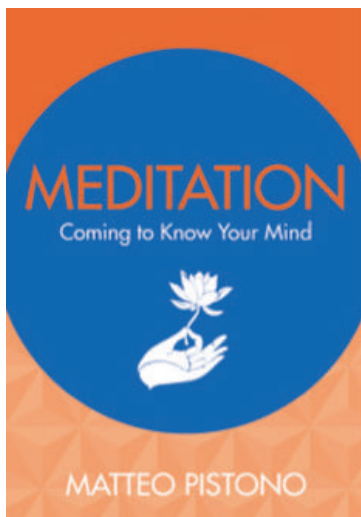
Although he can no longer travel to Tibet, he is still active in social justice. Pistono currently calls Washington D.C. home and his mission to help others continues, including travels to Nepal, India, and Thailand. He is close to publishing his next book "Roar: Sulak Sivaraksa and the Path of Socially Engaged Buddhism," exploring how the Buddhist belief can affect



change in the 21st century. Sulak Sivaraksa is a Buddhist who believes Buddhism should be practiced beyond the meditation pillow and taken into the corridors of power to reduce greed, jealousy, and anger to work towards a more peaceful future, one enlightened mind at a time.

When asked what he hopes for the future in these uncertain times, Pistono responded by saying that if people were more willing to seek to understand the perspective of others instead of trying to establish their own point of view – the world could be a more harmonious place. "As humans, we are not independent entities seeking our own happiness but rather our happiness is dependent on others' happiness," he said.

Follow Matteo Pistono at: matteopistono.com/blog.



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Stopping Off for Fuel

Random Encounter Leads to Lifelong Love

By Reza Maleki (AS, '79)

There are a few questions that when people ask me, I cannot help mentioning Casper and Casper College. One of the questions is "if you had to start all over in the U.S., where would you start?" My answer always has been Casper. When I am asked about my mother, often I say I have two of them; one that gave me birth and one from Casper who for years helped me learn how to navigate through many difficulties I faced during my younger years in this country.

Picking Casper and Casper College happened by accident. A friend of mine and I were attending our first semester of college in Kansas, and one day we decided that we needed to try a different community and college. After an extensive search in the local library to learn about other colleges in different states, we were fascinated by the "Bucking Horse and Rider" sign we saw on the corner of a Wyoming map. To make the story short, we drove to Sheridan, Wyoming, and visited the local college. We loved the scenery and the Big Horn Mountains and were happy about the lower cost of college. Yup, we made up our minds that we were moving to Sheridan.

On our way back to Kansas, we stopped at a gas station in Casper and asked if there was a college in the town. The attendant told us, "Just stay on this street, head toward the mountain and you will see Casper College to your right." We found the administration building that also housed the admissions office. I'll never forget the moment I entered that building — I felt "This is where I belong!"



The staff we met at the admissions office were very friendly and helpful, explaining what we needed to do to transfer to the college.

I arrived in Casper in mid-December 1977 and quickly realized the high cost of apartments, many of which required more deposit money than the \$105 in my pocket. The first night I slept in my car and woke up with numb fingers and toes. The second day I stopped by a real estate office on East Second Street to ask for help finding a place to live. The receptionist explained about the oil boom and its impact on the costs of both living and housing. She suggested living with a host family and called the Casper Star-Tribune to place an ad for "an international student looking for a host family." I offered to pay for the ad, but she said no need for it. The second night I stayed in the Berry Hotel for \$6. It was a restless night, and by mid-morning, I had made up my mind to return to Kansas. As I was leaving town, I stopped by the real estate office to thank them for their help. The receptionist was so excited when I arrived and said there was a family that wanted to meet me!

I started living with a great family, and once spring 1978 classes started, I met the most wonderful classmates and some of the greatest teachers I have ever had. During mid-semester a dorm room became available, so I moved to campus, which further enhanced my well-being, taking advantage of the many amenities available on campus. The career center also helped me to secure my first job, so I could begin to stabilize my finances. All my teachers were pleasant and went out of their way to help me when I had difficulties with certain topics or courses.

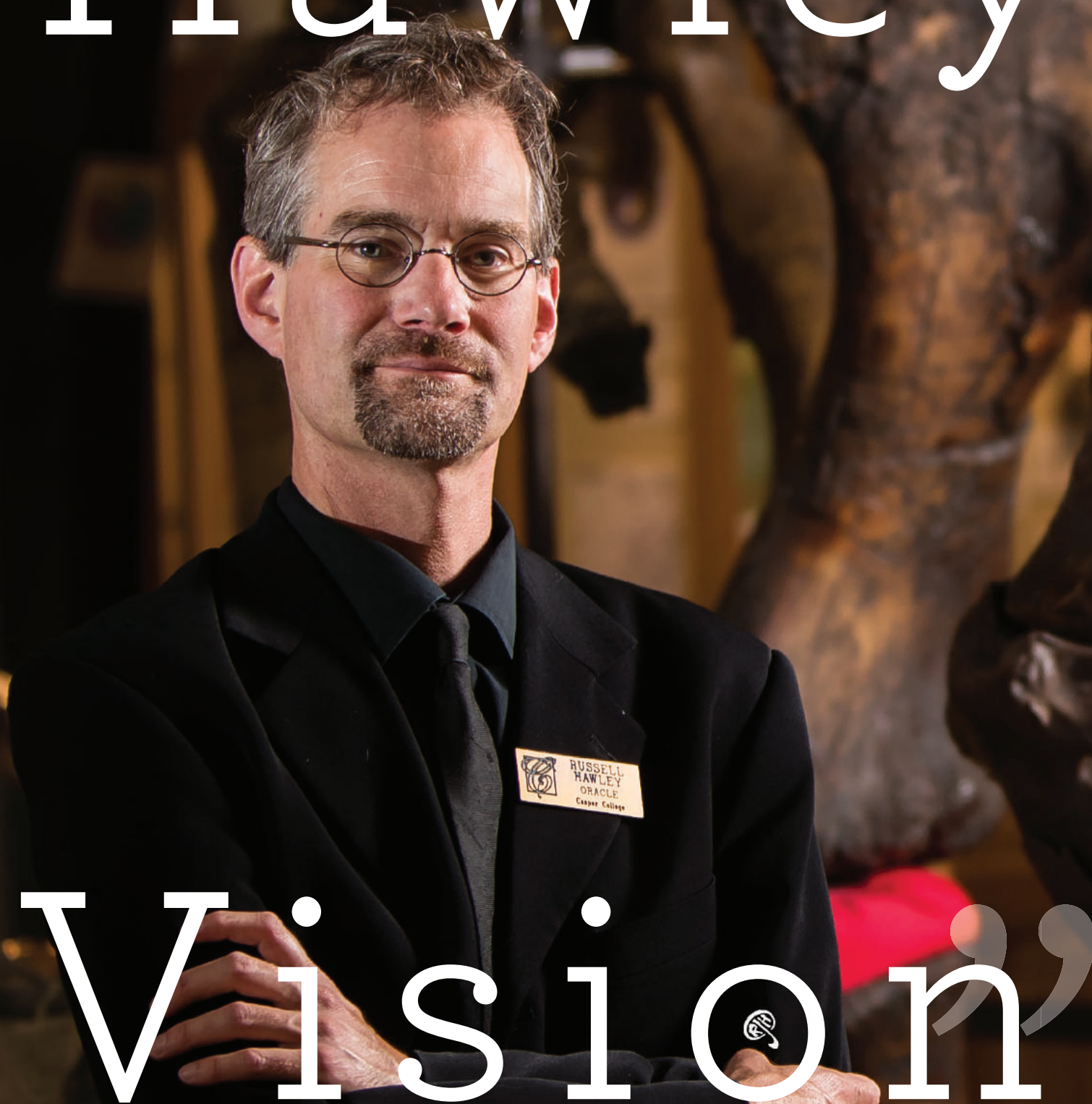
Through one of my teachers, I met another family and the "second" mother that I referenced in my introduction. Very quickly Casper and Casper College became for me what everybody needs in life; a welcoming and caring community. Even now, I feel the many positive impacts it had on me. Years later when I earned my Ph.D. and worked as a professor for 29 plus years, I did my best to serve my students following the example and the dedication my teachers at Casper College exhibited. Thank you, Casper and Casper College.

Reza Maleki arrived in the U.S. from Iran in May 1977 and completed an associate degree from Casper College in 1979. While attending Casper College, he was registered as Abdol Reza Arabian Maleki, and his friends and some faculty knew him by his nickname, Ciah. He continued his studies at North Dakota State University and received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in industrial engineering and management. Maleki has more than 35 years of professional experience, which includes serving in four universities as a professor and working as a consultant with diverse manufacturing companies. He is currently a senior business advisor at Impact Dakota, an affiliate of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, performing training and consulting services to help clients improve their human capital and processes. Maleki and his wife, Elizabeth, live in West Fargo, North Dakota, and have two sons; Samir is a doctor of physical therapy, and Jamil is a nuclear medicine

technologist. Maleki has returned to Casper many times to visit his American family and friends.



“Hawley



by Danica Sveda (AA, '09)

The Tate Geological Museum has a few constants – Dee the mammoth presiding over the museum with his massive frame, displays of gem stones in a case on the side wall, and a shoeless academic who can answer nearly every question asked about extinct creatures. As the Tate Geological Museum Education Specialist since 1997, **Russell J. Hawley** gives tours, travels to other parts of Wyoming to educate, and is responsible for the Tate Saturday Club where kids come to engage in hands-on learning. What makes Hawley special is not only his encyclopedic knowledge of all things prehistoric but his application of that knowledge to his depictions of long-extinct organisms.

The Tate bumper sticker with a playful cowboy riding a bucking *T.rex* is a Hawley original and is just a small sample of his capabilities. The process of drawing his paleontological subjects is part science, part passion, and heaps of ability. Hawley makes every effort to create drawings that are as accurate as is scientifically possible. His process begins with sketching the skeletal structure of the organism. He then sets to work on the internal organs. Not every artist takes this step, but for Hawley's artistic process, it helps give him an idea of how the tendons and musculature will connect to the skeletal frame. After the internal organs are placed, he moves to the tendons and connecting tissue, laying the ground work for the musculature. In every part of the process, Hawley relies on his knowledge of modern relatives of the prehistoric organism to create the correct look. After the muscles are placed, the artist can have some fun imagining the skin type, the colors, and the scales or feathers. This process of the artwork blends imagination with scientific knowledge.

Hawley laughed when he talked about his first portrayal of a *Velociraptor*. His first rendering had imagined a theropod with intricately drawn scales, which was accurate

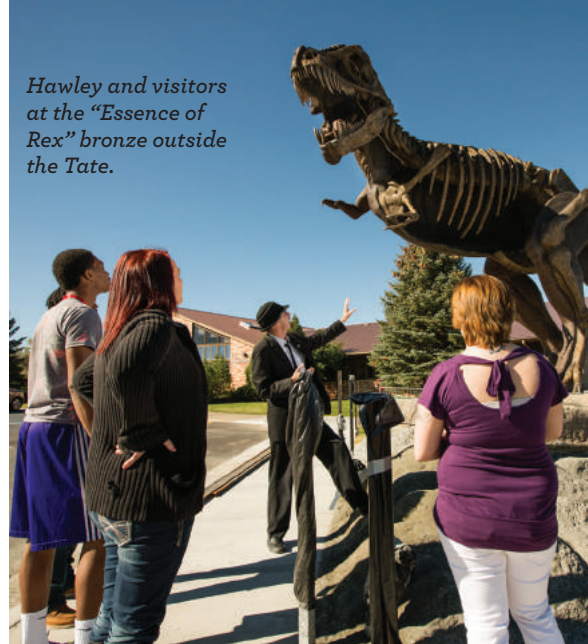
until a discovery in China had proved the animal actually had feathers. The researchers observed quill knobs on the arm bone of the fossil, which are the anchor points for large feathers. Hawley's depiction of the scaly *Velociraptor* ended up being another casualty to new scientific discovery. Being a paleo-artist ensures he is always reading the most current research to include in his detailed artwork.

Many children are fascinated by dinosaurs, but most grow out of the fascination. Hawley found what he loved early and stuck with it. His original goal of becoming a paleontologist was curbed when he ran into a few bouts of calculus. Calculus won the battle, but art won the war. He changed his major to fine arts after giving calculus his best and graduated with a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Colorado. He has written and illustrated one book, "Fossil Critters of Wyoming," which is available for sale on Amazon and at the Tate Geological Museum. As a well-respected paleontological artist, he is also featured in many other publications. His pen and ink drawings have been featured in "GURPS: Dinosaurs," one in a series of long-running role-playing games, and as illustrations in the book, "Islands in the Cosmos." His art dons the cover of "Vertebrate Microfossil Assemblages," he provided three illustrations for a traveling exhibit that the Smithsonian ran in the early 1990's, and he has had illustrations in nearly every issue of Prehistoric Times magazine for a stretch of almost 10 years.

The Tate Geological Museum is a fascinating place, but it is far more interesting because of Russell Hawley. His quick wit, his ease in relating to children, and his remarkable talent make the visits to the Tate more than worthwhile. You can find out more about Hawley and see some of his fine artwork at paleonature.org/paleo-art/26-paleoart-by-russell-j-hawley.

Watch Russell Hawley draw an entelodont at vimeo.com/59094345

Hawley and visitors at the "Essence of Rex" bronze outside the Tate.



Hawley and CC President Darin Divine enjoy a laugh in the exhibit room of the Tate.



Hawley and Fremont the Ferret. Hawley created the character for the Fort Casper Museum in Casper.

Tate Geological Museum logo designed by Hawley.



Lance Jones holds a display of different badges and symbols from the persecution of Jews by Nazis in Germany during the 1930s and through World War II.



Through the Eyes of Many

by Lisa S. Pearce Icenogle (AA, '79)

Casper College hosted a three-day seminar "Through the Eyes of Many: Experiences in the Holocaust" March 8-10, 2018.

The seminar featured Inge Auerbacher, a survivor of the Terezin Ghetto/Camp, and six speakers over the course of the three days. Those Holocaust experts included Shelly Cline, Ph.D., public historian of the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education in Overland Park, Kansas; Kevin Simpson, Ph.D., who has been a research fellow twice at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; Sheri Rosenblum, director of development and outreach for the Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation; Danny M. Cohen, Ph.D. an associate professor of instruction at Northwestern University's School of Education

and Social Policy and The Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies, the author of the young-adult novel "TRAIN," and the founder and creative director of Unsilence, a national nonprofit that designs and delivers human rights education; Major John Reid, United States Air Force Academy; and Sol Factor, adjunct instructor at Kent State University in the history and Jewish studies departments and a stage performer who portrays historical figures including Mordechai Chaim Rumkowski.

The event was organized by **Lance Jones**, former Casper College director of security, and Holocaust instructor and sponsored by a grant from the Board of Cooperative Educational Services.



*Inge Auerbacher, survivor of the Terezin Ghetto/Camp.
Photo courtesy of Elysia Conner, Casper Star-Tribune.*

Five Questions

by Lisa S. Pearce Icenogle (AA, '79)



Bee Keeper, Roper, Renaissance Man

Casper College Alumni Association Board Member Derrel Carruth (AS '65) came to Casper College in 1963 and graduated with an Associate of Science degree in agri-business in 1965. Retiring from government work in 2013, Carruth has not spent time in his easy chair but works part-time for Sunshine Honey, helps his wife with her food concession business, and competes in team roping.



Q : After you graduated from Casper College, what did you do?

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A : I went on to school at the University of Wyoming beginning in the fall of 1965, graduating with a B.S. in agri-business in January 1968. I should have graduated earlier, but I had taken time off to work and then went back after I got married in January 1967 to my wife, June. Marriage settled me down, and I stayed in school straight through spring, summer and fall of 1967 and was able to graduate in January.

Q : What do you do with bees?

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A : I've worked for James Colva, the owner of Sunshine Honey, off and on since the fall of 2001. I started out helping with extracting honey on a semi-automatic manual extracting system and then stayed on through the winter and spring to help with all kinds of activities such as building beehives, helping establish bee yards in the spring, putting on honey supers, feeding bees, maintenance work, etc. Those first years we fed bees by placing bottles of feed in the lids, then progressed to where today we feed bees in a plastic feeder with totes of feed and pumps. Through the years I've trained several people on how to extract and work at various other shop responsibilities. Currently, I work five days a week, three to five hours a day, and when we are extracting honey, it can be up to eight hours a day. I keep trying to get James to fire me, but he won't.

Q : How long have you been roping?

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A : I started roping as I remember in my junior year of high school using mainly ranch horses owned by an aunt and uncle in Rawlins, Wyoming, where I was a member of a riding and roping club. I taught myself by reading articles from the Western Horseman magazine and watching other ropers. I bought my first real rope horse in the summer of 1963, and things just progressed from there. She was trained for heading, heeling, and calf roping, and in later years she also hazed steers for a roping partner. As our youngest son got interested in roping, we bought him a calf horse that I used, and as we sent him to roping schools, I'd pick up on some things to improve on. I've won a few team roping and calf roping events over the years. Sometimes you win money and sometimes prizes. This past November my partner and I took first place out of approximately 96 to 100 teams in team roping and won a saddle, cash, and coupons for Fast Back Ropes. I am totally blessed and in the last two years have roped as well as I ever had.

Q : Before you "retired" what did you do?

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A : When I first graduated from UW, June and I moved back to Sinclair, Wyoming, to live with my folks while I worked for Sinclair Refinery. I was then fortunate to receive a job offer from the United States Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Administration and began working for them in Wheatland, Wyoming, as an assistant county supervisor and relocated June to Laramie, Wyoming, temporarily to have our first son, Mike. We moved around the state some over the years from Wheatland to Riverton to Douglas to Powell back to Douglas, where we had our second son, Brent, to Gillette to Casper in 1977 and here we are. Through those years I was fortunate to receive several promotions with the end result that I received two opportunities to be state director, 1993-2001 and 2009-2013. I took a break in service in 1979 until 1981 to become a real estate agent. That was not a good time, so I went back to the USDA where I basically started at the bottom of the ladder again. Through the grace of God, I worked myself back up through a variety of positions, and finally retired with a little over 36 years of actual service but with accumulated leave of 38 years total. Almost immediately after retiring in early 2001, I became the acting director for the United Way of Natrona County through that fall's campaign. I filed for county commissioner in the spring of 2002, though I didn't win in the general election. I've also worked myself into other jobs such as cowboying, construction, shop hand in my son's electric company, ITC, and helping my wife with her concession business.

Q : Why did you want to serve on the alumni board, and what keeps you serving?


A : Over the years I had been a member of a variety of boards or associations that I gradually weaned myself from. In 2000 or so I saw an opening on the CC alum board. My first attempt failed, but the second time I was selected. I applied because I felt it was important that I give back in some way to the college that really gave me a chance many years earlier, but that's another story. At any rate, here I am now. My time on the board has been interesting and rewarding in many ways. Over the years, the selection of the alumni board members changed, and the alumni association became part of the Casper College Foundation. Being on the board has given me the opportunity to become acquainted with a wide variety of people. I've just been truly blessed with the way my life has evolved, and I am grateful for it.

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Tell Us Your Business

We asked you to tell us about your businesses in the summer 2017 issue of Footprints. We are pleased to share the following stories.

Creating Healthy, Effective Workplaces


1.  After seven years as the CEO of the Wyoming Association of Realtors, **Guyla (Cooper) Greenly** (AA, '92, AA, '03) has pooled her extensive education and 30-plus years of business and journalism experience to open Guyla Greenly, LLC, a freelance speaking, consulting, and writing agency. Passionate about professionalism at all levels, Greenly assists businesses, nonprofits, and leaders in enhancing their skills and creating healthy, effective work environments. She is a certified facilitator of Appreciation at Work™ and the Prevention and Repair of Toxic Workplaces. Greenly is also certified in the Jungian personality assessment and training techniques of TypeCoach®. She offers group and personalized leadership coaching, strategic planning facilitation, bylaw and policy reviews/writing, and more. She holds a B.A. in humanities and fine arts with an emphasis in English from the University of Wyoming and an M.A. in journalism from Regent University. She has also completed a certificate in nonprofit management from the University of Chicago and the Realtor Certified Executive designation from the National Association of Realtors. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in strategic leadership from Regent University. Those seeking information about speaking topics, scope of consultation and coaching, editing and proofreading services, or freelance writing assignments may contact her at 307-462-1248 or ggreenly@guylagreenly.com.

Taking You Where You Want to Go

2.  **Elissa (Campbell) Ruckle** (AA, '93) began her career in training and development 21 years ago helping people get from where they currently are to where they want to be. She opened Elevate Wyoming this summer. "I bridge the gaps. I absolutely love the variety of people I get to meet and work with, and I'm grateful to be part of their journey," she said. Her career in training and development has allowed her the opportunity to partner with nonprofit organizations like CLIMB Wyoming, Make-A-Wish Wyoming, and Proud to Host the Best, as well as the Casper Chamber of Commerce for Leadership Casper and Junior Leadership Casper. Ruckle said she enjoys her work with businesses to improve alignment, engagement, personal leadership, managerial leadership, and organizational productivity. She recently started working with local business partners, the City of Casper Police Department, City of Casper Fire-EMS, and the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation to strengthen community relationships through the Guardian Project. She is also active in the community as a volunteer with Rotary and as the state director for Wyoming Academic Decathlon.

Ruckle was aiming to become a lawyer, so she studied philosophy at Casper College. "I chose philosophy because it had the fewest math requirements ... math and I have never really been friends. Dr. Robert Carlson introduced me to philosophy and ethics. He sparked a passion for asking 'why?' and 'how can I help?' Casper College sparked my drive, my purpose, to help others be successful and to live their best life. I am grateful every day that I get to do what I love, in the space I love," she explained.

Ranching and Rolling

3.  **John Kramer** ('94) attended Casper College in the early 1990s pursuing an agri-business degree. As a student, he operated a farm and feedlot behind the airport for Fred Werner. "I left the end of spring semester 1994 with a great education, a couple of credits short of my degree, and membership in Phi Theta Kappa," he said. From there he went to manage a large cattle and grain operation on the Crow Reservation in Southern Montana comprised of three ranches, 2,500 yearlings and 3,000 mother cows, as well as hay and grain.

After a few years, Kramer moved on to operate a semi, which he did for the next 11 years. He also kept a hand in ranching. "We operated a butcher shop with a 'farrow to plate' hog operation and had a 500-bird egg-layer operation. We started with baby calves, and now we have over 100 momma cows. In 2016, we purchased an irrigated ranch at Garryowen, Montana, and started our own trucking business hauling cattle, grain, and hay," Kramer said. He is grateful for his Casper College education: "I want to thank all of my professors for the time they spent with me. That enabled and helped prepare me for all of my accomplishments. We are still growing, and as for the trucking we are always looking for loads. I would enjoy hearing from my classmates or any of my professors that would care to call," Kramer added. He can be reached at 406-281-0557 or jbkramerlivestock@gmail.com.



“Tell Us Your Business”

is a semi-recurring feature. It all depends on you. Do you have a business you'd like to tell us about? Email your story to alumni@caspercollege.edu.

Looking Beneath the Surface

4. **Ily Nunn** (CERT, '15) didn't know her focus would be under the ground. She already held business degrees from Northwest Community College and the University of Wyoming. Nunn, the owner of NU Locating, had never worked in this type of industry and the concept of NU Locating was actually her husband's idea. NU Locating started out as a private utility locating company created to locate all of the utilities that One-Call of Wyoming couldn't.

“My husband works as an engineer drilling across the state, and for about four months he kept telling me about all of the unmarked utilities that he and his crew were running into. One day he called me from work and said ‘Hey Ily, you should get certified and start this business, we really need the service.’ That’s how it all started. I never pictured myself in a hard hat and safety toe boots, but I love what I do. I get to promote safety on the job site and give people a better understanding of what lies beneath the surface. I could never have imagined that one certification course at Casper College would lay the groundwork for an entire business.”

Nunn enrolled in the Utility Locator Certification course here at Casper College in October of 2015. She then applied to the WTBC Start-Up Challenge and was one of three businesses to win the competition in

Casper. NU Locating began operations in May of 2016 and since has expanded its services to include subsurface investigation through the use of ground penetrating radar. Nunn has used ground penetrating radar for void detection, concrete and rebar inspection, geological investigation, and nonmetallic utility locating. NU Locating serves Wyoming and the surrounding states, and Nunn plans to continue to grow the business. If you want to know more about NU Locating check out their website at nulocating.com.

The View from On High

5. **Stengel Media** is a videography business located in Casper, Wyoming, owned and operated by **Anthony Stengel** (AA, '06, AS, '08). Stengel earned 157 credits in his five years at Casper College picking up both a general studies degree and a radiography degree. “Making videos started as a hobby for me when I got my first GoPro camera a few years ago, but the thought of starting a video production business didn't become a reality for me until I purchased a drone. My drone videos were getting a lot of attention, and I was even

fortunate enough to have my drone footage featured on the Weather Channel for a highlight of the best places to view the eclipse. My video work has also been featured on MTV for a video feature highlighting the very first Pride March in Wyoming. I feel very fortunate and blessed to have those opportunities and to be able to live in such a beautiful area which is full of great filming spots,” said Stengel. Initially, the business offered only drone photography and videography. Wanting to add more value to his brand and company Stengel now offers high-quality videography and photography in many formats. Recently, he created a video series on Facebook called “WyoCity Eats” where the show's host Albon Shaw, a local realtor, has meals at restaurants around town to highlight local businesses. Stengel Media produces video for commercials, weddings, real estate, sporting events, music videos, and more.

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People & Places

Alumni 1940s, 50s, 60s

Gary Butler (AS, '69) was inducted into the Wyoming Outdoor Hall of Fame for his work with the Whiskey Basin bighorn sheep herd. Gary was honored for helping to lay the foundation for how bighorn sheep are managed in the Western United States. He was instrumental in trapping and relocating bighorn sheep to reoccupy historical ranges in the West. Gary worked for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department for 40 years before retiring in 2012.

1970s, 80s, 90s

Michael Huber ('72) was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Casper City Council in March 2018. Michael is a former Natrona County Circuit Judge. He earned a bachelor's degree from Creighton University and a law degree from Creighton University School of Law.

Susan J. (Glaze) Anderson (AAS, '74) checked in with an update. She is now living in Idaho, after several years in Texas. Susan is a weaver, a skill she said she learned from Lynn Munns, retired CC art instructor. She lived in American Samoa teaching weaving to children and making looms for them. She also taught weaving to children in Augusta, Georgia, and Texas. Susan considers Casper College the best place she attended. When she started at CC she says couldn't read very well because of dyslexia. The teachers worked with her and were more patient than her parents had been especially her math teacher Mrs. Payne.

Clayton Jensen (CERT, '82) and his wife Gloria direct the Casper Boxing Club and have also worked with the boxing program offered by the Casper Boys and Girls Club. Their involvement with boxing spans over 30 years. The couple was recently profiled in the Casper Star-Tribune as a 'difference maker' for the community.

Patricia McInroy (AA, '89) returned to Casper College to give a presentation to OLLI on her award-winning documentary, "Clara: Angel of the Rockies." She is currently at work on a film about Nicodemus, Kansas, a town founded in 1877 by ex-slaves. It is the oldest and only

remaining all black town west of the Mississippi and is also a National Park site. A display of her portraits of the community elders will be in the Nicodemus Town Hall for the annual homecoming celebration.

1. Joni Hedstrom (AB, '94) was part of a medical mission trip to Tamil Nadu, India, in January as part of a group from Casper. The medical professionals on the trip offered health care services, while Joni and others were able to learn more about the local culture. Joni is a member of the Casper College Alumni Association board of directors.

Celestina Rossi (ABA, '95) recently published a paper in the Journal of Forensic Science titled "Cranial Backscatter Pattern Production Utilizing Human Cadavers." Cele is currently a crime scene investigator in the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department in Conroe, Texas, which is part of the Houston metropolitan area.

Amy Womack (AA, '95) visited the Casper College Foundation office recently. She writes, "I loved seeing the Jim Gaither painting in your office. He was one of my integrated humanities professors in the early 1990s. He had several parties at his home for IHP students. I wish I had one of his paintings."

JoLynn (Bott) Baral (AB, '96) was awarded the Colorado Marketing Education "New Teacher of the Year" Award for 2017-2018. The presentation took place at the state level DECA competition in Colorado. JoLynn is the business teacher at Fort Lupton High School. She is also the DECA/FBLA sponsor for the Weld RE-8 School District. According to alumna **Jennifer (Kaiser) Rodi** (AA, AAS, '96), this is the second year in a row that JoLynn has taken a successful group of students to the state-level competition. Jennifer says, "As JoLynn's friend and classmate since grade school, I am super proud of her and wanted to share this amazing accomplishment with the alumni and staff from Casper College."

2000s

Radojika "Lala" (Markovic) Smith (AB, AS, '03) was surprised in April to learn that she was ranked as the number one agent in Arizona for closed transactions and sixth in commission earnings. Lala is part of the ReMax

Southwest Region. She was also recognized as one of the top 10 ReMax professionals donating to the Children's Miracle Network.

Ronnie Stewart ('03) is the new head coach of the Heart River Cougars women's basketball team. Ronnie was previously the boys' basketball head coach at Tongue River High School in Wyoming. He played basketball for a year at Casper College, then transferred to Dickinson State University in North Dakota. The Heart River Cougars Athletic Department includes student athletes from South Heart, Belfield, and Billings Counties in North Dakota.

2. Katy (Dunmire) Frazier (AS, '04) has been named the director of employment services at Parkview Medical Center in Pueblo, Colorado. Katy has worked at Parkview for 14 years, most recently serving as director of cardiac services and chest pain observation. Katy has been married to Brian Frazier since 2004 and they have two daughters Hailey, 8, and Lindy, 5. Katy writes, "Casper College provided me with an excellent nursing degree, and I am very thankful for my time in Casper and have many fond memories from there."

Roy Sellers (AS, '04) was honored in 2016 as one of the Great 100 Nurses in North Carolina. Roy works for Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

3. Sarah Mondle (AA, '05) was named "Teacher of the Year" at Hutchison Middle School in Lubbock, Texas. She teaches English literature to at-risk students and is the department chair. She also works, dances, and choreographs for Flatlands Dance Theater in Lubbock. She and her husband, Mike, are both teachers at Hutchison.

2010s

Nicolette Hanson (AS, '13) earned a doctoral degree in nursing and is now a nurse practitioner. Nicolette is currently the director of nursing for Primrose Retirement Community in Casper.

Janeira Hart (AS, '14) was recognized as one of the three top nurses in Wyoming for 2018 by the Casper Star-Tribune. Janeira is employed by Central Wyoming Hospice & Transitions.

People & Places



4. Christopher Perry (AB, '14) was awarded a fellowship for the past year from the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals, an exchange program funded by the U.S. State Department and the German Bundestag that allows young people to work and study in Germany.



5. Tori Pike (AFA, '16) is teaching part-time at The Nicolaysen Art Museum in Casper. Her artwork was featured on the Werner Wildlife Museum show poster.



6. Daniel Quintana (AA, '16) has a one-man magic act called "StrangeCarnival" under the stage name of Byron Grey. Daniel has had lead roles in several theatre productions at Casper College. His career as a magician began as a child in the mid-90s.



7. Tyler Shockley (AS, '16) was a White House intern in the Operations Office of Vice-President Mike Pence last summer and worked primarily on scheduling. Tyler, who

holds degrees in both animal science and agribusiness from Casper College, is a Wheatland, Wyoming, native. Ty graduated this spring from the University of Wyoming and has started a job as an accountant with a firm in Lander, Wyoming.

Christina M. Brown (AS, '17) recently joined the board of the Cadoma Foundation, the organization that oversees the Historic Bishop Home, an urban history museum in Casper.

Faculty, Staff, & Retirees

Three Retire from Casper College

Casper College said farewell to three employees who accounted for a total of nearly 68 years at the 2018 Recognition and Retirement Banquet.



Jon Blesi began his teaching career at Casper College on August 17, 1992. "I was hired as an instructor and have done that for nearly 26 years. I was also division chair for trades and technology for nine years," he said. Blesi has B.S. and M.S. degrees in electrical engineering.



Doug Bull began his career at Casper College on August 22, 2006, as a music instructor and director of the Casper College Brass Ensemble and the Casper College Concert Band. Bull received his B.S. from Towson University in performance education, and in May 2017 converted his Advanced Professional certification to two master's degrees: an M.A. in conducting from the Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins and an M.M.Ed. from the University of Maryland, Baltimore.



Nancy Madura began her nearly 32-year journey at Casper College on July 1, 1986. In that time, she has taught 2D design, color theory, illustration, graphic design, typography, painting, airbrush painting, history of graphic design, intro to art education, pastel painting, acrylic painting, and life drawing. As a learning community instructor, she taught field sketching/geography. Madura earned her B.F.A. from Columbus College of Art & Design majoring in illustration with a minor in advertising. She earned her M.A. from Ohio State University in book arts and was certified for K-12 education.

Casper College Grads Find Fulfilling Work at Mercer FRC

Mercer Family Resource Center has a team that is passionate about building stronger and healthier youth and families in our community. Many of them began their journey at Casper College. Psychology, social work, general studies, business administration, early childhood education, and addictionology degrees were among those earned by the Mercer FRC team. While each staff member brings unique experiences and personality to the agency, Casper College helped to pave a path of success for them.

Cori Cosner-Burton, ('98) M.S.W. LCSW, executive director, stated that the education and instruction she received at CC was outstanding and is proud to have this level of higher education in our community.

Amy Kirkman, (AA '02) M.S. LPC, clinical supervisor and program manager, explained that the encouragement she received from a CC instructor inspired her to continue her academic career prior to earning her master's in counseling education. She also worked as a professional at CC for several years. **Keri Owen**, (AA, AS '04) grant assistant, earned two degrees at CC while residing on campus. She enjoyed the education and uses both degrees on a daily basis. She also met lifelong friends including her husband at CC.

Whitney Lamb, (AA '04) prevention education specialist and chair of the Natrona County Prevention Coalition, felt that the variety of classes and topics she was exposed to at CC gave her a broad base of knowledge and

confidence. **Felicia Cummings**, (AA '12) children in need of supervision specialist, stated that CC helped prepare her for undergraduate school. A scholarship at CC as a transfer student made the transition much easier. **Brittlynn Bulgrin**, (AS '17) Youth Empowerment Council coordinator, said CC gave her tools to succeed as doors opened to new opportunities. Bulgrin completed her internship at Mercer FRC and was then offered a permanent position.

A few Mercer FRC team members also utilized the University of Wyoming at Casper programs to continue their education as well as enjoy the occasional CC Community Education Department courses such as "Grant Writing" and "Ghost Hunting!"

Casper College Employees Receive Year-End Honors

Seven Casper College employees were recognized with 2017-2018 year-end honors during the college's annual retirement and recognition dinner on May 4.

Tara Goltermann, (AS, AS '01) Early Childhood Learning Center teacher, was recognized with the Robert Durst Classified Staff Award. The award is designed to recognize a classified staff member who demonstrates an outstanding service reputation in their job performance, knowledge, effectiveness, character, communication, cooperation, judgment, and interactions.

The Outstanding Administrator of the year was **Linda Nichols**, (AB '01) registrar. The award was designed to recognize an administrator who demonstrates an outstanding service reputation in their job performance, knowledge, effectiveness, character, communication, cooperation, judgment, and interactions.

The Judith Bailey Scully ('59) Award recipient was **Chad Hanson**, sociology instructor. Established by Casper College Alumnus Marlan O. Scully (AA '59) in honor of his wife Judith, the award recognizes faculty who demonstrate academic excellence as characterized by Judith's outstanding accomplishments as a Casper College and University of Wyoming student.

The Shanklin Faculty Leadership Award, named for longtime Casper College emeritus psychology instructor Garth Shanklin, promotes recognition of full time and part time Casper College teaching faculty who display exceptional commitment to teaching and have made significant collegial contributions to the college. The winner of the fulltime recognition was **Kendall Jacobs**, mathematics instructor, and the part-time winner was **Rose Crossen**, political science instructor.

Finally, **Art Washut**, (AS '78) criminal justice instructor, and **Jodi Youmans-Jones**, theatre dance instructor, were both recognized with the Rosenthal Outstanding Educator Award. To be chosen for the award, the recipient must possess qualities of an outstanding educator, document participation in professional organizations and/or activities, and take an active role in community and/or out-of-school cultural activities.

People & Places

Marge Christiansen, Casper College nursing instructor and director of the CC nursing program, was elected president of the Wyoming State Board of Nursing. Christiansen is on the board as the education representative and served as vice president of the board last year.

Douglas Hall received the Collie-Taylor Fellowship Award given to the outstanding forensics coach for Region III at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament in Daytona Beach, Florida. Under Hall's leadership, the Casper College forensics team brought back a number of gold wins. Region III includes Arizona; Colorado; El Paso, Texas; Southern Idaho; Montana; Nebraska; Nevada; Utah; and Wyoming.

Justin Hayward, Casper College art instructor, had an exhibition of his paintings at The Nicolaysen Art Museum in Casper titled "The Rodeo." The seven paintings depict the main events of the rodeo. In them, Hayward said he wanted to "emphasize the bond or interaction between the person and the animal."

Dino Madsen presented at the ASCLS Clinical Laboratory Educators' Conference in Houston this past February, discussing current issues in the field of medical laboratory science and education. His topic was "Using YuJa for Online and Hybrid Delivery." Madsen is the medical lab technology program director at Casper College.

Casper College ceramics instructor **Mike Olson** and photography instructor, **Chuck Kimmerlee**, are working with local veterans interested in creating art at a program based at The Nicolaysen Art Museum. The free class, titled "Outside the Lines" is the first in Wyoming and is in partnership with the Casper Vet Center.

Ray Pacheco, GEAR UP regional director at Casper College, was elected mayor of the Casper City Council in January 2018.

David Zoby, Casper College English instructor, had his creative nonfiction piece "Loyalty Rewards" published in the May 2018 issue of the literary magazine, *The Sun*. The *Flyfish Journal* also recently featured Zoby's writing. Zoby is the author of "Fish Like

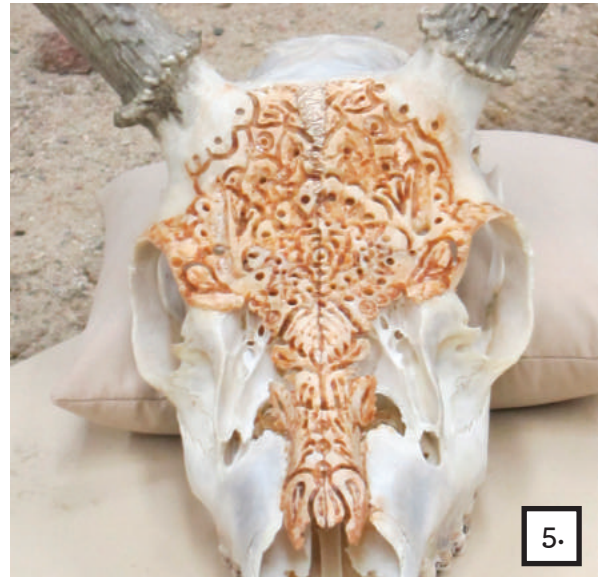
You Mean It," 11 thoughtful essays on the art of fly fishing, bird hunting, and living on gas-station coffee.

The Casper College chapter of The National Society of Leadership and Success honored four Casper College employees during the past school year. **Evin Rodkey** and **Danielle Gallegos** were honored during its fall 2017 induction ceremony. Rodkey, anthropology and sociology instructor, received the "Excellence in Teaching" award. Gallegos, enrollment services specialist, received the "Excellence in Service to Students" award. During its spring 2018 induction ceremony the chapter honored **Terry Rogers** and **Celia Mostart**. Rogers, Casper College communication instructor, received the "Excellence in Teaching" award. Mostart, who works for the school's food supplier, Sodexo, received the "Excellence in Service to Students" award. The National Society of Leadership and Success is the nation's largest leadership honor society, and students are selected by their college for membership based on either academic standing or leadership potential.

Lynn Munns, former ceramics instructor at Casper College, had two exhibitions at both college art galleries. The first, "Memories of Japan" featured a variety of art and images of Japan and appeared in the Goodstein Art Gallery. The second exhibition, "Kimono Quilts" displayed Japanese kimonos in quilt form created by Munns and was housed in the Music Building's Mildred Zahradnick Gallery.

Patrick Patton, retired music instructor and choral director at Casper College, received the 2017 Governor's Arts Award for his contribution to choral music in Wyoming. Patton was at Casper College for 36 years and currently conducts the Gillette Chamber Singers.

Linda Ryan, retired CC art instructor, was part of the show, "Drawn Thought" at the Western Wyoming Community College Art Gallery. The show presented sketchbooks and preliminary sketches by professional artists.



Notes from T-Bird Camp

By Lisa S. Pearce Icenogle (AA, '79)

Johnson Finds Success in First Season as Head Coach; Men Compete at CNFR

In his first full season as the Head Coach of the Casper College Thunderbird rodeo team, **Jhett Johnson** is pleased with the results: "The year has gone really well," he said, "and the kids, honestly, are better than we expected. They understand what I am telling them. They are a great team, and I believe even better this year."

And the men's team proved they were better this year by winning the final rodeo of the 2017-2018 season in Laramie, Wyoming, where they racked up an impressive 550 points. That was enough to boost them from fourth place in the Central Rocky Mountain Region standings prior to the final rodeo of the season to second place and provide them with a ticket to the 2018 College National Finals Rodeo.

Only the top two teams from each region can qualify to compete in the CNFR. Each team is comprised of six members. The six who will be representing Casper College as a team are

team ropers **Trey Yates**, Pueblo, Colorado; **Wheaton Williams**, Sheridan, Wyoming; and **Jerren Johnson**, Casper; tie down roper **Logan Brown** Miles City, Montana; bareback bronc rider **Zach Thomas**, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and saddle bronc rider **J.W. Meiers** (AS '16), Mills, Wyoming.

Johnson took over the reigns as interim head coach midway through the 2016-2017 season in February 2017 when Head Coach **Tom Parker's** health began to decline. Parker eventually succumbed to liver cancer on March 15, 2017. Johnson was officially named head coach of the Thunderbirds in June 2017.

Johnson noted that his first recruitment season as head coach went well with 20 plus high school athletes joining the team. "These freshmen are a great group, and I will have them for at least two years and maybe even three," he said.

Johnson has specific criteria for those he recruits. "I am looking for kids that are going to get an education and stay eligible to rodeo," he said. "I want someone who is serious about rodeo and not just looking at it as a decent career. Someone who wants to excel in rodeo not just in college but overall."

Johnson's goal for this year's recruitment season is to recruit a few more rough stock competitors. "A lot of people only associate me with roping and don't realize how much I love and know about rough stock events," he said. "To dominate the Central Rocky Mountain Region this team needs to be well rounded in both rough stock and timed events," he noted.

With the quality of this year's team members and more to come with recruitment, the Thunderbirds will continue to represent Casper College and the Casper community in winning fashion.



National champs: Casper College's Trey Yates and Giltette College's Kellan Johnson compete at the CNFR in June, where they won the national championship in team roping.

Parker Honored with Posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award

Former Casper College agriculture instructor and rodeo coach, **Tom Parker**, who passed on March 15, 2017, was selected as one of only six individuals nationwide for the 2017 National Association of Agricultural Educators Lifetime Achievement Award. According to the association, Parker was recognized posthumously for his many contributions to the profession of agricultural education. The award was presented to Parker's wife Linda on his behalf at the association's annual convention on December 8 in Nashville.

"Tom Parker was an inspiration to so many people both in the agriculture education world and in the rodeo world. Not only was he my colleague for most of my 14 years at Casper College but he was also one of my instructors when I was a student here," said **Heath Hornecker**, (AS, '97) Casper College Agriculture Department chair and agriculture instructor. According to Hornecker, it was Parker's past leadership with the National Association of Agriculture Educators, then

known as the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, which motivated him to work toward those same leadership positions.

On a more personal note, Hornecker noted that Parker was not only his teacher but also his mentor. "He taught me many things including how to take care of students, how to make a good cup of coffee and an even better glass of whiskey. He taught me how to live with dignity and strength and about tradition and why we do things the way we do. He taught me to see the positive in people and situations and how to be humble yet confident. He was the truest Casper College Thunderbird there was. He was a wonderful man and cowboy," he said.

In addition to his 37 total years of teaching, 22 of those at Casper College along with 27 as the coach of the Thunderbirds rodeo team, Parker served as the Region I secretary for the NAAE, then the NVATA. In 1991 he was elected as the NVATA president and provided leadership for agricultural educators across the United States.

Gunnare Selected as 2017-2018 Coach of the Year

Casper College's Women's Basketball Head Coach, **Dwight Gunnare**, has been named Coach of the Year in Region IX for the 2017-2018 year. The Lady T-Birds ended the regular season with a record of 28-2 and 31-3 postseason.

"I really view the Coach of the Year as a group recognition. This award comes with having a very successful season, and there are so many people that play a role in that," said Gunnare. "The obvious is our players and my assistant coach, **Nate Macy**, but the list is much larger than that," he noted,

adding, "Our administration, Athletic Director **Angel Sharman**, faculty, booster club, and community all have an impact on our program. It is an honor to be recognized by my peers, and it is something I feel a lot of people should take responsibility for and be proud of."

The team, which won first place in the North Sub-region, was ranked 13th in the nation in the final NJCAA national poll and seeded 10th in the national tournament.

The ladies lost in the first round to South Georgia Technical College 77-65.

Casper College Players Named to All-Region Team

Players from the Casper College Lady Thunderbirds basketball team were named to the 2017-2018 All-Region North Sub-Region Team and All-Defensive Team.

Those named to the All-Region Team include **Paula Orenes-Sanchez** (AS '18), a 5'8" sophomore guard from Barcelona, Spain; **Lucie Hoskova**, a 5'10" freshman forward from Brno in the Czech Republic; **Emily Robertson** (AA '18), a 6'3" sophomore post from

Casper; and **Ashlie Larson** (AB '18), a 5'7" sophomore guard from Miles City, Montana.

Named to the All-Defensive Team was **Bruna Vila Artigues** (AS '18), a 5'6" sophomore guard from Arenys de Munt, Catalonia, Spain.

"This is an exceptional tribute to the quality of our players, and they are all well deserving of this award," said Dwight Gunnare, head coach.

Fall 2018 T-Bird Athletic Schedule

Volleyball

Aug. 23-25	Casper Tournament	Casper, WY	TBD
Aug. 31-1	Barton Classic	Great Bend, KS	TBD
Sept. 8-9	CSI Tournament	Twin Falls, ID	TBD
Sept. 14-15	Pizza Hut Tournament	Sterling, CO	TBD
Sept. 19	Eastern Wyoming	Torrington, WY	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	Laramie County CC	Cheyenne, WY	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	Western Nebraska	Scottsbluff, NE	TBD
Sept. 25	Sheridan College	Casper, WY	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	Northwest College	Casper, WY	3 p.m.
Oct. 2	Western Nebraska	Casper, WY	6 p.m.
Oct. 5	Western Wyoming	Casper, WY	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	Central Wyoming	Casper, WY	3 p.m.
Oct. 9	Sheridan College	Sheridan, WY	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	Northwest College	Powell, WY	3 p.m.
Oct. 19	Laramie County CC	Casper, WY	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	Eastern Wyoming	Casper, WY	3 p.m.
Oct. 26	Central Wyoming	Riverton, WY	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	Western Wyoming	Rock Springs, WY	3 p.m.
Oct. 31-3	Regionals	Cheyenne, WY	TBD
Nov. 15-17	Nationals	Hutchinson, KS	TBD

Women's Basketball

Oct. 13	Sheridan Jamboree	Sheridan, WY	TBD
Oct. 20	Mid-American Showcase	Lawrence, KS	TBD
Oct. 27	SLCC Jamboree	Salt Lake, UT	TBD
Nov. 2	Otero JC	Casper, WY	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Air Force Prep	Casper, WY	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	Colo. Northwestern CC	Sterling, CO	3 p.m.
Nov. 10	Northeastern JC	Sterling, CO	4 p.m.
Nov. 15	Northeastern JC	Casper, WY	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	Snow College	Casper, WY	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	Central Wyoming	Casper, WY	3 p.m.
Nov. 23	USU-Eastern	Salt Lake, UT	1 p.m.
Nov. 24	SLCC	Salt Lake City, UT	5 p.m.
Nov. 28	Trinidad State JC	Trinidad, CO	5 p.m.
Nov. 29	Otero JC	La Junta, CO	6 p.m.
Dec. 7	AF Prep	Colo. Springs, CO	6 p.m.
Dec. 8	AF Prep	Colo. Springs, CO	Noon

Men's Basketball

Oct. 13	JucoAdvocate Jamboree	Windsor, CO	TBA
Oct. 14	JucoAdvocate Jamboree	Windsor, CO	TBA
Oct. 27	Regis University	Denver, CO	TBA
Nov. 2	Air Force Prep Academy	Casper, WY	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Impact Academy	Casper, WY	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	Salt Lake CC	Scottsbluff, NE	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	College of S. Idaho	Scottsbluff, NE	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	Northeastern JC	Casper, WY	6 p.m.
Nov. 16	Little Big Horn College	Miles City, MT	3 p.m.
Nov. 17	Dakota College-Bottineau	Miles City, MT	1 p.m.
Nov. 22	Colorado Northwestern	Casper, WY	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 23	Dakota College-Bottineau	Casper, WY	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 24	Eastern Wyoming	Casper, WY	5 p.m.
Nov. 30	McCook JC	Gillette, WY	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 1	Lake Region	Gillette, WY	3 p.m.
Dec. 6	Miles CC	Casper, WY	6 p.m.
Dec. 7	Little Big Horn College	Crow Agency, MT	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	Rexburg United	Casper, WY	7 p.m.
Dec. 15	Rexburg United	Casper, WY	4 p.m.
Dec. 5	Wyoming All-Stars	Casper, WY	7:30 p.m.

Rodeo

Sept. 14-16	Chadron State	Chadron, NE
Sept. 21-23	Sheridan College	Sheridan, WY
Sept. 28-30	Central Wyoming	Riverton, WY
Oct. 5-7	Lamar CC	Lamar, CO
Oct. 12-14	Laramie County CC	Cheyenne, WY

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Friends We'll Miss

Margaret Ann (Cover) Noble ('60)
June 10, 2017

Randall Abbott (CERT, '83)
June 13, 2017

Hans Juliusburger (AA, '53)
September 21, 2017

Jeffery Sholine (AAS, '76)
December 18, 2017

Tera S. Gillett (AS, '84)
January 1, 2018

Gardenia J. Leo (AAS, '78)
January 1, 2018

Karen E. Underwood-Garduno (AS, '96)
January 3, 2018

Theodore Fisher (AS, '05)
January 4, 2018

Wallace R. Burnett (AB, '65)
January 5, 2018

Robin L. Craft (AB, '82)
January 5, 2018

Lyle B. McDowell (AA, '57)
January 8, 2018

Larry W. Morrison (AS, '65)
January 9, 2018

Patrick John Swanton ('49)
January 10, 2018

George McFall (AA, '59)
January 12, 2018

Beverly J. White (AA, '67)
January 15, 2018

Kenneth Post (former employee)
January 23, 2018

Barbara A. Huffman (AB, '65)
January 24, 2018

Elaine Mae Richert (former instructor)
January 25, 2018

**Gary Lewis Petley, Sr.
(CERT, '72, AAS, '73)**
February 1, 2018

**Katheryn L. Tripeny (AA, '51,
former CC Alumni board member)**
February 1, 2018

Dustin Bruegger (CERT, '13)
February 3, 2018

Danh H. Quach (AS, AAS, '85)
February 5, 2018

Donald G. Galles (CC benefactor)
February 7, 2018

Sara Beth Zabriskie Phelps (AS, '06)
February 7, 2018

**Prudence Ann (Edwards) Schmidt
(AA '55)**
February 8, 2018

Dorothy Mae Lang ('56)
February 17, 2018

Margaret Romanek (AA, '74)
February 18, 2018

**Thomas Lockhart (Former CC trustee,
CC Foundation board member)**
February 19, 2018

Patricia Jean Geibel-Gorda (CERT, '83)
February 24, 2018

Kenneth Findley Wilson ('70)
February 24, 2018

Norman Roy Bideau ('58)
February 28, 2018

Kyle R. Thompson ('09)
March 2, 2018

**Winifred "Jo" Doherty
(former instructor)**
March 5, 2018

Charles D. Walker ('72)
March 7, 2018

Jaclyn Marie Morton ('01)
March 9, 2018

Ted H. Kapeles ('55)
March 13, 2018

Carmen Kay (Johnson) Moore ('65)
March 14, 2018

Jason Seth Havard ('07)
March 19, 2018

Stanton Durham (retired CC faculty)
March 21, 2018

James Whitlock (AS, '76)
March 22, 2018

Larry Ballinger (CERT, '72)
March 23, 2018

Keifer Alan Russell (AS, '09)
March 23, 2018

Linda Marie Hurley (AB, '89)
March 24, 2018

Curt Allen Smith ('77)
March 26, 2018

Neal Johnson ('74)
April 1, 2018

Casey Harney ('86)
April 5, 2018

John A. Martinez (CERT, '80)
April 6, 2018

David Edward Terry ('81)
April 6, 2018

Kathleen "Mike" Joy Shoemaker ('46)
April 9, 2018

Laddie Wiginton ('85)
April 12, 2018

Richard O'Hearn ('80)
April 16, 2018

Judith M. (Jordan) McCrary (AA, '92)
April 25, 2018

James Earl Travis (AA, '63)
April 26, 2018

Dorie F. Barbe (ATE, '70)
April 30, 2018

Alexandros Michael Lampros ('53)
May 4, 2018

Lorna K. (Spence) Rathbun (AS, '71)
May 7, 2018

Thomas Rochelle (AS, '80)
May 9, 2018

Chad Christian Bartow (AS, '92)
May 12, 2018

Hidden Campus

by Lisa S. Pearce Icenogle (AA, '79)

Many have never taken the time to view the large and opulent stained-glass window hanging on a wall west of the circulation desk at the Goodstein Foundation Library on the Casper College campus.

The piece was designed and created by artist **Paul Tweedy** (AA '73) of Casper and dedicated to the memory of William H Brown, a founding member of the Casper College Foundation board, lawyer and philanthropist.

The large stained-glass window was commissioned by Brown's wife in his memory. Tweedy was selected to create the piece through a competition that was open to all artists in Wyoming.

The piece, titled "Learning Never Ends," contains 30 different symbols which begin at the top and move in a clockwise direction in three parts. Viewers will find symbols for the Casper College Thunderbird, the scale of justice, a cloud chamber and a honeybee,

theatre masks and a hummingbird, and much more.

The piece was officially dedicated on Sunday, April 23, 1995. Those on hand for the dedication included then Foundation Executive Director Paul Hallock, Casper College Foundation President John Jorgensen, then Casper College President, LeRoy Strausner, Ph.D., Donn McCall, a partner of Brown's in the Brown and Drew law firm, and Tweedy.



According to Charlotte

by Charlotte Babcock (AA, '49)

Storytime

My Dear Readers,

I'd like to tell you a story.

My friends – I'll call them Mary and Joe – live at the foot of Longview Mountain in a small quaint village I'll call Quincy. They've lived and worked there all their married lives going on 35 years, and they've, of course, had their ups and downs like any married couple.

A year ago, they achieved a long-held dream – a log cabin near the top of Longview Mountain which was an exciting time for them. The cabin had a fantastic view, but it did need a lot of repairs which they had been doing for a year, weather permitting. By now, everything was beginning to look pretty great. They were very pleased.

This past September, Joe had finished the deck that stretched across the front of the cabin. It was getting late, and it was past time to get home.

Mary said, "I'll drive down, Joe. Why don't you get in the camper and take a nap 'til we get home? You've been working hard."

Joe thought that was a great idea. He climbed into the camper, stripped down to his shorts and collapsed onto the bed.

It took a couple of hours to get to Quincy. It was about 6:30 p.m. when Mary pulled up to the only stoplight in town on the corner of Main and 10th Street. When she stopped at the red light, it woke up Joe who, of course, thought they were in their own driveway. He got up, stretched, opened the camper door and stepped out.

The light turned green, Mary stepped on the gas, turned left onto 9th Street and drove off. And there Joe was, standing befuddled at the intersection of Main and 10th in his shorts and his socks.

Since Quincy was just a village and everybody knew everybody, Joe was in luck.

His friend the sheriff – I'll call him Hank – happened to be parked in front of the Bank of Quincy which was just a building once removed from Main. It took Hank an astonished minute to realize that it was actually his friend there in the street in his shorts. He rolled down his window and yelled at Joe to get into the patrol car.

A short explosive interlude ensued while Hank worked at calming Joe – all the time striving to keep a straight face. He lost. Hank then drove him a fast shortcut home where he left Joe sitting on his front porch steps – since the house keys were in his pants pocket.

It was maybe about three or four minutes until Mary drove up the street and into their driveway. She was utterly stunned into immobility to see Joe on the steps in his shorts. And as she stared in disbelief, the camper rolled right along the driveway and straight through their garage door.

The End.

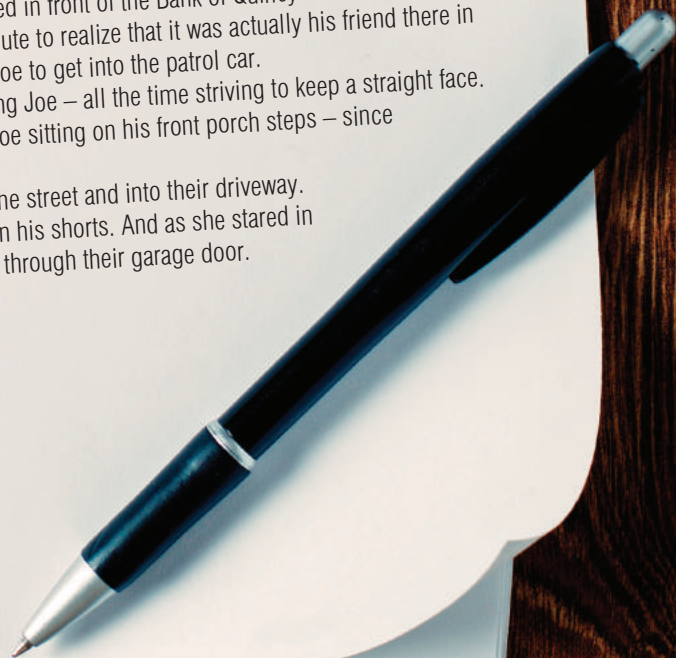
Best to you and yours,

Char

P.S. Mary and Joe really enjoy their remodeled cabin.

They have a new garage door.

Joe does the driving down the mountain.



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