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Town moose

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Game Wardens Craig Smith and Travis Crane and Large Carnivore Specialist Kyle Bales hobble a moose after the animal was chemically immobilized in order to transport him to an awaiting horse trailer.

In mid-June, Game and Fish personnel responded to a report of a moose in the backyard of residence on Newton Ave. in Cody. The yearling bull moose was chemically immobilized, loaded into a horse trailer and safely relocated north of Cody.



Moose in horse trailer.



Moose walking away from the trailer after release.

Case closed

Greybull Game Warden Bill Robertson worked closely with the Big Horn County Attorney's office to close a long standing investigation and prosecution of Ronald Lineberger of Wapiti for a myriad of illegal trapping activity. A four day jury trial was scheduled for the end of June but the day before jury instructions were to be held, a plea bargain discussion began between the attorneys. Thus the trial was avoided.

A change of plea and sentencing hearing was held July 1. Lineberger plead "no contest" to three counts of failure to report the death of non-target species, three counts of fail to properly anchor snares and three counts of fail to property tag snares. Lineberger was ordered to pay a \$7,300 fine, received a 120 day suspended jail sentence and one year of unsupervised probation. Lineberger will also lose his ability to apply for a furbearing license for 27 years and be prohibited from being involved in any snaring activity.

Overwhelming evidence collected against Lineberger may have been a factor in the decision not to go to trial.



This eagle was a non-target species that was captured in a snare.

Tom Easterly award



Tom Easterly award recipients Dante Sylvester and Morgan Haley with members of Tom Easterly's family and Greybull Game Warden Bill Robertson.

Greybull high school students Dante Sylvester and Morgan Haley were recently presented with lifetime bird/fish/small game and conservation stamps as the first recipients of the Tom Easterly Memorial Lifetime Bird/Fish/Small Game and Conservation Stamp award. The award was established after former Greybull biologist Tom Easterly's death and is given to selected resident youth who reside in the Greybull biologist district. Tom Easterly's brothers Bill and Steve, along with sister Cathy wanted to meet the recipients of the first annual award and were present for the dedication. The Wyoming Game Warden Association also recognized Tom as wildlife manger of the year and a plaque recognizing his contributions was given to the family.

Free fishing day

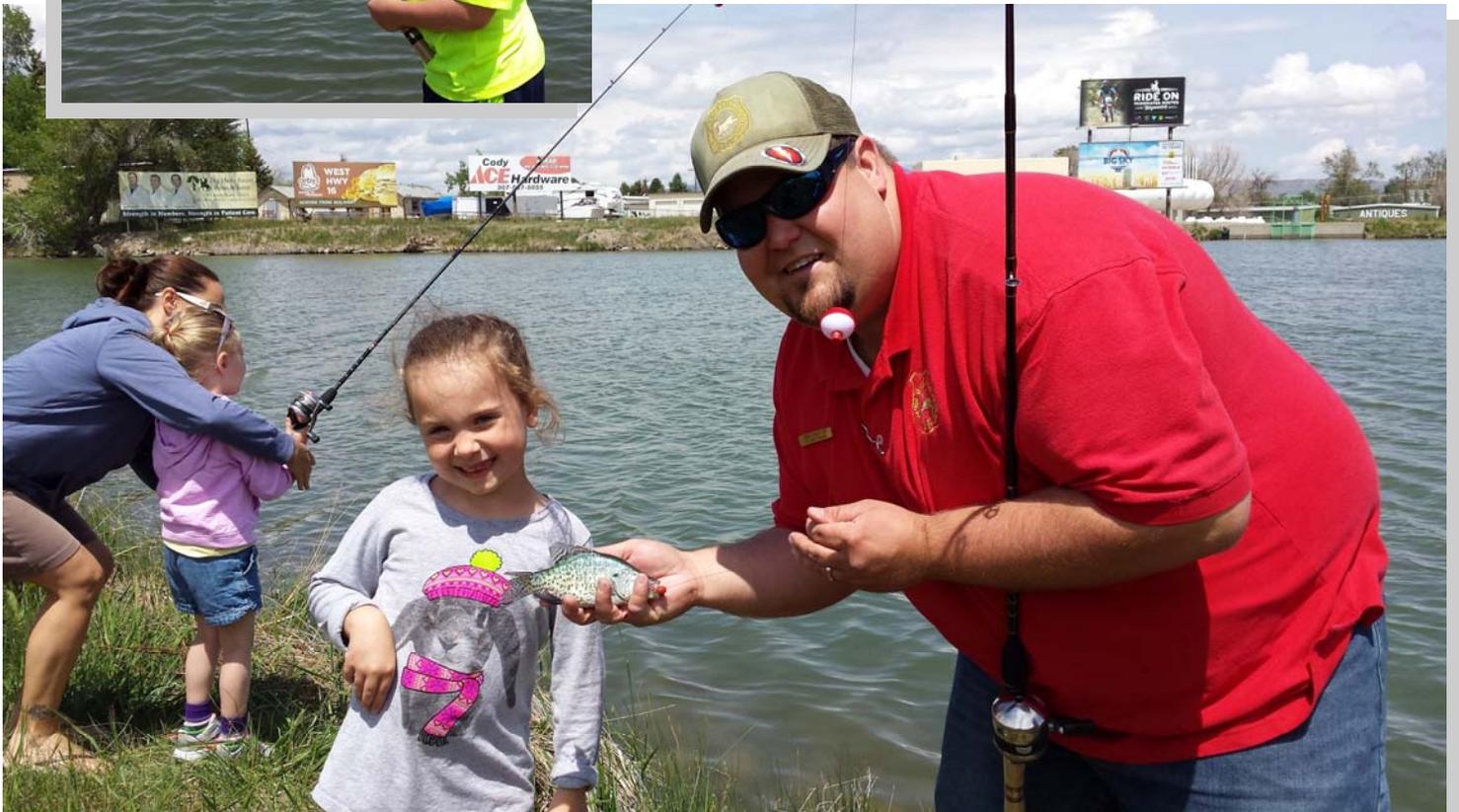
On June 6, Game and Fish, Cody Optimist Club, Trout Unlimited and the Shoshone National Forest teamed up to put on a kids fishing day and derby at Beck Lake. Young participants rotated through educational stations in the morning to learn about aquatic invasive species, watersheds, how to properly release a fish, how to cast and how to tie knots. After a free hotdog lunch provided by the Optimist Club, kids tried out their newly acquired skills and fished New Cody Reservoir. In conjunction with Kids Fishing Day, AIS Coordinator Greg Mayton and Information and Education Specialist Tara Hodges spent time with a local Girl Scout group to teach them how to fish.



Above: Fisheries biologist Jason Burckhardt show Kids Fishing Day participants how to properly handle a fish.



Left: A very happy Kids Fishing Day participant with his first fish!



AIS Coordinator Greg Mayton helps a Girl Scout hook her first fish!

On the trail



South Cody Game Warden Craig Smith and North Jackson Game Warden Jon Stephens rode into Bridger Lake from Turpin Meadows to conduct fishing enforcement. Over 40 people and 20 fishermen were contacted. No violations were detected.

South Cody Game Warden Craig Smith checks a fisherman on Atlantic Creek near Bridger Lake in the Thorofare.

Meeteetse Game Warden Jim Olson clears a trail on the Shoshone National Forest. He and Worland Area Biologist Bart Kroger were out conducting grizzly bear surveys.

Right: Meeteetse Game Warden Jim Olson clears a trail while conducting grizzly bear surveys on the Shoshone National Forest.



Game and Fish work to prevent crop damage



Completed electric fence.

Powell Game Warden Chris Queen, and Lovell Game Warden James Hobbs successfully electric fenced a barley field and seed alfalfa field that were being damaged by molting Canada geese. Both adult geese and goslings were unable to fly, so electric fence was set up six and 12 inches from the ground. Scarecrows and Zon guns were also used to deter the geese.

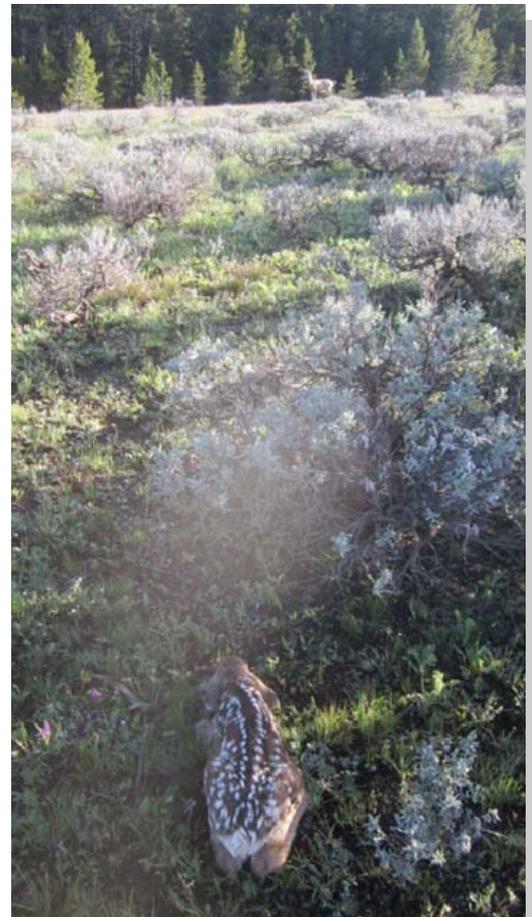


Lovell Game Warden James Hobbs sets up a solar charger to deter Canada geese from a field.

Working together to install a guzzler



A crew and equipment from WBI Energy along with personnel from the Worland BLM, and Game and Fish installed a guzzler south of Worland last month. The guzzler was purchased by the Mule Deer Foundation and will supply water for wildlife during the dry summer months.



Lovell Game Warden James Hobbs captured this moment during an early morning moose survey in June close to the Porcupine Ranger Station on the Bighorn National Forest.

Back porch turkey!



A hen turkey that was captured from the back porch of a Cody area residence and relocated to the Gooseberry drainage.

Warden Coordinator Scott Werbelow and Access Coordinator Dan Smith recently captured and relocated a hen turkey from a residence in Cody. Apparently, the turkey really liked hanging around the back porch and refused to leave despite repeated attempts to chase her away. When chased, the turkey would simply circle around and settle right back in on the porch. Werbelow and Smith successfully captured the hen and relocated her to the Gooseberry Creek drainage where she should find other turkeys to hang out with.



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