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ALBANY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

“Ultimately, our goal is to have all of our kids be successful, and we’re going to be doing that more if we’re in the ‘exceeds’ category than if we’re just in the ‘meeting (expectations)’ category.”

LOREN ENGEL  
Beitel Elementary School principal

## A focus on achievement

District creates school improvement plans

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While Albany County School District No. 1 has historically been one of the top-performing districts in the state, administrators and staff are continuing to seek improvement through individualized school plans. At its November meeting, the ACSD No. 1 Board of Education approved continuous improvement plans for district schools for the 2016-2017 year, which were based on information from Wyoming Accountability in Education Act reports. While goals were different for each school, many focused on improving student performance in areas such as reading or math, while others, such as Whiting High School, had more school-specific objectives, such as improving student postsecondary and career readiness.

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WYOMING GAME AND FISH

# ‘Fly the flag’



Wyoming Game and Fish Senior Game Warden Bill Brinegar, left, shows Tom Gabriel where to hunt elk in the area on a map Oct. 28 in the Medicine Bow National Forest. SHANNON BRODERICK/Boomerang photographer

## Building relationships key to game wardens preventing poaching

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Above the Snowy Range, the sunrise painted the morning sky like fire spreading across an ocean. Drizzle fell from scattered clouds. A light breeze carried the smell of damp earth and dead leaves. Scant light filtered through beetle-killed conifers Oct. 29, silhouetting Wyoming Game and Fish Department Senior Game Warden Bill Brinegar and U.S. Forest Service Officer Hannah Nadeau as they looked over a fence into Colorado.

“One really nice thing about this job is the sunrises and sunsets,” Brinegar said. Nodding, a smile spread wide across Nadeau’s face. Brinegar said Nadeau was helping him respond to reports of Colorado hunters crossing into Wyoming to kill elk. “(Game wardens) are spread pretty thin,” he said. In the middle of a muddy road barely wide enough for an all-terrain vehicle, the two discussed several calls regarding people crossing through a nearby barbed-wire gate marking the Wyoming-Colorado border.

Nadeau pointed to fresh tire tracks leading through the gate. Brinegar cocked his head and listened. “I thought I heard an ATV,” Brinegar said. No signs marked the fence line as a state boundary, but the game warden explained nearly all hunters carry Global Positioning Systems that would indicate it as such. For about an hour, the duo waited — Nadeau sipping coffee from a Thermos lid and Brinegar scratching his short, brown beard while listening to the forest.

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LARAMIE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## ANSWERING THE CALL

Fire department awards resident for lifesaving efforts

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A Laramie resident received the first-ever award granted to non-fire department personnel Thursday at the Laramie Fire Department’s second annual awards ceremony. On Oct. 4, Rob Fisher saved a seizure victim’s life by using cardiopulmonary resuscitation, an automated external defibrillator and calling 911, LFD Company Officer Gus Stonum said. Fire Chief Dan Johnson presented Fisher with the Lifesaving Medal.

“It’s an honor,” Fisher said. “I can’t say enough thanks to the (emergency medical technicians). I was real relieved to hear those sirens.” Fisher said that with the help of Bill Waggoner, Bob Ramlo and Cindy Speiser, he was able to revive and sustain the patient until the fire department’s team arrived. For their efforts in saving the life of a cardiac arrest victim June 11, Stonum, Equipment Operator Jeff “Rudy” Giustino and Firefighter Seth Banham received the lifesaving medal.

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Laramie firefighter Aaron Thompson and his family are presented with a commendation award by Shift Cmdr. Kevin Lam on Thursday. IKE FREDREGILL/Boomerang staff

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