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steps down**

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Casidee Miller is enrolled in the veterinary technology program at Eastern Wyoming College.

Casidee Miller

Sutherland, Nebraska

Casidee Miller will start her college career this fall in the Veterinary Technology program at Eastern Wyoming College. She was drawn to EWC because “the atmosphere is welcoming,” she said. “It seems like home.”

Back home at Sutherland, Nebraska Casidee enjoyed fishing and camping. In high school she was involved in volleyball, basketball, Honor Society, FFA, and much more. She was an FFA chapter officer two years in a row.

When asked, why Veterinary Technology? “I’ve loved animals since I was a little kid,” Casidee said. “I’ve always wanted to help them

and be in animal care.”

Casidee has an older sister and a younger brother. Her older sister, Bailee, graduated from Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland, Kansas to become an auto mechanic the same weekend Casidee graduated from Sutherland High School.

“One on Friday, one on Saturday,” Casidee’s dad, Travis Miller said.

“I’m happy about Casidee coming to EWC. She’s going to be able to pursue her dreams,” he said. “She’s always wanted to be a large animal veterinarian.”

Charge forward this fall with Casidee at EWC in Torrington, Wyoming, enroll today.

DJ Mackey

Torrington, Wyoming

DJ Mackey is in the barbering program at Eastern Wyoming College.

“I’ve always been interested in being an entrepreneur,” DJ said. “My goal is to own my own shop and be my own boss.”

DJ has always been very social and barbering allows him to meet new people every day, he said. “It’s a perfect career for that.”

He enjoys his clientele. They’re as interested in him as he is in them.

“I want to build a relationship,” DJ said. “When you feel more comfortable in a barber chair the hair cut goes much better.”

He has a couple regulars.

“It means a lot when you can do what they

(clients) want,” DJ said. “When they come back and ask for you, you know you’re on the track.”

The barber program at EWC is a ten-month long program, he said, “short and sweet.”

When he graduates DJ will have his Associate of Applied Science degree and a barbering technician certificate. He plans to move to Laramie to continue his education at the University of Wyoming.

“I plan on taking business classes, work at a barber shop in Laramie and once I feel comfortable I’ll go out and start my own shop,” he said.

Charge forward this fall with DJ at EWC, enroll today.



DJ Mackey is enrolled in the barbering program at Eastern Wyoming College.



Ashton Van Anne is enrolled in the ag business program at Eastern Wyoming College.

Ashton Van Anne

Dalton, Nebraska

Ashton Van Anne, the current Cheyenne County Fair and Rodeo Queen, will start her college career this fall in the Ag Business program at Eastern Wyoming College.

“I came on a tour here and I really like it,” she said. “It’s like home.”

At home she is active in volleyball, basketball, National Honor Society, student council, FFA, 4-H, her church group, and much more. In 4-H she shows horses, goats, pigs, “and this year I’m also showing a heifer,” she added.

As the Cheyenne County Fair and Rodeo Queen she has helped at the fair, been in a number of parades and rodeos. She has also worked with Pheasants Forever and Toys For Tots.

Ashton hasn’t always lived in a small town. At the age of two, her parents were transferred with their jobs, from Dalton to West Virginia. There she lived in an area of over 150,000 people. Nine years “to the day” she moved out

to West Virginia, her family moved back to Dalton, Nebraska.

“My graduating class in West Virginia would have been 300-400 students,” Ashton said. In Dalton, she was a member of a graduating class of 15.

She has an older sister and a younger brother.

“I really like the school,” Ashton’s mom, Danielle Van Anne, said. “I think it will be a good fit for her and the town (Torrington, Wyoming) is big enough to let her grow.”

Ashton will start her classes in Ag Business on Aug. 22.

A degree in Ag Business “will open up a lot of doors for different job opportunities,” Ashton said.

As for future plans, “I hope to be able to be living back in the Panhandle of Nebraska and hopefully training horses,” she said.

Charge forward this fall with Ashton at EWC, enroll today.



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Dr. Jeff Hawes



Michael, Katherine, Lauren, Natalie, and Dr. Jeff Hawes at Lauren's recent graduation from the University of Illinois.

Meet EWC's new President

EASTERN Wyoming College Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Jeffrey D. Hawes as President of the College. Dr. Hawes began his new position on July 1.

"I look forward to working with Dr. Hawes. His background in agriculture, past teaching experience and knowledge of career and technical programs are huge assets," EWC Board Chairman Robert Baumgartner said regarding Hawes' appointment. "I also look forward to seeing Dr. Hawes in the community as he has a huge passion for community involvement."

The Board of Trustees voted unanimously at their regularly scheduled monthly meeting held Tuesday, May 10, to appoint Hawes to the position.

Raised on a family farm in Quincy, Michigan, Dr. Hawes knew from an early age that he wanted to become a teacher. He graduated from Michigan State University, dual majoring in Agriculture and Extension Education and Agri-

cultural Communications. Upon completion of his baccalaureate degrees, he taught for eight years at the secondary level in Michigan. While teaching, Hawes earned a Master of Science in Agriculture and Extension Education

with the Agriculture and Natural Resources Education faculty to deliver agriculture programming. During his time at Michigan State University, Hawes completed his Ph.D. in Agriculture.

In 2006, he arrived at Black Hawk College, where he has served as a professor, department chair and most recently the Executive Dean of East Campus for Black Hawk College where he provided leadership for career and transfer programming and advocated for faculty, staff, and students

alike. Over the years,

Hawes has served as the primary investigator for multiple grants focusing on career development and student achievement. He has led teams to redesign curriculum and complete accreditation processes for academic programs.

Hawes believes that community colleges serve an important role

locally and he is excited to have the opportunity to lead Eastern Wyoming College.

"I understand and value the role that the college holds in serving its communities. EWC's strong commitment to students and stakeholders will ensure a continued and positive regional impact," Dr. Hawes said.

"I look forward to getting to know the EWC family in the coming months and to begin exploring together the possibilities that the future holds," Hawes added.

Dr. Hawes is married to Katherine, and they have three children-Lauren, Michael, and Natalie.

Lauren graduated in May from the University of Illinois with a degree in accounting and is currently studying for her CPA exams. Michael is a Sophomore at Southern Illinois University, and Natalie will be an incoming freshman at Torrington High School.

The entire family is eager to explore Wyoming, discover the rich history of the region, and become part of the local community.

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Dr. Jeff Hawes
Eastern Wyoming College President

at Michigan State University with a focus on secondary educational leadership and instructional pedagogy.

In 2000, Dr. Hawes accepted a position with Michigan State University where he served as an academic specialist providing leadership to the Michigan FFA Association, and he worked closely

Coach Clark Retires after 25 Years

Stepping down from coaching, but Clark will continue to teach at Eastern Wyoming College

After twenty-five years at the helm of the Eastern Wyoming College Lancer Rodeo Team, Coach Jake Clark is making a change. Clark has decided to retire from coaching and return to the classroom where he will teach science and math for the College.

"I have truly been blessed to be the Rodeo Coach at EWC for the past 25 years," Coach Clark said. "It has been an honor to be a part of so many students' education and rodeo careers. This is a decision my family and I did not take lightly and is one we just made as a family."

Over the years Coach Clark has impacted the lives of EWC students and helped them grow.

"Jake is an icon at Eastern Wyoming College and throughout the Central Rocky Mountain Region, the tremendous job he has done with our rodeo program is unmatched," Tom Andersen, EWC Athletic Director, said. "The vast number of rodeo student athletes that he has coached, mentored and influenced are indeed fortunate individuals. I will miss working with Jake, but we are very fortunate that he will still be on campus and continue making everyone around him better."

"Jake's influence as a coach and mentor gave me valuable experience and guidance in my first year, and his positive and professional example definitely helped guide me to success," Mid-Plains Community College rodeo coach Wyatt Clark said. Clark just completed his first year as a college rodeo coach. He was on the EWC rodeo team from 2009-2012. On the EWC rodeo team he competed



in bareback, saddle bronc, tie down, and team roping.

"I knew I wanted to college rodeo at EWC for my uncle Jake since I was in 8th grade" Clark said. "Rodeo has been our family's sport, and I was very thankful for the opportunity I had to start my college rodeo career at EWC."

"Jake has also helped me in my professional career," Shelby Winchell, EWC graduate and present head rodeo coach at Northeastern Junior College said. She competed in Goat Tying, Breakaway Roping, and the Barrel Racing for EWC from 2010-2012 "Jake is always just a phone call away if I need any assistance."

Winchell won the Reserve National Championship in the Goat Tying event while at EWC. She later repeated and won the nation representing Chadron State College. She returned to EWC to help Jake and

the rodeo team while completing my student training in Torrington in 2015.

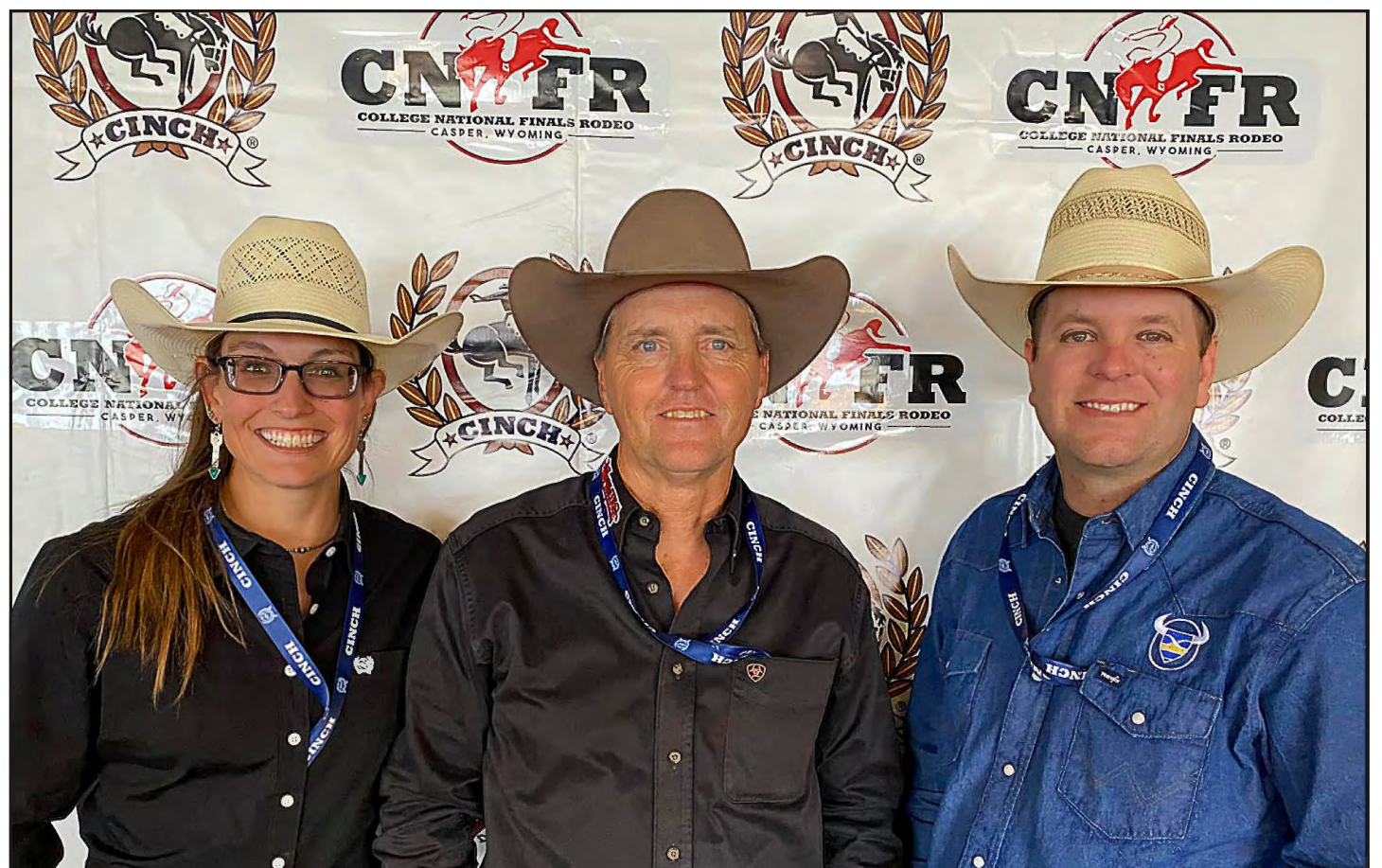
"Jake would help me in the tunnel and alley at the CNFR during the goat tying all 4 years I was there," Winchell said. "My graduate year in 2016 (at CSC), Jake had to leave the college finals early to go be with his family at the Jr. High Finals. After winning the nation that year, Jake was the first person to send me a text of congratulations. He later told me he found someone's RV that had a TV playing the college finals at the Jr. High Finals."

Though Coach Clark is stepping down as EWC's rodeo coach he will continue teaching full-time at EWC.

I would like to thank the college, the community and my family for all of their support over the years. I am looking forward to continuing to do great things for this community and EWC," Clark said. I know EWC Lancer Rodeo student athletes will be blessed with a great new coach for the future."

During his tenure as head rodeo coach, he coached 112 College National Finals Rodeo qualifiers, hosted the Rodeo of the Year nine times and won several Coach of the Year awards.

"Jake will be missed in the Central Rock Mountain Region and College Rodeo but I am very excited him in the new endeavors in his future," Winchell said.



Courtesy Photo
Northeastern Junior College head rodeo coach Shelby Winchell Eastern Wyoming College head rodeo coach Jake Clark, Mid-Plains Community College head rodeo coach Wyatt Clark caught up with one another at this year's College National Rodeo Finals. Shelby and Wyatt both competed on Coach Clark's teams while attending EWC.

Kids' College



Lexie Hansen works on the sculpture of her cartoon character Thursday during the Graphic Arts Camp held on the Torrington Campus of Eastern Wyoming College. The camp was part of Kids' College offered throughout the month of June.



Sarah Snarr paints her sculpture on the last day of Graphic Arts Camp. The camp gave young artists a chance to create a graphic arts novel.

Fostering Artistic Growth

Cartoon figures were imagined and created at Eastern Wyoming College's Graphic Arts Camp. "I thought the camp was really fun," 11-year-old artist Luke Hansen said.

Hansen, along with nine other young artists, took part in the four-day camp held on EWC's Torrington Campus. The camp ran Monday, June 20-Thursday, June 23.

The young artists created graphic art novels from start to finish,



William Reichert (above) adds facial features to the cartoon figure he created at the Graphic Arts Camp.

Tripp Broadway adds a feature to his sculpture with some help from Eastern Wyoming College Community Education Director Donna White.

EWC art instructor Beth Martin said.

"The goal of the camp was to teach kids a little about art," Martin said. "It's all about fostering artistic growth early on."

The camp was part of the Kids' College offered during the month of June through EWC's Community Outreach program. The Kids' College offers students opportunities to explore different topics, according to EWC Community Education Director Donna White.

"We had 10 young artists take part in the Graphics Arts Camp," White said. The different camps have averaged about 10-12 students with camps ranging from math and science, to theater, tennis, drivers' education, games



Natalia (left) and Maizie Closs paint their cartoon figures Thursday during Graphic Arts Camp held at Eastern Wyoming College. Natalia said the camp was "really fun."



camp, and a Junior Vet Teach camp.

The campers at the graphic arts camp came up with their own ideas, sketching out those ideas, brought together their books, and then created their characters.

"My novel was about a robot who tries to destroy a city, but his plan backfires," Han-

sen said.

Natalia Closs' book was titled "Mocha and Ash." The camp she said, "was fun. I meet a lot of people and I really like art."

"They were a great group and we had a lot fun," Martin said of those who attended this year's Graphic Arts Camp.

On Friday EWC and Goshen County Theatre began the Youth Theatre Workshop. The workshop will work on "Shelebration" as part of the Kids' College activities. The public presentation of the "Shelebration" will take place Thursday, June 30 in the EWC Fine Arts Auditorium.

Kelly Named EWC Distinguished Alumni

BUFFY Kelly has been named Eastern Wyoming College's 2022 Distinguished Alumni.

Kelly earned her Associate of Science degree from EWC in 1994 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wyoming in Medical Technology. She then earned her Master of Science degree in Leadership from Southwestern College.

Her professional career began as a medical technologist in the laboratory at Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland, Wyoming. She later worked at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center and in 2013 moved into healthcare consulting.

Kelly is currently a partner/managing director for Chicago based Huron Consulting Group in their healthcare practice. In her present position she leads large performance improvement engagements in healthcare systems across the United States.

Growing up in Goshen County Kelly watched EWC Coach Verl Petsch and his volleyball

teams, attending volleyball camps and made it a goal to be a part of Coach Petsch's program.

After graduating from Southeast High School in 1992, Kelly attended EWC on a volleyball scholarship and played for Coach Petsch.

"Coach and Bonnie (his wife) always treated us like family and 30 years later, they still do," Kelly said. "For all their athletes they have been there for us through the good times and the bad."

Kelly credits the small classroom sizes and instructors at EWC who "truly cared" if you were in class each day, because they wanted to see you succeed, as reasons for her success. The school was a "great steppingstone to build confidence before moving onto a larger university."

"Dr. Peggy Knittel, Dr. Lorna

"Dr. Peggy Knittel, Dr. Lorna Hunter and Verle Punke are (EWC) instructors that I still think back on and know that I would not be where I am today in my professional career if it was not for them."

Buffy Kelly



Buffy Kelly Clay (left to right, back row), Chance, Buffy and Rachel Kelly with their puppy Zorro "my husband calls him Batman."

Hunter and Verle Punke are (EWC) instructors that I still think back on and know that I would not be where I am today in my professional career if it was not for them," Kelly said.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is awarded yearly by the EWC Foundation to an alum who has exemplary achievement in their profession, academic activities, and in community and civic service.

"I also want to recognize my parents, Stanley and Adele Smith, and the huge impact they have had on my life. My parents never missed a game in my high school career and never missed a home game in my college volleyball career," Kelly said. "They have become adoptive parents for volleyball and basketball players at EWC ever since I played here and they, along with other adoptive parents in Goshen

County, continue to play a large role in helping student athletes feel at home and be successful in the community."

Kelly was honored at the 2022 EWC graduation ceremony held May 14, in Torrington, Wyoming. She still lives in Wyoming with her husband of 26 years, Clay, and has two children, Rachel and Chance, who are students at the University of Wyoming.

Varney Honored with Albert C. Conger Distinguished Service Award



Mike Varney has been named Eastern Wyoming College's Albert C. Conger Distinguished Service Award winner for 2022. Varney was honored with the award at the 2022 EWC graduation ceremony held May 14, in Torrington, Wyoming

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Varney started at EWC in 1968, the same year the school moved from the old vacated grade school building in downtown Torrington into a new building at its current location on West C Street. He was instrumental during that period of growth in facilities and programs.

As an instructor he started the geography program, taught world history, American history, and political science.

Varney was one of former EWC Trustee Angie Chavez's "all-time favorite instructors," she said.

During his time at EWC, Varney served as athletic director, student activities director, financial aid officer, as well as director

of housing and food services. He saw the start of men's and women's basketball, volleyball, track and field, golf, and rodeo programs at EWC. He also helped start the first student senate and the livestock judging team.

He also was involved in the approval for the construction of the first student dormitory on the EWC Torrington campus.

Varney was also charged with the development of a mascot and new colors for EWC during his tenure. With the help of colleagues and the student senate, they settled on black and gold and EWC became known as the Lancers.

Varney served on the EWC Board of Trustees for 13 years retiring in March 2022. He also represented EWC on the Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees.

In 2020 Varney was honored

with the Trustee Leadership-of-the-Year award for the Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees. He bested nominees from each of the Wyoming

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Torrington CPA Marilyn Fisher

community colleges.

He played an important role in the construction of a multi-million-dollar classroom facility at EWC's Torrington campus and the opening of a branch campus in Douglas, Wyoming. Varney was also involved in numerous decisions regarding the planning, funding, design, and construction of the Career and Technical Education Center and the planning for the Agricultural Technology

Education Center on the Torrington campus.

Besides being a strong advocate for the college Varney served the city of Torrington as a council representative and mayor for more than 40 years. As mayor, and as a councilman, Varney was known as an effective leader with a strong vision and purpose. He was credited with solving many difficult economic issues for the city over

his years in office.

“When you meet Mike and take a few minutes to get to know him, you will walk away a friend,” Torrington CPA Marilyn Fisher said. “He is a dedicated and tireless public servant . . . Above all, he is a one of a kind, genuine good guy.”

Varney was honored with the EWC Albert C. Conger Distinguished Service Award at the 2022 EWC graduation ceremony held May 14, in Torrington, Wyoming.

Precision Agriculture Program



Eastern Wyoming College professor Matt Scott flies a DJI Matrice 100 drone. It has an expandable platform drone that can have different payloads or sensors added to it to increase its versatility. Drone on the EWC campus. Drones allow for more detailed data making the decisions needed for those working in the field of precision agriculture. For more information on the program contact Scott at msscott@ewc.wy.edu.

Flying into Pinpoint Savings

Raised on a farm north of Henry, Nebraska, agriculture has always played a major role in Matt Scott's life.

"We raised alfalfa, pinto beans, corn and operated a hog finishing operation of about 1000 hogs," Scott said. "That farm has since been in possession of my brother."

Today, he is an assistant professor of agriculture at Eastern Wyoming College, heading up the new precision agriculture program on the Torrington campus. He also teaches electrical and hydraulic classes, and a UAV license preparation class at EWC, but his main focus is precision agriculture.

Precision agriculture is "more than just pretty straight rows," Scott said. "It's about saving money. Margins are so thin, if you can make an extra five dollars an acre you want it."

The savings and increase in profit can justify buying the expen-

sive new equipment. It can be the difference between profit and loss. However, with any management tool, it must be used properly.

Precision agriculture is an approach to farm management using information technology to make sure crops and soil receive what they need for the best health and productivity. This includes using drones, GPS, yield maps, soil sampling, and more to create a management system of crops down to a square yard precision or even individual plants. Variable rate application technologies allow farmers to change the seed rate, depth, amount of fertilizer, and soil firming pressure during a single pass over a field.

"You are looking at inputs and decision making for all your crops and your land to that (square yard) level," Scott said. "Looking at one specific spot in a field you can tell how much it costs to grow the crop on that square yard."

With that knowledge adjust-

ments can be made to save money and improve profitability, he said.

"I am currently going after the precision ag certification and will be finishing it up in the upcoming fall semester," EWC student Parker Yost, a student from Scottsbluff, Nebraska said. "I like the more technical side of agriculture like GPS that is used to run our tractors now and mapping out of our fields. And I think that the EWC precision ag program does a great job showing students how it all works together."

Besides the classroom work, Yost said he liked getting out of the classroom and into local businesses, like Simplot. "They showed how they incorporate precision ag into their everyday business to help farmers grow a better crop with less inputs."

The program at EWC is not just for farm kids, Scott said. It is for the gamers, the high tech students, and the students who enjoy computer programming.

"You don't have to have an interest in ag to make a good living in ag," he said.

Working farmers and ranchers can also benefit from the program, Scott added.

"New tractors (and other ag equipment) are designed for precision ag," he said. "You need to understand all these systems to make everything work together."

Another aspect of precision ag is in animal science, Scott said. "It is not just for farmers, it's also for ranchers."

Using GPS systems in a feedlot, the feed trucks will not put the wrong feed ration into the feed bunks. At the SAREC complex by Lingle, each cow that eats from the bunk has an ear tag which is sensed when it puts its head through to eat and it weights how much each animal eats to determine the feed efficiency of each individual as opposed to making

Wisener Named New Lancer Volleyball Coach



Judd Wisener
Head Volleyball Coach
Eastern Wyoming College

Judd Wisener has been named the new Eastern Wyoming College Women's Head Volleyball Coach.

"I'm excited to have Judd join the EWC athletic staff and look forward to working with him as he leads our volleyball program," Eastern Wyoming College Athletic Director Tom Andersen said. "Judd will bring enthusiasm and energy to the program."

Wisener was the head volleyball coach at the University of South Carolina Sumter where he set up and established the school's first ever volleyball program. He has worked as an assistant coach for Coastal Bend College in Beeville, Texas, volunteer assistant coach at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, and worked many years as a college coach camp at many universities in Texas with the most recent at Texas A&M University.

As the assistant coach at Coastal Bend College, Wisener helped lead the Cougars to a post season appearance in Region XIV. During that time, his athletes also received multiple academic awards off the court.

"I love the fact that academics (at Eastern Wyoming College) are pushed and lived alongside athletics," Wisener said. "The volleyball program is in a great region that is very competitive and I cannot wait to bring my expertise to the program and see what we can do in the coming years."

Wisener received his Bachelor's of Science in Kinesiology, with a minor in English, from Texas Tech University in 2016 and his Master's of Science in Kinesiology from Stephen F. Austin State University in 2019.

He brings a wealth of experience to the table from both the collegiate and club levels. On the collegiate side he has coached at Stephen F. Austin State University, Coastal Bend College, and the University of South Carolina Sumter. On the club level he has coached the East Texas Juniors Volleyball Club in Nacogdoches, Texas, at Guns Up Volleyball Club in Lubbock, Texas, and Frisco Flyers Volleyball Club in Frisco, Texas.

During his two years as the volunteer assistant coach at Stephen F. Austin State University the Ladyjacks claimed the Southland Conference regular season title. While on the staff, the Ladyjacks earned a trip to the NCAA Tournament in 2018 and NIVC in 2017.

His playing experience includes time with the Texas Tech men's volleyball club team where he helped lead the team to the title of 2015-16 Most Improved Club of the Year. Wisener was a two-year starter for the team while doubling as club president. He also plays in his free time in different leagues around the United States.

"I would like to thank Tom Andersen and the hiring committee for their confidence in selecting me as the next Head Coach at Eastern Wyoming College," Wisener said. "Go Lancers!"

Wisener will lead the Lancers onto the court for the teams first match against Western Nebraska Community College on Wednesday, August 24 at WNCC, in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Larsen Will Lead Lady Lancer Basketball Team



Tim Larsen
Head Lady Basketball Coach
Eastern Wyoming College

Tim Larsen will lead the Lady Lancers onto the court this year as the team's new Head Women's Basketball Coach and Fitness Center Director at Eastern Wyoming College.

Larsen was named to the position this summer by the EWC Board of Trustees and will also be the EWC fitness center director.

"We are excited to have Coach Larsen take over as the head coach of our women's basketball program," said Tom Andersen, Athletic Director. "I am confident he will continue the strong tradition of EWC Women's basketball, and I look forward to working with him."

Larsen received a bachelors in psychology from the University of Phoenix in 2012 and graduated from Ohio University in 2018 with a masters in sports and recreation sciences.

His coaching career began in 2011 at Tohono O'odham Community College as an assistant coach for men's basketball. In 2012, he started the inaugural women's basketball program at TOCC. Larsen began working at Arizona Youth Partnership in drug and alcohol prevention in 2015. That is also the same time he began coaching with the Tucson Rattlers, girls AAU program where he has coached for the past seven years. In 2017, he returned to TOCC as an assistant athletic director and associate head coach for men's basketball. Larsen was then hired as an assistant women's basketball coach at Pima Community College in 2020 where he was a part of the team that finished 8th in the country at the National Tournament and made it to the conference finals the very next season.

"I am very excited to be a part of the Eastern Wyoming College Lancer community," said Larsen. "I am looking forward to building new relationships and continuing to build a competitive program of which the community can be proud. I believe our program should be a family atmosphere with players who like to work hard both on the court and in the classroom."

Larsen's wife of nine years, Bronwyn, and their seven-year-old daughter Brooke, are enjoying the recent move to Torrington.



Calling ALL LANCERS!!

Plan to return to the EWC campus in April 2023

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Bikes Provided for Students

STUDENTS at Eastern Wyoming College will have a new means of transportation around town this fall thanks to a recent bicycle drive.

“The bicycles are for any EWC student,” EWC Director of Institutional Development John Hansen said. “They can be checked out at the front desk of our dorms.”

The pilot project was started by EWC Foundation director Kim Evezich.

“We had some international students (at EWC),” Evezich said. “One called me and asked me to pick them up and take them downtown, they didn’t have any transportation.”

Evezich asked herself, “How can international students get around?” There is no mass transit, so if they didn’t call someone, how do students who don’t have a vehicle get around Torrington?

Bicycles were the solution.

“She (Evezich) saw a need and it caught-on and the philanthropic spark has breathed life into connecting our students with our community,” Hansen said.

She approached the EWC Foundation directors and the EWC Board of Trustees with the idea. She also asked members of the Torrington Rotary Club to go through their garages and if there were bicycles not being used, donate them.

The EWC Foundation purchased four new bicycles and the Torrington Rotary Club donated seven used bicycles. The used bikes were taken to DG’s Bicycle Repair in Torrington.

“I put in thorn resistant tubes,



Eastern Wyoming College Foundation director Kim Evezich stands with a few of the bikes donated for a new program offering students free transportation. The program was Evezich’s idea and she took it to the EWC Foundation, EWC Board of Trustees, and the Torrington Rotary Club together to provide transportation for students who do not have a vehicle on campus.

cleaned the bicycles up and made any adjustments needed,” Dennis Grubbs of DG’s Bicycle Repair said. “Those tires will not go flat from a goat head, I guarantee it.”

The project was launched 10-days before EWC’s graduation in May. It will be expanded this fall, he added.

“The program is excellent,”

Hansen said. “I wasn’t certain how en vogue riding bicycles would be with the college students, but from the first day it surpassed my expectations. Students were checking-out bicycles and getting out into the community. They were having dinner at our local restaurants and were using social media to catalog their experiences.”

This fall semester the bikes will be available for students needing transportation from the college campus to other areas in Torrington.

“The bicycle project illustrates the impact that our Foundation Directors have on our students and community,” Hansen said. “I look forward to where the project goes in the following years.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 13-14 - EWC Foundation Golf Tournament - Registration deadline is 6 p.m. Aug. 11

Aug. 18-19 - Residence Halls open for student move in

Aug. 20 - New Student Orientation -Office Hours 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Aug. 21 - New Student Orientation - Office Hours 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Aug. 22 - First day of classes

Aug. 24 - Lancer Volleyball takes on WNCC in Scottsbluff

Aug. 25 - Last day to add classes/Last day to drop classes for 100% tuition and fee refund

Aug. 29 - Late registration ends

Sept. 5 - Labor Day/No Classes/Campus closed.

Sept. 6 - Last day to drop regular semester classes for 100% tuition refund only.

Sept. 7 - FIRST HOME volleyball game - Lancers vs WNCC

Sept. 13 -EWC Board of Trustees meeting 5:45 p.m. in the Dolores Kaufman Board Room

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Jayce Munoz



Making His Goal a Reality

Jayce Munoz will start his college career this fall at Eastern Wyoming College in the barbering college. The journey to EWC has not been easy for Jayce who dropped out of high school and left his home in Torrington, Wyoming for Denver, Colorado in 2016.

“I gave up on school,” he said.

In Denver he worked a number of different jobs, but nothing was long term. So, in October 2021, he packed his bags and moved back home.

“I moved down here (Torrington) on a Saturday and was enrolled (in the HSEC program at EWC) on Monday,” he said. “I came straight here, took my test and started the program.”

Jayce had decided to go back to school and get his life back on “track,” he said. “I didn’t want to be the brother (he has 5 brothers and 3 sisters) who dropped out.”

Instead he wanted to set a good example, graduate and move on to college.

“I think it (going through the HSEC program) was one of the best things that has happened to me,” Jayce said. “It is a great program.”

As he started the HSEC program he asked when classes

would be starting for the fall semester at EWC. When he was told August he said he wanted to have his high school degree before then so he could start in the barbering program.

“I’m very competitive,” he said. “I asked what was the quickest anyone had made it through the program and was told three-and-

sphere and was the place to hang out at and build relationship. The kind of shop Jayce can see himself owning on day.

“I want to give back, in a way,” he said.

As he prepares to start his college career this fall he remembers his start in the HSEC program and the first tests.

“I remember looking at my test scores,” Jayce said (each test had to score at a five to more on). “I was at a three and they want me to be at five. I was a little discouraged.”

He started the HSEC program studying at the college from 9 a.m. to about 12 noon, Monday through Friday. Tuesdays were set aside to learn finances.

Jayce credits EWC’s College and Readiness Center Director Callie Allred, EWC’s Student Success and Testing Center Director Sergio Mendez and Instructor Carlee Russell with helping to keep him on track.

“They are amazing people,” Jayce said. “They push you more than you push yourself. With that help it is amazing, but a lot can happen in those three hours (in the HSEC classes each day).”

This fall Jayce will take the nice big step toward making his dream of owning “the barber shop” a reality.

“I don't want to just own a barber shop, I want to own 'the' barber shop.”

Jayce Munoz

a-half months. I set a goal three months.”

He made his goal a reality graduating from the HSEC program on June 2, 2022.

Now it’s off to barbering college at EWC.

“I’ve wanted to be a barber,” Jayce said. “A hair cut makes you feel more confident.”

He also wants to work for himself someday,” he said. “I see myself owning my own shop, but I don’t want to just own a barber shop. I want to own ‘the’ barber shop. The one everyone wants to hang out at.”

While living in Denver the barber shop he went to was ‘the barber shop.’ It had a family atmo-

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an assessment based on the whole pen of animals.

Ranchers can use GPS collars on cattle to remotely control where each animal is allowed to graze, just like a dog collar can keep a dog in a yard. The collars can be used to herd the cattle.

“The bottom line is getting the best return on investment,” Scott added. “Using precision ag you can increase your rate of return. You can make more money with less inputs. It’s management.”

Students graduating with a precision agriculture degree can find good paying jobs with implement dealerships, machinery manufacturers, agronomy suppliers, seed companies, and extension, to name a few of the possibilities.

For Scott his journey to EWC started on the farm northeast of Henry. He started his college journey at Nebraska Western College (now WNCC) in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. From there he attended Chadron State College where he graduated with an education degree endorsed in math and computer science.

“I taught in Hot Springs, South Dakota for a couple of years, then went to work at Farmers Equipment Company,” Scott said. “For about 10 years working on Allis Chalmers, Gleaner, Hesston, Deutz

and AGCO Equipment. Operated a convenience store and repair shop in Henry for about four years.

He then bought a farm of his own north of Henry.

“I enjoy farming because you get to see something real as a product of your efforts,” Scott said. “A crop in the stack or bin that is a direct result of your effort and decisions. There is a certain amount of pride in being able to say everything you see here is a direct result of my sweat and investment.”

During this time period he also worked for Horizonwest Equipment in Torrington for about 10 years where he learned about GPS systems, yield monitoring, and autoguidance systems.

From there, Scott flipped a house in Torrington and bought his first commercial drone and “I began learning about all the cool things they can do from photography to crop mapping,” he said. Which has lead him to heading up the precision agriculture program at EWC.

The precision agriculture program at EWC will enable students to develop the knowledge and skills needed to incorporate precision agriculture into a business operation. With the completion of the program students will be able to obtain a FAA 107 SUAV pilot’s license.

There is no other program simi-



Eastern Wyoming College professor Matt Scott attaches a NIR (Near Infrared) sensor to a drone on the EWC campus. The drone also has a regular video and RGB camera. Working with drones is a part of the precision agriculture program at the college. For more information on the program contact Scott at mScott@ewc.wy.edu.

lar to EWC’s precision agriculture program in the region, Scott said.

“I think precision ag is a very important part to agriculture because the world’s population grows each year and we keep losing farmland each year,” Yost said. “Precision ag comes into play when we have to make more food with less land and is very important to feeding the world.”

Students can earn an Associate of Applied Science in two years. They can stack the AAS onto a Precision

agriculture one-year certificate.

“Precision agriculture is a rapidly growing and quickly changing area of agriculture with great job potential,” Scott said. “you can make \$45,000 right out of school with a certificate and you can build up to over \$100K.”

To charge into a career in precision agriculture students can register by calling Michelle at 307-532-8230. For more information on the program contact Matt Scott at mScott@ewc.wy.edu.

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