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SCSD2 to increase collaboration efforts

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SHERIDAN — Sheridan County School District 2 officials continue to push for more statewide collaboration. At the SCSD2 board retreat in Ucross on Saturday, Superintendent Craig Dougherty and other district officials discussed the development of a principal and teacher college along with implementing a statewide professional learning commu-

nities framework. The principal and teacher college would take the knowledge and techniques used by SCSD2 staff and share it with educators throughout Wyoming. The program would be offered to both new and existing teachers and principals. "We think we've developed a great model here, and we want to share that with the rest of the state," Dougherty said in an interview with The Press. The district has also submitted plans

to every district in the state with steps to increase and enhance statewide professional learning community efforts.

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Sheridan County School District 2 board chair Ann Perkins listens to reports at a February board meeting. The SCSD2 board held a retreat Saturday to discuss a number of issues.

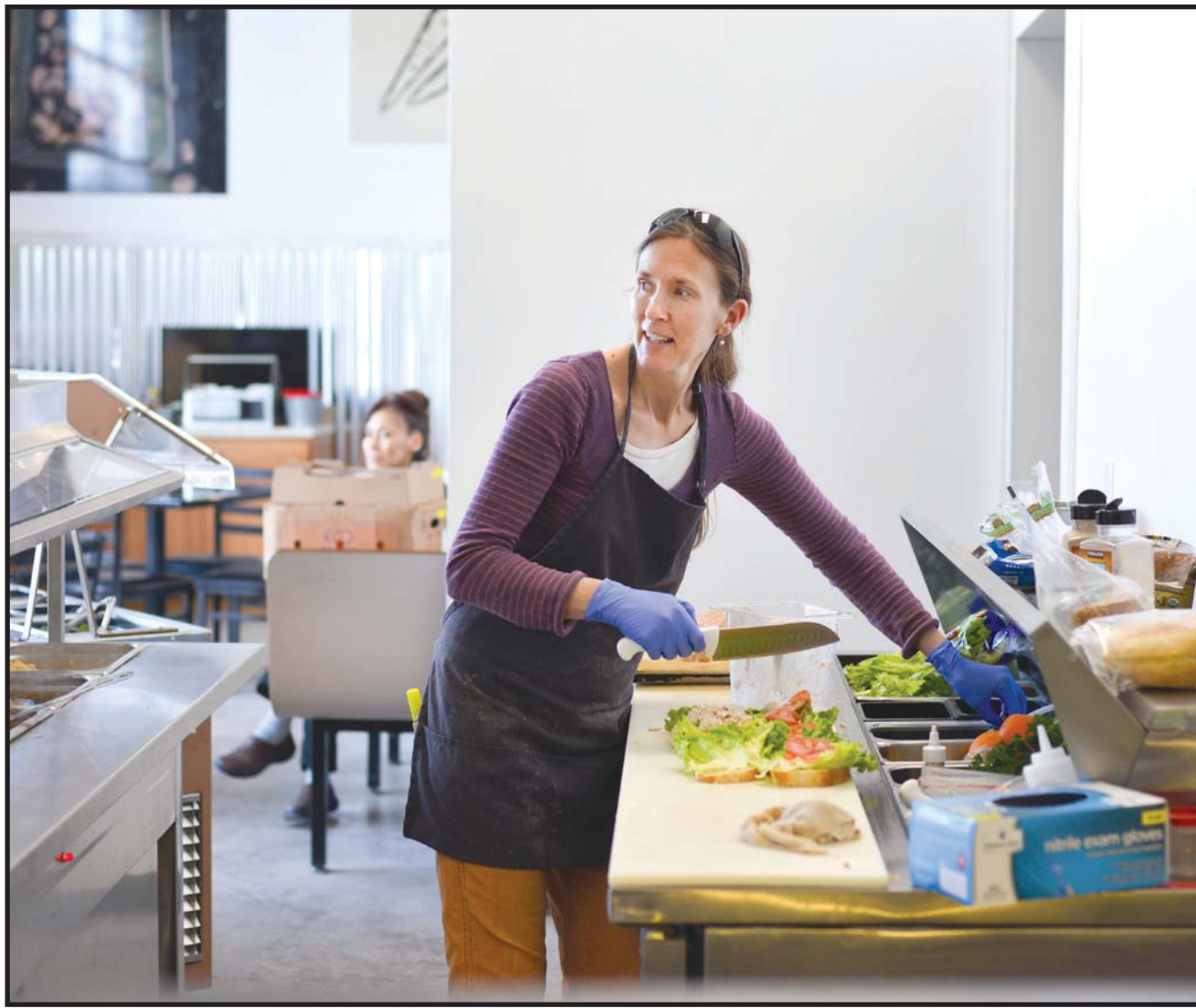
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Crews respond to wildfire in TR Canyon

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SHERIDAN — The weekend's warm weather and dry winter fuels meant an early start to wild-fire season. Crews responded to a human-caused fire in Tongue River Canyon on Sunday. U.S. Forest Service public affairs specialist Susan Douglas said the fire was located on a dry south slope in the canyon and reached 30 acres in size. Four USFS firefighters responded to the fire, which burned in timber and grass. Volunteers from the Dayton Fire Department also responded. The fire was reported by a hiker at approximately 3 p.m. Sunday. USFS officials have asked hikers to avoid the area as an investigation into the cause of the fire is completed. Anyone with information is also asked to contact the USFS in Sheridan at 674-2600.



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Store owner Melissa Smith prepares sandwiches for customers at the cafe inside Gold Rule Grocers on Friday. The owners plan to open a cafe on Main Street.

Golden Rule to open downtown cafe, shop

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SHERIDAN — A new type of healthy, interactive cafe will call Main Street home beginning this spring. Melissa Smith, who owns Golden Rule Grocers with her husband, Jim, said they will open Studio Cafe on the corner of Grinnell and Main streets and hope it'll be ready to open at the end of April. Smith said the cafe will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., giving Main Street an evening coffee shop. The only other late-night coffee shop in town is Andi's Coffee House, located on Broadway Street.

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Decision on state pen could be made in June

RAWLINS (AP) — Wyoming lawmakers expect to decide in June what to do about the deteriorating Wyoming State Penitentiary in Rawlins. Shifting soil is causing concrete in the 16-year-old prison to settle and crack on a major scale. Options include trying to repair the structural issues, rebuilding the prison nearby, or some combination of those two approaches. A task force appointed by Gov. Matt Mead last year recommended repairing the facility. State Rep. Don Burkhart of Rawlins told the Rawlins Daily Times the Legislature's Joint Appropriations Committee plans to meet in Rawlins in June to tour the penitentiary and decide how to move forward. He said the prison will remain in Rawlins no matter what the lawmakers decide. He estimates the project will cost between \$100 million and \$400 million.

Sheridan College class organizing Startup Weekend

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SHERIDAN — During a Startup Weekend, contestants have 54 hours to develop, design, gain support and pitch a business to a panel of judges. This April, the Sheridan community will get its chance to participate. Startup Weekend has held events in more

than 160 countries with the aim of giving entrepreneurs a chance to develop a product or company with the help of a team and while under the mentorship of local business owners. Sheridan College instructor Jill McGraw is using the event as a teaching tool in her management and organization class by having her students plan it.

"It's a project that is great for them to learn how to plan and execute a project," McGraw said. "So on the academic side it's great for project management experience, but it's also a wonderful event that benefits the community, so it's basically a win-win."

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Women entrepreneurs featured in pop-up shops

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SHERIDAN — The Whirly Girl popped into town last week for a quick visit to the Twisted Hearts store in downtown Sheridan. Co-owner Pamela Gable has worked to promote women in her store in a number of ways. Gable herself has worked for years as an entrepreneur, run-

ning the gift shop at the Holiday Inn at 28 years old, then moving down the street where she owned Java Moon and Over the Moon boutique. She currently owns and operates Twisted Hearts and Red Velvet Bakery with Aunie Johnson.



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Flower arrangements remain on display at Twisted Hearts from the Whirly Girl Flowers pop-up shop Saturday. Myca Sturtevant, the boutique floral designer, will be a featured pop-up shop monthly at Twisted Hearts.

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