

# Powder River News

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Arbor Day Celebration

This year to celebrate Arbor Day the Powder River Conservation District worked with the Town of Kaycee, Wyoming State Forestry, the Chicken Coop, Kaycee FFA, and community members to plant 5 trees in the Kaycee Community, in addition to their annual Adopt a Tree Program with the KES students.



Kaycee's official Arbor Day Celebration occurred on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, when Kaycee Vice-Mayor Audrey Davis and the Kaycee FFA joined PRCD District Manager Anita Bartlett and Kelly Norris with Wyoming State Forestry to plant 4 apple trees in the community garden at the COOP and 1 Canadian Red Cherry Tree at the Welcome to Kaycee sign. Participants listened to Vice-Mayor Davis read the Arbor Day proclamation. Following the reading of the proclamation

Vice-Mayor Davis was presented with an award for the Town of Kaycee as they have completed 16 years as a Tree City USA Town. The town of Kaycee is the smallest town in Wyoming to hold the Tree City USA status.

The PRCD would like to send out our Thanks to the following people: the Town of Kaycee, the Kaycee FFA, Wyoming State Forestry, and all the community members for their help, support and efforts on this project. It is because of people like you we are able to do projects like this to help continually improve our community. Thank You.

## Tom Harlan Appointed to PRC D Board



In February of 2022 Dan Mahoney resigned from the PRC D Board of Supervisors due to Health reasons. Dan served on the PRC D Board for 12 years and his wealth of knowledge will be greatly missed. This resignation brought about the Board selecting Tom Harlan to fill this vacant position. The Wyoming Board of Ag. made this selection official during their April 12, 2022 meeting.

Tom Harlan was born in Buffalo and raised in the Kaycee/Barnum area. He attended the University of Wyoming where he graduated with a B.S. in mechanical engineering. After graduating, he came back to the family ranch. Tom's ranching operation which runs cattle, sheep and has extensive crop production.

Tom was interested in serving on a local board and felt the Conservation District board was a good one as it provides many beneficial projects for the community. He brings to the board a variety of knowledge to the board on topics such as livestock production and irrigation practices.

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## **The PRC D says Goodbye to a Friend**

The PRC D was sad to learn of the passing of former Board Member Daniel Mahoney on July 25, 2022. Dan served on the PRC D board for 12 years and his wealth of knowledge was a huge benefit to the District.

Dan and his wife Wanda owned and operated a ranch west of Kaycee. He had a passion for turning the run-down ranch he purchased into the operation he knew it could be through improved range and irrigation practices.

Dan not only served on the PRC D Board but on the Dull Knife Irrigation District Board and was instrumental in the much needed improvements that were completed in the last several years on the Dull Knife Dam.

Dan will be missed by all that knew him.



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## **Public Notice**

### Powder River Conservation District Notice to Voters

Applications for nominations for the Powder River Conservation District are available at the Johnson County Clerk's Office. The filing dates are August 10<sup>th</sup> through August 29, 2022 (not more than 90 days and not less than 70 days before the General Election to be held November 8, 2022).

#### **Positions up for Election:**

- One (1) Rural Position which is a four (4) year term.
- One (1) At-Large Position which is a four (4) year term

In order to be eligible for a rural position you must live outside of an incorporated town but within the boundaries of the Powder River Conservation District. To be eligible for the at-large position you must live within the boundaries of the Powder River Conservation District.

/s/ Anita M. Bartlett  
PRCD Manager

# *How to Kill a Tree 24 Ways*

Bonnie Appleton, Extension Specialist, Hampton Roads AREC

Few residential trees die of “old age.” Mechanical damage and improper tree care kill more trees than insects or disease. Avoid making these tree-damaging mistakes! Few of these items alone would kill a tree, but multiple problems will certainly stress and could eventually kill a tree.

1. “Top” tree to encourage watersprouts that weaken tree and encourage pests.
2. Leave co-dominant leaders to encourage “v” growth and splitting during winds and storms.
3. Leave crossing branches to rub protective bark and create wounds.
4. Ignore insects or disease damage.
5. Coat pruning cuts with paint or sealer to slow healing and promote pest problems.
6. Leave broken branches unpruned to encourage pests.
7. Spray unapproved herbicides over tree root area to weaken tree.
8. Damage roots and trunk with lawn equipment.
9. Rib through roots when digging trenches.
10. Plant close to house or obstacle to reduce adequate tree and root growing space.
11. Attach items to tree to damage bark or girdle branches with wire and rope.
12. Prune randomly to leave branch “stubs.”
13. Make pruning cuts flush to stem to reduce wound closure.
14. Leave tree staked until guy wire girdles trunk.
15. Leave wrap on to constrict trunk growth and rot bark.
16. Pile up excessive mulch to encourage rodent damage and bark rot.
17. Put non-porous black plastic under mulch.
18. Stack items atop roots to cause soil compaction.
19. Leave ball robing on to girdle trunk.
20. Plant near downspout to assure excessive water or water light to encourage shallow root growth.

## 24 Ways Continued.....

21. Leave top of wire basket in place to girdle roots.
22. Leave treated or synthetic burlap on to prevent root growth.
23. Dig hole too narrow and over amend backfill to discourage proper root spread.
24. Dig hole too deep or fill with gravel to collect water and drown roots.

<http://pubs.ext.vt.edu/430/430-210/430-210.html>



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# WELL WATER TESTING DAY

The Powder River Conservation District (PRCD) will once again be providing a Well Water Testing Day on Tuesday, August 30th. Sampling Kits can be picked up prior to August 30th at the PRCD Office. Water samples will be accepted at the PRCD Office starting at 7:30am until 12:30 pm on August 30th .



Knowing the quality of your private well water is of utmost importance to your family’s health. It is also important to know and understand if you well water is suitable for livestock or irrigation. To participated, we encourage you to stop by our office to pick up sampling kits and sampling instructions.

For more information please contact the District Office at 738-2321 or stop by and visit with us.

Option	Description	Price	Your Cost
Option 1	Bacteria Coliform Presence/Absence	\$40.00	\$0
Option 2	Domestic Water Analysis –Potassium, Sodium, Calcium, Magnesium, Sulfate, Chloride, Hardness, Total Dissolved Solids, Alkalinity, Conductivity, pH, Nitrate+Nitrites	\$125.00	\$62.50
Option 3	Livestock Suitability-Nitrate + Nitrite, pH, Sulfate, Total Dissolved Solids	\$60.00	\$30.00
Option 4	Irrigation Classification-Conductivity, Calcium, Magnesium, Sodium, Sodium Adsorption Ration	\$55.00	\$27.50
Option 5	Domestic Water Analysis + Livestock Suitability + Irrigation Classification	\$125.00	\$62.50

## **FREE WILDLIFE ESCAPE RAMPS** **FOR STOCK WATER TANKS**

PLEASE CONTACT US AT 738-2321 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLACING RAMPS IN YOUR STOCK TANKS.

*Powder River Conservation District*  
*P.O. Box 48*  
*Kaycee, WY 82639*

Non-Profit  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Kaycee, WY  
Permit #1




PRCD Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 pm in the District Office

PRCD Office closed Monday, September 5th for Labor Day

Well Water Testing Day: Tuesday, August 30th

PRCD Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30 pm in the District Office



**The Powder River Conservation District has a substantial amount of free educational resources for our landowners. Stop in and see if we have something for you.**

**Topics Include:**

- Gardening
- Landscaping
- Pollinator plantings
  - Irrigation
- Fire management
  - Drought
- And much more

The PRCD is an equal opportunity employer.

Find us on the web: [www.powderrivercd.org](http://www.powderrivercd.org)