Happy Spring!

The warm weather is just around the corner. Hope everyone gets a chance to enjoy some of it before things get too busy! I know for me, I look forward to less wind. Wait...is that even a thing in Wyoming??

Membership dues have been sent out and I appreciate everyone who has already paid theirs. If you have not received yours, please let me know and I will get an invoice sent out to you. If you have requested correspondence via email, your invoice was emailed to you.

2022 Convention is in the planning stages and with the restrictions being lifted, we should be able to host it! If there is a topic that you wish to see, send me an email or text and I will do my best to bring that class to convention. Or if you are a M/S that wishes to host a class, reach out to save a class spot. I look forward to seeing everyone again in January!

This newsletter brings news of HB0026 which is not groundwater specific but will affect everyone, election winners, and the loss of a couple members. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends.

I’ll leave you with the hopes for a better 2021 and a more normal year than 2020!

Best Regards,

Jade Slaymaker
WGWA Executive Director
Do you have something you would like to see in the upcoming newsletter? Please submit it by June 1st.

**Legislative Announcement**

**HB0026 - Fuel tax**

HB0026 is a proposed 9-cent increase to the fuel tax. While this is not specifically WGWA related, it will affect each and every one of us. You can find all the details on this bill and the proceedings at [https://wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2021/HB0026](https://wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2021/HB0026)

HB0026 has passed its committee and has been placed on general file, which means that it is waiting approval from its house of origin now. From there, they will make suggested amendments and then take a first vote on it.

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**Richard A. Stockdale Scholarship**

Thanks to your generosity the WGWA was able to award five-$2000 scholarships this year.

**Congratulations to the 2021 Recipients:**

- Dharby Beightol, LaGrange
- Cameron Magee, Glenrock
- Noelle Chapman, Torrington
- Brynn Zwetig, Douglas
- Cade Zupan, Thermopolis

The 2020 Scholarship thank you videos are on our website or you can view them here: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMZNĐiGCCsTIxc-uJvntwF-Se42Ga5iHdN](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMZNĐiGCCsTIxc-uJvntwF-Se42Ga5iHdN)
PFAS risk communication

As a groundwater professional you may need to inform a customer of the potential for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination in their well water and subsequent actions to mitigate exposure. NGWA recently published “PFAS Risk Communication for Contractors,” a two-page fact sheet to aid groundwater professionals in such communications. The document features common questions that may be asked and talking points that may be of assistance.

The document was crafted by the following volunteers and NGWA staff:

- Bill Alley, Ph.D., NGWA
- Melissa Harclerode, Ph.D., ENV, SP, CDM Smith Inc.
- Shalene Thomas, VP, Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solution
- Andy Horn, PG, Westwater Hydrology LLC
- Dave Schulenberg, NGWA

The Importance of Membership

You can impact your industry through association memberships.

By Dave Schulenberg

You may or may not be a member of the National Ground Water Association. If you are, I say “Thank you!” Thank you for helping support an association that fights for groundwater and the contractors, the manufacturers, the suppliers, and scientists and engineers that make up our great industry. Your support is greatly appreciated.

But are you a member of your state association? Are you current with your dues for your local association that is doing many of the same things NGWA does, but on the state level?

Just like being part of the NGWA, membership in your state association is important. In fact, it is at the state level that you can make a visibly significant difference in your industry and perception of groundwater.

You are a groundwater professional, and you need to make sure that this is recognized by those around you in your state. Membership dues for your state association go a long way. From being able to offer trade shows, education—and other benefits!—these dues help provide resources for staff and lobbyists.

And when issues affect your industry in your backyard, you need to be involved. Ask yourself this:

Can you as a volunteer in 2021 monitor 5000 or more bill introductions at your state capitol, run a business, work in that business, and still have time for everything else you want to do? Do you even have the background to lobby, interact with elected officials on potential legislation, and ensure your thoughts and needs get addressed?

By being a member of your state and national association and supporting both associations, you can begin to affect change with customers, regulatory agencies, and elected officials. Associations are the best place to begin those conversations. Strong associations can open the door for meetings and other interactions for continued education and advice.

From PFAS to nitrates and from elected officials to agency interaction, the power of association is great. Make sure you are not only a member, but that you communicate with and hold your elected association directors accountable for your industry.

We truly are all better together!

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Dale A. Bowman, 82, of Pine Bluffs, WY passed away August 12, 2020 at Davis Hospice Center.

He was born August 8, 1938 in Brooklyn, Iowa to Ernest and Ruth Bowman. He married Darlene McKay on July 28, 1959 in Tingley, Iowa. He was owner of Bowman Irrigation and participated in the Non-Denominational Family Fellowship.

He is survived by his children, Dave (Jane) Bowman of Burns, WY, Dean (Bryanna) Bowman of Pine Bluffs, Dotty (Ken) Stubbs of Casper and Lyle (Tina) Bowman of Albin, WY; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brothers, Max (Goldie) Bowman of Elgin, NE, Mark (Delores) Bowman of Burns and Jack Bowman of Pine Bluffs.

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

2021 Election Winners

Tim Millikin - Vice President

Cody Smith - Area 4

Board appointed Terms

RW Riehemann - Area 2

Danielle Dover - Secretary

Shawn McWilliams - Director at Large

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Here you will find detailed information on memberships, links to other helpful resources, backlogged newsletters, meeting dates, and more.

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Where and when can I take NGWA’s exams?

You can take exams at computer testing centers across the nation by contacting PSI. You may schedule online at www.psiexams.com or by calling (855) 579-4642.
WGWA Membership Benefits

- Quarterly newsletters to provide members news and updates.
- Area representation.
- Continuing education opportunities
- Scholarship opportunity for youth.
- Discounts on WGWA sponsored events.
- Have your business information listed on www.wywaterwell.org
- Expand recognition as a groundwater professional.
- Promote professionalism within the industry.
- Opportunity to serve on Board of Directors or Committees of the Association.
- Government affairs representation before the Wyoming Legislature and other regulatory agencies.

Morgan Echo Lee

( April 04, 1951 - February 13, 2021 )

Morgan Echo Lee, 69, passed away February 13, 2021 at her home in Cody.

Morgan was born April 4, 1951 in Laramie. She spent most of her formative years in Cody and graduated from Cody High School in 1969. After earning her degree at Northwest College, Morgan went to work with her grandfather, Harold Lee, as an apprentice at Lee Plumbing. She eventually became a master plumber and took over the company.

Morgan loved Cody, and she poured her time and energy into her community. Morgan supported many local charities and was active in a community outreach program. She maintained that the best way to help yourself was to help others, and she tried to live by that principle daily.

Morgan was a person of many talents and interests. She built her log home with her own hands, from harvesting the trees to raising the roof. Morgan had a creative spirit which she loved to express through her work and crafting. Her love and knowledge of pioneer skills was fostered in her years as a member of the Yellowstone Mountain Man Group.

Morgan loved camping, fishing, hunting, and kayaking, but was happiest when on a motorcycle. She opened the first cycle shop in Cody and ran it out of her home for several years before focusing on plumbing full time. Morgan said the more miles she put on her bike, the lighter the weight of the world felt.

Morgan was born Harold John Lee, and knew she was transgendered from a young age but did not transition until late in life. Morgan never tried to erase Hal, saying he had a good life and was a huge part of who she was. She wouldn’t have been Morgan without being Hal first. She requested that both names be used in remembering her, because so many people only knew one side of her or the other. Whether you knew her as Hal or Morgan, she was the same amazing person, full of life, love, and laughter.

Morgan is survived by her children William Lee, Ame Woodbeck, and Shira Lee, Grandchildren Vincent Bolte, Spencer Lafaver, Daunte Woodbeck, and Preston Lee, parents Harold and LaDonna Lee, siblings Vincent (Susie) Lee, David (Betsy) Lee, and Cheryl (Bill) Odom, 5 nieces and nephews, 6 Godchildren, and an abundance of chosen family.

Morgan was the type of person who came into your life and inspired you to be true to yourself. She lived life on her own terms, never apologizing for who she was, and she has left the world a better place. There will be a memorial ride and an outdoor celebration of life this summer, followed by interment at Riverside Cemetery in Cody next to Patricia Lee.
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