BIG PICTURE—As crowds gather just to the north to photograph a sunset over the Tetons, Shane Kapper and Sabrina Gast find a quiet spot to themselves alongside Kapper’s dog, Kiro, on Monday, Sept. 12, at Grand Teton National Park’s Snake River Overlook. The overlook was popularized by famed Western landscape photographer Ansel Adams, whose 1942 photograph “Tetons and the Snake River” has drawn countless numbers of people from around the world to experience the majesty of the Teton Range for themselves. Adams’ photograph from this spot was one of 115 images sent into deep space aboard the Voyager in September 1977.
(FEATURE)
GAPER DAY—Taylor Bielefeld, 15, hits a kicker below the Thunder bumps during the Gaper Day celebration on April 1 at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. The annual event sees locals poking fun at tourists in brightly-clad clothing and helmet-mounted GoPro cameras.

(FEATURE)
INSECT INSPECTORS—A honey bee and a ladybug seem to have no issues working side by side as they peruse an ornamental sunflower in a Belfield, ND, garden Sept. 10, 2016.

(FEATURE)
PRELUDE TO A KISS—A female and male American bald eagle prepare to perform a "cloacal kiss" on Sunday, March 12, in Lac du Flambeau. If a successful mating takes place the female may lay eggs in five to 10 days.

(FEATURE)
HOG WILD—A youngster prepares to place a pig she caught into a waiting barrel. The Hog Wallow at Glen Flora Day was family fun for everyone who participated and watched.

(FEATURE)
KAYAKER RAPIDS—A kayaker tackles the rapid waters of Cullowhee Falls (High Falls) in the West Fork section of the Tuckasegee River on June 10. Duke Energy released the water from Glenville Dam.

(FEATURE)
CHRISTMAS SURPRISE—Derek Sandoval gives a hug to his daughter Kaylee after surprising her on the last day of school at St. Mary's Academy. He is on leave for about a month and was thrilled to make it for Christmas. *(FEATURE)*
FLOODED PIER—Oakley resident Novbin Orellana and 3-year-old son, Novbin Orellana, Jr., bicycle off the flooded fishing pier at the Big Break Regional Shoreline during Thursday’s king tide.
(FEATURE)
BARN OWL—The Teton Raptor Center has a new avian ambassador, a barn owl that was brought to the facility last fall as a chick. The bird was in poor condition when it arrived, but made a remarkable physical recovery over the following months. Unfortunately the bird is almost completely deaf, which makes hunting virtually impossible. The center was then given approval to keep the owl as an educational bird.

(NEWS)
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL—A candlelight vigil was held Wednesday evening paying tribute to James Salinas who died that morning when he was hit by a truck while crossing U.S. Highway 181. Above, family and friends hold candles reflecting back on the 13-year-old’s life. Below, a Bible sits open on a stand in the Pettus gym where the vigil was held.

(NEWS)
CONTROLLED BURN—A U.S. Forest Service member stands guard as firefighters use a controlled burn method to try and stop Cherokee wildfires from spreading to homes.
(NEWS)
BIGHORN SHEEP—Two bighorn sheep dangle from a helicopter during a bighorn sheep wrangle near Big Piney, Wyoming, in January 2017. Biologists collared and released the animals as part of a statewide study of the animals’ behavior.

(NEWS)
CLIFF CREEK FIRE—Stars trail streak above the Cliff Creek Fire in Bridger-Teton National Forest in July.
(NEWS)
BOAT LIFT—Sitkans watch from shore as the tug Powhatan is hauled up near Old Sitka Monday, June 12, 2017. The 85-foot tug sank April 19 at the dock and slid 1,500-feet off an underwater ledge to a depth of around 160-feet. Divers, who were able to spend only 20 minutes at a stretch before needing to return to their dive boat and a decompression chamber, spent the past weeks getting the boat ready to raise. The tug, estimated at around 400-tons, was placed on a salvage barge to be hauled away for scrap. The cause of the sinking is still being determined.

(NEWS)
HAMMOND FUNERAL—Firefighters’ farewell: Dickinson, ND, firefighters gather at the burial service for Levi Hammond, 36, at the Beach (ND) Cemetery Feb. 25, 2016. Hammond died as the result of an avalanche in Wyoming. Fire trucks and emergency vehicles were also posted on overpasses on the 60 miles of highway between Dickinson and Beach prior to the service.
(NEWS)
VIGIL—An audience estimated at between 1,500 and 2,000 people lift up candles in a tribute to fallen Rusk County Sheriff’s Deputy Dan Glaze during a vigil in Memorial Park in Ladysmith on Thursday, Nov. 3. At center, Sarah Glaze, the wife of the fallen officer, and the couple’s son, Levi, hold a plaque given the family. More than 3,500 candles were donated by Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Hope Lutheran Church, Bethel Lutheran Church and the city of Ladysmith. (NEWS)
BURNING RV—Firefighters from ECCFPD Engine 94 battle a burning RV on Holland Tract Road near the Holland Riverside Marina in Knightsen, CA on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017.

(NEWS)
TENNIS ROUND—Blake King extends himself to the fullest to try and save a point in the Class 3A mixed doubles at the state tournament.
(SPORTS)
BASEBALL RAIN—Hernando pitcher Carson Lashley looks in for the sign as the rain falls at Central High School in Friday’s (May 5, 2017) 5A-7 title game.
(SPORTS)
SWATING JUMP SHOT—Heritage’s Charles Stanford (#15) has his jump shot swatted away by Emeka Udenyi (#24) of De La Salle during Heritage’s 54-43 loss in the semifinal round of the NCS Boys’ Basketball Championships in Brentwood, CA on Wednesday, March 01, 2017. (SPORTS)
HURDLES—Springtown hurdler Ashton Watson waits for the gunshot in the Area 110-meter race. He finished second and advanced to the Region I meet in Lubbock April 28-29.

(SPORTS)
OVER IT—Lady Pirate pole vaulter Lexi Shironaka clears 7 feet, 6 inches on her way to a third place finish Saturday, at Hafer Field, in Bristow. The Lady Pirates were second overall and the Pirate boys finished first. Both teams will compete in the conference meet this weekend, in Mannford. For complete results of the Bristow meet.

(SPORTS)
TOUCHDOWN PASS—Stone High’s Nick Brown (3) goes over the back of Picayune’s Shaun Anderson (20) to corral the game-winning touchdown pass from Preston Stringer in the Tomcats’ 38-31 2OT victory over the Maroon Tide Friday at Lee-Triplett Stadium.

(SPORTS)