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GHS teacher waives initial hearing in sexual abuse case

Moser, 34, being held on \$50,000 bond, accused of 2nd and 3rd degree abuse of a minor

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A Glenrock teacher remains in jail on a \$50,000 cash bond after being arrested last week on three felony counts of sexual abuse of minors.

According to court documents, 34-year-old Jonathon Moser has been charged with two counts of second-

degree sexual abuse of a minor and one count of third-degree sexual abuse of a minor. If convicted, he faces up to 55 years in prison.

A LinkedIn account belonging to Moser says that he



JONATHON MOSER

was previously employed by Carbon County School District 1, and began working for Converse County School District 2 in August, 2015. Court documents state that Moser occupied "a position of authority" over at least one of the alleged victims.

A probable cause affidavit for three charges of sexual abuse of minors was issued for Moser's arrest on Monday, Jan.

11. On Jan. 12, Moser was booked into the Converse County Detention Center in Douglas.

Wyoming state law requires that a defendant be seen by a judge within 72

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Pastor Jeremy Paradowski wrings his hands as he intently listens to members of a new group discuss their week of living a changed life.
Cody Tucker photos

From Sin to Salvation

Pastor Jeremy preaches and paces like a 'crazed chihuahua' to rapt audience of sinners

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He's had a great Friday, Pastor Jeremy Paradowski tells the 20 or so men and women listening raptly from their pews at the

Douglas Baptist Church last Friday night. It's been great, he says, because he got to spend the day in jail.

Laughter and claps from the crowd. "Better yet," he continues, "today I met two individuals who trusted Jesus."

More whoops and clapping as the crowd smiles up at Jeremy, who paces energetically back and forth from his

spot at the front of the church, like in his words, "a crazed chihuahua."

Jeremy invites testimonies from the crowd, as a handful of people share

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Nursing program greenlighted

Eastern Wyoming College Douglas branch campus has received approval from the Wyoming State Board of Nursing for the new nursing program at the campus in Douglas.

On Jan. 12, college officials traveled to Cheyenne to meet briefly with the board in regard to the application, which had been submitted earlier in December. EWC then received notification later in the day that the board had approved the request.

The new nursing program at the Douglas campus is the first new nursing program

created in the state of Wyoming in 30 years.

"The advancement of this program is a bright spot for us in the midst of gloomy state economic news. It will allow us to offer more options for students, increase enrollment, strengthen our partnerships with local medical providers and do our part to help address the nursing shortage in our region.

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Feds issue a timeout for coal leases

Wyo. delegation reacts to Obama's moratorium

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Hard times are about to get harder for America's coal industry, and es-

pecially hard for the Cowboy State, where 40 percent of the nation's coal is produced.

On Jan. 15, Department of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell announced that the department would be putting a temporary hold on new federal coal leases. The three-year pause and subsequent review of the leasing program comes on the tail of remarks made by President Barack Obama during his final State of the Union address on

Jan. 12.

"We haven't undertaken a comprehensive review of the program in more than 30 years," Jewell said in a press release. "We have an obligation to current and future generations to ensure the federal coal program delivers a fair

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This week's weather

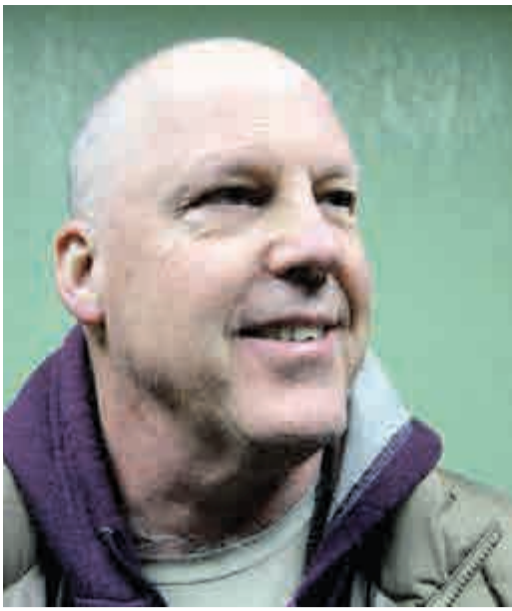
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Low	19	16	31	26	16

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Converse County Sheriff's Deputy Dan Maidl witnesses Jeremy's passion firsthand at the detention center, where the pastor makes a weekly visit to pray with the inmates.

For the first time in years, Rick Stidman feels joy and love in his life. Having struggled with anger and alcohol issues, he now credits Pastor Jeremy with saving him.

Austin Hagen, an Iraqi and Afghanistan war veteran, finds a sense of peace through Jeremy's preaching and RU group meetings. This is the first church that has made him truly feel welcome.

Russell Henson concedes his recent past, including legal entanglements, but says Pastor Jeremy has shown him a new light by listening to him and welcoming him with open arms.

To salvation

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las Baptist have turned things around for Austin and his wife Brenda, along with their children.

He also likes RU group, where he's able to find a sense of peace.

Austin wrings his hands in his lap as he discusses his past deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. "I've got some anger issues with all that and this has been really helpful."

Everyone could benefit from this program, he says, in one way or another. He also hopes it will help him to quit chewing tobacco.

"Jeremy is so friendly and non-judgmental," Austin says. "He doesn't look down on you for any of your faults. He knows we're all sinners but we're all trying, too."

This acceptance has given him a new perspective.

"The more I come here, the more I want to live," Austin says, smiling nervously.

religious consultant for large firms and corporate companies—he applied for and received a scholarship to a religious consultant program.

He's never been particularly religious but just figured there was a lot of money to be made, so he took it.

At the same time, he was also drinking a lot.

"I had it together on the outside and was doing well that way, but inside I was a total mess," he says.

He describes that period in his life as a real "rough patch." He was angry and constantly beating himself up for every little thing. There was a giant hole in his heart and he had no peace in his life, so he filled the void with alcohol, leading to all kinds of problems in his life and a few close calls with the law.

"I realized what I needed was forgiveness for myself," he says, "so I turned my life over to Jesus Christ in 2002."

He began attending a local church in Michigan where he met an extremely patient preacher, who would later become both his mentor and father-in-law. Laura, his wife, changed his entire world around.

Though admittedly Laura is beautiful, he was more impressed with the way she was with people and how much she loved and interacted with kids.

"One day at church the pastor told the congregation that his daughter would marry a preacher, so after services I went

He's on fire for the Lord. A guy can get hooked on that when he sees the Lord working like that through a person.

Dan Maidl, CCSO deputy, about Pastor Jeremy's work in the jail

up to him and told him I wanted to be a preacher.

"But, wow, did she hate me at first," he laughs. "It took some work."

Today, the couple has four children—the oldest 7—and now one more on the way.

His father-in-law suggested that Jeremy accompany him on his prison ministry work and with his RU work. Everything just spiraled from there, with Jeremy ultimately becoming ordained as a pastor. After stints with various ministries across the United States, including Michigan and an earlier appointment in Douglas, he was contacted in May of last year by Pastor Roy Phillips, who invited Jeremy to come back as assistant pastor.

"I told him that I wanted to do prison ministry and RU counseling and he thought that was a great idea," Jeremy says.

So did the congregation. He was a initially trepidatious to throw the idea out to the congregation, he says, but it turns out they were all on board and eager to help.

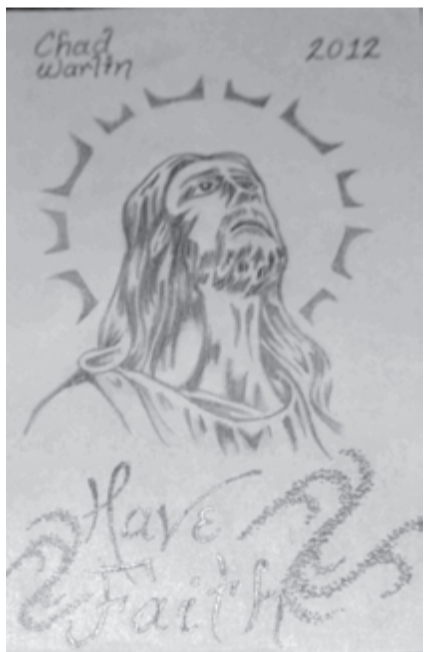
"A lot of congregations might not want those types of people there, but these people were all for it," Jeremy says. "When you think about it, these are the people that Christ died for, and they agree."

When asked what compels him to do RU or prison ministry in general, he rubs his chin for a second and stumbles momentarily to explain.

"Hold on," he says, and disappears down the hallway. "It can all be explained by a picture."

He returns with a well-rendered pencil drawing of Jesus, who is staring off to the top right of the page with a peaceful gaze of awe, with a halo of light shadowing his head. On the top left of the page is the name "Chad Warlin, 2012." Across the bottom, it says, "Have Faith."

Chad had been an inmate in a jail in Michigan that Jeremy frequently visited. Each time he came, Jeremy would greet Chad and invite him to come to services, to which Chad vehemently declined.



Pastor Jeremy says this pencil drawing of Jesus by a prison inmate sums up why he does what he does better than words ever will.

Addiction by the Numbers

20

More than 20 million Americans over the age of 12 have an addiction (excluding tobacco).

100

People die every day from drug overdoses. This rate has tripled in the past 20 years.

2.6

Million people with addictions have a dependence on both alcohol and illicit drugs.

6.8

Million people with an addiction have a mental illness.

160,000

Million people with addictions have a dependence on both alcohol and illicit drugs.

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