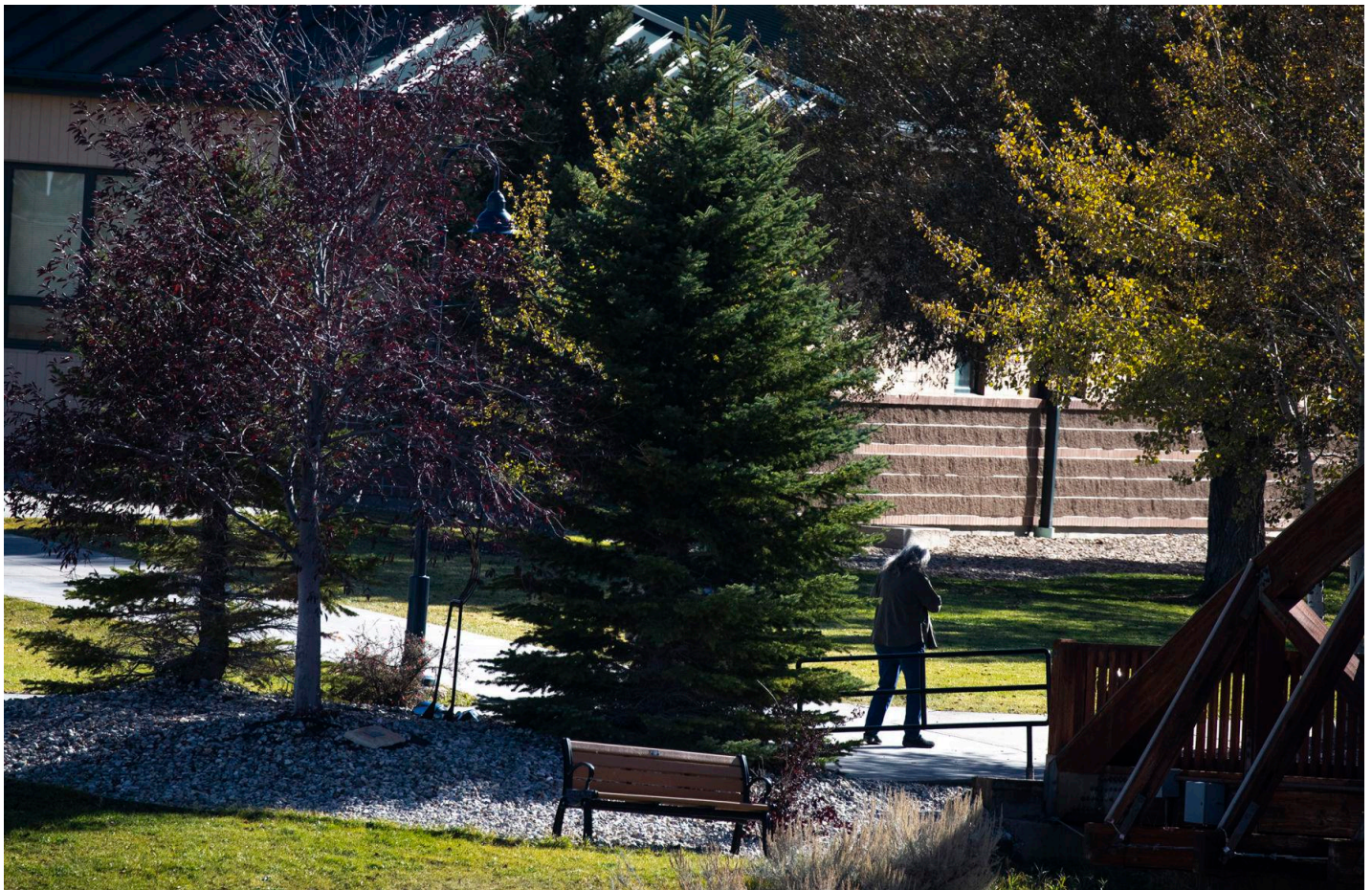


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Pathfinders to plant flowers, clean grounds at Gillette College during Camporee

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People walk around the campus of Gillette College in 2021.

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The Gillette College campus will undergo a makeover come August when International Pathfinder Camporee members clean the grounds and buildings along with planting a number of flower bulbs and, potentially,

trees.

While in Gillette, the Pathfinders will participate in more than 30 community service projects. The projects range from food drives to painting a mural downtown and assembling care packages for veterans.

The main community service work at Gillette College will be campus beautification, said Martin Woulfe, college facilities director.

“There will be trash collection, weed picking and planting at least 1,500 flower bulbs,” Woulfe said. “The bulbs are going everywhere but the targeted areas are the planter boxes around the main building and around some of the signage.”

A number of trees have also either died or been removed from the campus in past years so Woulfe said he’d imagine Pathfinders would help plant more than a dozen trees.

Deep cleaning is also on the docket.

“Their whole thing is geared toward service and they want to come in and clean,” Woulfe said.

The cleaning would include pulling out the bleachers at the Pronghorn Center and getting in the nitty-gritty areas at the school’s Technical Education Center, both heavily used by public groups and organizations for event space.

Pathfinders come to Gillette Aug. 5-11 and participate in service projects Aug. 6-9. Although their time is short, Woulfe said he’s looking forward to the extra hands.

“It’ll be great to have the help,” he said.

After Woulfe gave a facilities presentation in this month’s college board meeting, Trustee Nello Williams said he appreciated the ask for additional trees on campus. He said that when he looks across campus he wonders if

there are areas that need more trees, like spots along Donkey Creek.

“We’ve got a beautiful campus,” he said. “Thank you for all you guys do. But as I look around, being kind of an ecologist to some degree, I feel that there’s places where we need trees.”

“Tell me where to plant them and we’ll plant them,” Woulfe said.

He now has request for proposals — documents announcing a project and asking for bids — for replacement trees.

Correction: This story has been updated to reflect the college facilities director is Martin Woulfe not Martin Brown, as was previously reported.

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