



Gib Mathers

(1955-2017)

Gibson "Gib" Mathers was an award-winning journalist who covered the outdoors and community news for the Powell Tribune at the time of his death in 2017. Gib loved to write and capture photos, especially when hiking in the mountains.

Gib is remembered for his creative way with words.

"In a profession where writing can be formulaic and bland, Gib injected life, detail and color (and, if he could, puns)," said CJ Baker, editor of the Tribune. "On assignments that your average reporter might see as just a task to cross off a list, Gib felt an obligation to come up with something original."

In addition to his beloved outdoors beat, Gib reported on the Powell Volunteer Fire Department, covered the local irrigation districts, kept up with the Homesteader Museum and Powell Library and faithfully wrote about Sally (Montoya's) Boutique, the Christmas Basket program and other charitable efforts, year after year.

He was a member of the Friends of the Powell Library, who organized this writing contest in Gib's memory.



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GIB MATHERS Journalistic Writing & Photography

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The Friends of the Powell Library

would like to recognize and honor Gib Mathers, a constant and caring member of The Friends Board. Gib was a professional journalist who wrote for the Powell Tribune in Powell, Wyoming, at the time of his death.

The Friends of the Powell Branch Library would like to foster great writing and critical thinking. We would like to offer amateur and young authors incentive to get involved in journalism.

TWO DIVISIONS IN WRITING AND PHOTOGRAPHY:

■ **Young Writers & Photographers** (ages 12 to 17)

■ **Adult Writers & Photographers** (18 and over)

Authors and photographers must reside in the Big Horn Basin, Wyoming. Only unpublished articles will be accepted.

Each category will have an Honorable Mention Winner and a Grand Prize Winner. The Young Writer and Photographer will receive \$75. The Adult Grand Prize Winner in photography and writing will receive \$100. Both Honorable Mention and Grand Prize articles will be displayed in the Powell Branch Library. Grand prize articles and photos will be published in the Powell Tribune.

ADMINISTRATION: A contest administrator will assemble three (3) contest judges who have expertise in writing and journalism. Articles will be evaluated according to pre-determined criteria. Use and return of submitted articles is at the discretion of the Friends of the Powell Library.

All written submissions must be nonfiction. Entries can be written in first person as a column, or written in third person as a feature article. Creativity is encouraged! Since winning entries will be published in the Powell Tribune, all written entries — whether an article or a column — must be accurate and true.

Written submissions should be 500 to 900 words and include at least one photo with a caption. Photos should be at least 1 megabyte in size.

Writing entries will be judged with an emphasis on the following:

- Description and use of details to put the reader in the story
- Overall story organization, including how the lead summarizes and engages the reader, logical flow of information and the conclusion
- Accuracy
- Clarity, conciseness and understandability for the readers
- Overall quality of writing and presentation, including spelling, grammar and usage

Photo submissions should be at least 1 megabyte in size and include a caption, with details about when/where it was taken. Only minor edits (such as cropping) can be made to the image. Photos should not be manipulated. Preference is given to outdoor/wildlife photography. Limit two (2) image submissions per photographer.

ENTRIES:

Contest entries may be submitted

March 15, 2020 through 5 p.m. April 2, 2020.

Articles and photographs may be submitted in hard copy to Journalism Contest, 1035 Lane 11, Powell, WY 82435 or lqkiewer@yahoo.com.