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SHE IS JUST THE THIRD FEMALE JUSTICE IN WYO.

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CHEYENNE – A local attorney joined the ranks of the most influential jurists in the state Monday in a ceremony attended by friends, family, elected officials and the legal community.

Lynne Boomgaarden officially took the bench as the newest Wyoming Supreme Court justice after a swearing-in and robing ceremony at the court. She fills the vacancy left by Justice William U. Hill following his retirement.

Boomgaarden was a partner and served four years at the local Crowley Fleck law firm. Before that, she worked in private practice in Cheyenne beginning in 2010.

She also served as the director

of the Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments and was a professor at the University of Wyoming College of Law.

It was there that she met Barry Crago, now an attorney and rancher, when he was a student.

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Online gallery



To see a photo gallery from Lynne Boomgaarden's swearing-in ceremony, read this story online at WyomingNews.com.

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Justice: She's a "force," says one daughter

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At the ceremony Monday, Crago talked about adventures on his ranch with Boomgaarden and her family, as well as an observation he made when he met her on the first day of his constitutional law class.

"In terms of intellectual horsepower, Lynne is something along the lines of a Mack truck," Crago said.

Several speakers touched on Boomgaarden's generous nature, love of her family, passion for the state and love of the outdoors. Her interests also expanded to the community when she became the first female member of the Cheyenne Frontier Days General Committee as the Indians Committee chairwoman in 2006.

Her daughter, Alli Anderson, called Boomgaarden "a force."

And her other daughter, Megan Jacob, extolled her mother's perfectionism, work ethic, sense of responsibility and love of the law.

Both acknowledged they weren't surprised to learn their

mother had won the appointment.

Gov. Matt Mead joked after hearing all of the speeches that "it confirms, again, that I have been brilliant in my choice."

"You are clearly very intelligent ... (and) your bril-

liance has shown in so many ways," Mead said.

In Boomgaarden's remarks, she recalled watching the CFD parade as a young girl from a window in the Bell Building on Central Avenue, where her grandmother worked as a beautician.

Now, she can have similar experiences with her grandchildren, she said.

"Because I live and work in Wyoming, I'm looking forward to making memories with our grandchildren, watching the Cheyenne Frontier Days parade from the window of my chambers at the Wyoming Supreme Court," she said.

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At a glance

Lynne Boomgaarden officially took the bench Monday as the newest member of the Wyoming Supreme Court. The packed courtroom was filled with family, friends, elected officials and members of the legal community.

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Wyoming Supreme Court Justice Lynne Boomgaarden adjusts her robes after being sworn in as the third female justice to serve on the court on Monday in Cheyenne. Blaine McCartney/Wyoming Tribune Eagle