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Newcastle, Wyoming

Year 131 Week 43

Gualtieri Auctions Treasured Mounts Weekend event will showcase collection one last time

Bri Brasher NLJ Reporter

The Pizza Barn is offering Joe's Gualtieri's well-known wildlife mount collection in "The Auction of all Auctions," beginning at 6 p.m.

online public auction, but residents are encouraged to visit the restaurant to take a last look at the trophies that adorned the wall of the establishment for so many years.

People are especially welcome to October 27 through November 2. The visit the Pizza Barn and view the

mounts are currently featured in an impressive collection in person on October 28-29 between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., when the business will kick off the auction with meal specials and a full slate of activities for those who stop by to bid farewell to a collection that was the envy of outdoorsmen who stopped by the restaurant when they

visited the area.

Visitors can meet the man behind the collection and hear the stories behind each treasured mount this weekend as well. With nearly 20 years of trophy deer hunting under his belt, Joe Gualtieri's mounts of Wyoming and Canadian white tail deer make up

the state's largest known collection of the species. The Pizza Barn will open for lunch at 11:00 a.m. on October 28 and 29, and they will host the Cambria Bowhunters, a 4-H group, and the Cowbelles to make the auction

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Can't find a cop when you need one

Remote location and low pay make it difficult to attract new officers

Alexis Barker NLJ Reporter

The Newcastle Police Department, considered a full force at eight officers, has been short two officers since July, and Police Chief Jim

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County discusses dust control

Alexis Barker NLJ Reporter

Complaints about large amounts of dust, and potential animal deaths linked to the dust, on Cheyenne River Road prompted the Weston County commissioners to reach out to one of the companies working in the area. Vermilion Energy, an international company based in Canada, has two active wells in Weston County near Cheyenne River Road and seven wells in Niobrara County.

The commissioners met with US Operations Manager Randy Frederick on Oct. 3 to determine whether Vermilion was the cause of the heavy truck traffic and dust in the area. Frederick informed the group that he was new to his position at Vermilion and would return with more specific answers on truck volume, noting that he did not believe his company was the main cause of dust.

Once upon a time...



Mrs. Bette Sample reads to a group of children at the Raising Readers Bookfest on Oct. 21 at the Weston County Senior Center. The event

Frederick told the commissioners at their Oct. 17 meeting to share his findings and discuss options for dust control and road maintenance.

"Currently, our daily activity is one load of water and three loads of oil. The largest amount of activity is when we move in a rig and again when we move the rig out, also when we bring in the completion crew. There is a decent amount of movement at that time, but we try to limit it as much as possible by piping in water instead of trucking," Frederick said.

He noted that in situations that involve heavy traffic flow, the landowners in the area will be informed of what to expect. Frederick also expressed the company's willingness to travel the county roads with a county Road and Bridge employee, both before and after the heavy activity, to determine road conditions in both situations.

"In the past, we have met with the commission and talked with a road person prior to large-scale activity. We come in and make an agreement for what to do if there are road issues," Frederick said.

He added that he is seeking bids for having roads in the area graded so the company can look into budgeting funds to repair county roads damaged by Vermilion truck traffic.

Frederick said that Vermilion's employees, and their service providers, will abide by any posted speed limits, noting that he believes 35 miles per hour on roads such as Cheyenne River Road and Grieves Road is a fair speed.

"We also talked (with employees and service providers) about knowing where the landowners' homes are and giving them the right-of-way," Frederick said.

He asked that concerns be taken to Vermilion so that they can be addressed, especially any cases in which an animal is struck by vehicle associated with the company.

"We need to have those types of relationships. It is important to work with the commission of the county to make sure road conditions are acceptable," Frederick said.

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raises funds to provide books for children in Weston and Crook Counties. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

Getting behind Gage



Gage Mefford poses with his brother Nash, mother Kandice, father Brian, and members of the junior class Kolby Pisciotti, Lexus Voelker and Kaylee Sweet. The junior class helped to raise funds for the Mefford family. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

Community rallies to support family of sick child

Alexis Barker NLJ Reporter

What started as an ache in 9-year-old Gage

Mefford's back in February 2016 turned into a diagnosis no family wants to hear. More than a year later, after that initial ache, Gage was diagnosed in September 2017 as having a glioma tumor – or more specifically pilocytic astrocytoma, a low-grade cancer of the brain or spine.

Gage's tumor was

located in his spine, and according to his mother, Kandice Mefford, the tumor was causing a block in spinal fluid movement that sparked the pain in the Newcastle boy's back and issues with his bowel, bladder and legs.

At first, Kandice said, the family believed the pain was caused by sports and the normal effects of growing. Continued complaints from Gage led to x-rays that revealed no issues, physical therapy that didn't help and eventually a visit to the chiropractor.

The chiropractor noticed a curve in Gage's spine, a possible indication of scoliosis. Although Gage had an 11-degree curve in his spine, his condition was not classified by his doctor as scoliosis and an MRI was ordered.

"On the way home, we got the call. They had seen something and wanted us to come back for a contrast dye image. They said it couldn't wait," Kandice said. "They didn't tell us much on the phone."

Kandice recalled that once Gage and his parents returned to the doctor's office, they were informed that they had seen a tumor in the MRI images and it was likely astrocytoma, which can be cancerous. Doctors advised the family to go to the Children's Hospital Colorado in Denver to have the tumor removed.

The MRI was on Sept. 27, and by Oct. 2, Gage was having surgery to remove the tumor in his spine. The tumor was pinching the spinal column, causing fluid to build up.

"The doctor told us that she wasn't sure what it was, that it had most likely been there a long time, that he was still walking and not sick- that we needed to hold on to hope," Kandice said.

According to Kandice, the diagnosis is very treatable, although the family is still waiting results of tests performed during and after surgery.

Kandice said that surgeons were able to remove much of the tumor but that one or two spots remain in his spine because it was too risky to remove them.

As for further treatment, the family is waiting to hear whether Gage will need chemotherapy or radiation treatments. Kandice noted that the radiation treatment option - considered the best of the two – would require six weeks of treatment in Denver.

Whatever the next stage of treatment, Gage will continue to be monitored for much of his life, Kandice said. The cancer, however, is unlikely to spread to other locations in his body because this type of cancer is located only in the brain and spine.

Kandice said she and the

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Our View Paid attention

Fake news, as a concept, has been around at least as long as we've had politicians.

But we used to call it something else: propaganda.

That our President was able to harness the term and continue to ride its wave is disconcerting to people in the business of reporting news because it is so often an attack on media outlets which pride themselves on unbiased reporting.

But the President's attacks are not groundless, which is why they resonate with so many Americans.

Journalism schools have evolved over the past generation in an attempt to equip young people with the tools they need to succeed. And success for most journalists means simply ferreting out the truth in each assignment they take on, and then reporting their findings to as many people as are willing to look and listen. The internet, more monstrous a media than anyone could have imagined, makes that difficult because it has created what is now called "the attention economy."

There is much too much information available to news consumers and so the behemoths of media, which are no longer the national press, are continuously researching ways to capture and keep your attention for as long as possible- and this is no exaggeration- that time is measured in seconds, not minutes.

And so, most of the information these days is no longer designed to inform you, but more so to get and keep your attention as long as possible, and if you started reading this editorial online, chances are good that you didn't make it this far.

As our President might say: Sad. But there is good news in the chaos being sewn by the purveyors of what President Reagan called misinformation.

Any good journalist will admit to being equipped with a healthy bull-(expletive) detector.

Credible journalists know that they need to have sources who are reliable, and then they need to get a second reliable source prior to reporting what might be a controversial story.

Readers too should always be skeptical of what is reported and be open to the possibility that the reporter, the reporter's source, and/or the media itself, has ulterior motives.

Our freedom depends on it.

Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

Leave my little Nazi alone

As a parent, the weeks leading up to Halloween are spent carefully— with your children's help—picking an age appropriate costume that represents who they are and what they love.

Today, in the over-sensitive world that we live in, so many parents quickly erase a number of costumes from the list of potentials for their children because of the stigma associated with some children dressing as certain characters or individual.

As if the annual quest for the perfect

costume wasn't demanding enough, while scrolling through Facebook I have started to see numerous posts depicting costumers that some claim are inappropriate or supposedly racist.

I even see mothers who write blogs stating that they won't allow their children to dress as their favorite Disney character because, heaven forbid, someone may be offended by their choice.

As I look at these supposedly

"offensive" costumes, all I can think about is how ridiculously sensitive we have become. Our children— the innocent and sweet human beings that they arecannot even dress as their favorite Disney character without being branded a Neo-Nazi who doesn't respect the culture from which that specific character came.

Are you kidding me?

Children that age go into their Halloween costume selection with no ill intention. They

do not see race when they view a favorite character. They see somebody they love from a favorite movie or TV show. They do not dress as those individuals to hurt feelings, spark hatred or offend anyone. They are doing it simply because they love that character, and in most cases aspire to emulate him or her.

I find it extremely disheartening that the only children and parents being targeted with this ridiculous expectation are those that happen to be white. In an age when

> we hear so much about racial division, I think such accusations and assumptions are especially dangerous. I certainly don't want to live in a world where a person of color is shunned for dressing as Elsa, Cinderella or Sleeping Beauty either.

We need to stop being so sensitive and let our children enjoy the simple things without placing the burden of this country's political squabbles on them. Halloween is a time of fun and excitement because it is the one-day a year a child can dress up

and be whoever they want. I have to admit that this foolish debate is

particularly frustrating to me because of my son, Kazen's, fondness for Disney characters, especially the little rodent that started it all. So I am begging you now, stop the madness before somebody suggests that mice are offended because children want to pretend they're Mickey!



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We strive to cover all the news and



It seems as though whenever we find ourselves crossing the east-central and west-central parts of Wyoming by motor vehicle, I try to imagine what this trip must have been like for pioneers on the

Oregon-California-Mormon Trail.

water or grass or South Pass, the westward march would have been much more difficult.

As I write this, I had just joined the trail for this trip at South Pass. We were on our way to Las Vegas, where we

planned to spend a couple of weeks soaking up the heat. Then we would put the old rig in storage until we headed back to Vegas sometime around Feb. 1 for a month or two. We were driving down the road in our 12-year old motorhome, just west of Farson, when I noticed that our house batteries were not

Mountain View-Fort Bridger area, I tried to imagine what it must have been like to have been an Oregon Trail traveler 160 years ago in this spot. What would you do if your house batteries were on the fritz in your old reliable Conestoga? You would probably plan a stop at Fort Bridger to make repairs.

Some 350,000 of these hearty souls crossed the country along a route that spanned the entire width of present-day Wyoming. Their wagon trains entered the state on the eastern edge between Torrington and Lusk and headed toward Fort Laramie, by way of the Lingle area.

The first mountain they ever saw was Laramie Peak, which towers 10,276 feet above the plains west of present-day Wheatland. What an inspiration that must have been!

Because the power they were using came from oxen and horses, they needed to stay close to rivers and grass. Lots of grass.

Thus, they followed the North Platte Bill Sniffin River north and west near what today My Wyoming is Casper. They soon encountered the Sweetwater River, which they followed upstream all the way to the mystical South Pass. South Pass was nature's oddball notch in the length of the towering Rocky Mountains. This gap allowed wagon trains to pass through and head west. This famous pass is literally the "hole in the wall," that allowed America (and Americans) to satisfy its manifest destiny by heading west and claiming the western third of Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon and California.

It took a series of coincidental places such as the rivers, the grasslands and the notch in the mountains to make the whole thing possible. Without

charging.

So what the heck was wrong with my house batteries?

Not sure if anyone out there cares, but a motorhome has, essentially, two electrical systems. The normal motor vehicle system has two big 12-volt batteries that operate the starter and provide power for the headlights and normal driving-type functions. The coach, meanwhile, has six big 6-volt batteries that operate everything from the refrigerator to the air conditioning when the rig is not plugged into an outside electrical source. Yes, it is possible to drive

without the coach batteries, but this is not a good situation.

I thought about stopping at Little America but it was such a nice day and the rig was driving so well, so I crossed my fingers and just kept on going.

We passed the road to Kemmerer and I was tempted to go visit my friend Vince Tomassi at his car dealership. Surely, they could help get my batteries functioning? But then again, gosh it was such a nice day, and so I kept on going.

As we passed the turnoff to the Lyman-

But I motored on.

Next potential stop was Evanston, where our former Lander bookkeeper, Marsha Redding, operates Spanky's Bar. Since our rig is 40 feet long and weighs over 30,000 pounds— and also with the car being towed-I decided it was not a good idea to stop.

When I got to Interstate 80, the weather was windy. Sure enough, as soon as we left the state, the wind died down. The legend of Wyoming's big winds continued for another day. We waved good-bye to our Wyoming as we headed on to Salt Lake City and then all the way to St. George, Utah, where we spent the night. We got to Las Vegas the next day and everything got fixed.

Like many a trail master, I had conquered adversity and made it to my destination. Then I heard it was starting to snow back in Lander. It was 91 degrees in Sin City.

I had to wipe a satisfied smirk off my face.

Bill Sniffin is a retired newspaper publisher who has penned a number of books about Wyoming. He will be appearing for author's receptions at both the Weston County Library and News Letter Journal on December 1. Check out additional columns written by Bill at www.billsniffin.com. and find volumes from his coffee table book series, which have sold over 30,000 copies, at www.wyomingwonders.com.

Letters to the Editor

Reader adds to the **Antlers lore**

Dear Editor,

Hi Leonard. I was just reading history of Antlers Hotel ("The Legendary Antlers Hotel, Part Three," News Letter Journal, October 12, 2017, page six) and I have a few things I could add to the history of the Antlers from the late 40's to the early 60's.

During that period, as you probably know, was the big oil boom of Weston County. A couple of wells were drilled and were successful in producing oil.

Word got out and oil companies and individuals started leasing ranch land and government land for the purpose of drilling for oil.

Drilling a well was very expensive, so in order to pay, expense money had to be put up front. To get the money there had to be people willing to invest money into a venture

that would realize a worthy return on their investment. Percentages were sold in the

leases or the well being drilled in the amounts of your choosing- anywhere from one percent to higher amounts.

Investors were anxious for drilling to begin, but there were so many investors that a shortage of drilling rigs meant that often they waited months for a well to be drilled.

When word got out of the potential of many wells to be drilled, and

just like the California Gold Rush, people and rigs and workers converged on Newcastle like flies. The town wasn't equipped to handle the many people that showed up on her doorstep-housing, services, restaurants, motels and hotels etc.

The Antlers was on Main Street and became the center for the oil company personnel to gather and

headquarter.

Miss Faye Bessey and her Brother, C.B. "Tiny" Simmons, were operating the hotel. "Tiny" was a large man in stature and very outgoing and magnetic. He was a great promoter

and was a cordial host for the hotel.

He was also in the oil business and had leases of his own that he promoted as far away as California and Florida..

Of those he lured, some were VIP's from Hollywood— one such was Frank Sinatra, who

was here overnight. Movie mogul Irving Pasternack and Sam Garfield had investments with Simmons.

I do not know when the café was moved from the first floor of the hotel to the basement, but the name was changed to Antlers Grill.

The Grill was managed by several different people and in the late 50's was managed by the Gulley family while the Gulley's were building a

new restaurant— the building that now houses the Foursquare Church.

Getting a meal in the few eating places was like standing in line at the movies. Main Street was lined from end to end with more cars from Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana than Wyoming ones.

Newcastle's population more than doubled and housing was needed and additions such as Frontier were started.

During this period of time, some became wealthy and some lost. At the height of the boom, there were as many as 65 drilling rigs in Weston County.

Sitting on water tank hill and looking to the oil field was like looking down Colfax Avenue in Denver.

It was said at that time that there were more million dollar deals made in the Antler Hotel than any other place in Wyoming.

I could go on and on about all of this, but best I quit.

—Jack Holwell

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Help for warriors



Frontier Girl Hollie Swentesky selects a bottle of water from an ice-filled trough packed full of them at Frontier Hardware on Saturday morning while store owner Sandy Dirkes and Cassie Hawley look on. Frontier offered free food and drink to their shoppers on Saturday afternoon, but donations were accepted to benefit the Wounded Warrior **Project.** (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

Charges dropped in motel drug bust

Alexis Barker NLJ Reporter

County Attorney William Hillhouse discovered her and Curley dropped felony drug two other individuals in a room the controlled substances, after charges filed against Sonya Rath, 50, associated with an investigation that occurred at the Roadside Motel on May 19. "Comes now the state by through Weston County and Prosecuting Attorney William Curley and gives notice that the State will not further prosecute the above case," states the Notice of Nolle Prosequi dated Oct 12. Curley elected not to comment on the decision to drop the charges when contacted by the News Letter Journal, but noted that there are a number of reasons charges are dropped by prosecutors.

local motel," in the June 8.

Officer Joshua Pike, officers 2017 issue of the News Letter discovered both methamphet-Journal, after Newcastle Police amine and marijuana, as well Earlier this month, Weston Department Sergeant Richard as a large amount of paraphernalia associated with both of they obtained a search warrant for the property.

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Rath was apprehended at the Roadside Motel in May, as reported in the story, with evidence of drug activity "in plain view," according to court documents.

Rath was charged with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in violation of W.S. 35-7-1031(a)(i). She faced a maximum of 20 years in prison and a fine of no more than \$25,000, or both. She was also charged with knowingly and intentionally possessing more than three grams of a controlled substance in crystalline form, methamphetamine, in violation of W.S. 35-7-1031(c) (ii), a crime punishable by no more than seven years in prison and no more than a \$15,000 fine, or both.

According to an Affidavit of Probable Cause submitted by "Three arrested for drugs at Newcastle Police Department

Two other individuals were taken into custody along with Rath on May 19. James McCall, 39, and Stephen Shelman, 56, were arrested on methamphetamine charges. According to the Affidavit, Shelman informed the police during an interview that Rath was at the location to sell him methamphetamine and had done so on several occasions. McCall, who was on probation out of Mississippi, claimed to officers at the time that he had witnessed Rath in possession of methamphetamine on more than one occasion. He was detained in the Weston County Detention Center until he could be transported back to Mississippi.



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Dick Terry: Inspector of the Year



Submitted Photo: Assistant District Forester Jeremy Dedic presents Inspector Dick Terry with the 2017 Regional Inspector of the Year for the American Tree Farm System on Sept. 27 at a Tree Farm field day luncheon.

Alexis Barker NLJ Reporter

For the second time in three years, Dick Terry has been awarded the Wyoming Outstanding Inspector of the Year award for the American Tree Farm System. The district forester for the Newcastle area for the Wyoming State Forestry Division was recognized at the Tree Farm Field Day in Newcastle on Sept. 27. He was also named the state's outstanding inspector in 2014.

According to the American Tree Farm System website, the organization annually "recognizes exceptional ATFS Inspectors with the Outstanding Inspector of the Year award program. ATFS Inspectors provide the on-the-ground validation and contributions to their communities, which are essential to the integrity of the program. The award recognizes their enthusiasm."

According to Lori Kempton, office assistant specialist at the Wyoming State Forestry Division, Assistant District Forester Jeremy Dedic is also nominating Terry for the 2018 Regional Inspector of the Year award with the National ATFS program. If Terry is so honored, he will receive his award at the National Leadership Program at the ATFS national awards ceremony in 2018.

"Dick Terry is a native of the northeastern corner of Wyoming and has been a forester in the area for most of his career. Throughout this time he has built many good relationships with the forested landowners in the Black Hills," Dedic said in the regional application. "His local knowledge of the area has provided him with a beneficial background to assist landowners in their forest management, allowing his knowledge to be applied to forestry concepts."

Terry has been the lead inspector for the Wyoming State Forestry Division for several years now, as the organization works to stimulate the Wyoming Tree Farm program. According to Dedic, Terry completed 60 percent of the inspections in Wyoming during the last five years.

Both Terry and his wife, Bernie, have been tree farmers and forest stewardship landowners for 25 years. Both have served on the Tree Farm Committee for the past five years and help to coordinate field days in the area.

In addition, Terry has stepped into the position of inspector chairman of the Tree Farm Committee, allowing him to help guide other inspecting foresters. He also volunteered to be the first Wyoming ATFS facilitator and is still actively filling this role, mentoring inspecting foresters with the implementation of the 2015-20 Standards of Sustainability.

"As a tree farm/stewardship landowner, as well as a professional forester, Dick has gained a lot of experienced knowledge and openly shares that knowledge in his professional and personal life through both professional outreach, as well as through private landowner neighbor-to-neighbor outreach," Dedic wrote. "It does not matter the hat he is wearing; he has something to share to help guide the situation."

Nukolls Ranch Tree Farm of the Year

J.W. and Thea Nuckolls made an appearance at the Tree Farm/Stewardship Field Day luncheon on Sept. 27, where they were presented with the Tree Farmer of the Year award. The couple received the award, along with son Will and grandson Kyle, for their operations, Nuckolls Ranch Inc., located in Hulett.

The ranch was homesteaded 100 years ago when J.W.'s father acquired the land north of Devil's Tower and the Nuckolls were certified into the American Tree Farm System in 1986. Forestry work continues on the land, which originally had minimal amounts of trees and no fences.



Newcastle Lodge No. 13, A.F. & A.M. Meetings are held the First and Third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. *Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend meetings* Leonard Nack, Worshipful Master • Ernie Hamlet, Secretary



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Daily Devotional Reading

October 26	October 30
Isaiah 11:1-16	Ezekiel 34:1-31
October 27	October 31
Isaiah 25:1-9	Psalm 46
October 28	November 1
Isaiah 32:1-20	Psalm 48
October 29	Scriptures Selected by the
Isaiah 33:10-24	American Bible Society

• ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH: Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm.

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• CAMBRIA COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH: Pastor Todd Olson, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Youth (6-12 grades) and Adult Bible Study Sunday Evening 6-7 pm; Wednesday Night Youth and Adult Bible Study 6 pm; Life Recovery Bible Study Sunday Night 7 pm.

• CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL: Fr. Tom Campbell, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. haydishall@hotmail.com. Service times: Holy Eucharist 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 10:00 a.m.; Morning prayer 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:00 a.m.

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• CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Tim Martinson, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 5 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am. • COUNTRY CHURCH: Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.

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• GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP: Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.

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• OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH: 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.

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Obituaries



Mark Allen Greene Feb. 11, 1972-Oct. 13, 2017

Mark Allen Greene, 45, formerly of Newcastle died at his Utah home. Funeral services are planned for 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 27th at the Newcastle LDS Church in Newcastle with Bishop Rod Rushton officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle under direction of Worden Funeral Directors of Newcastle. A complete obituary will follow in next weeks Newsletter Journal.



Mark Greene

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Birthdays &

Oct. 26 Marissa Sweet

Oct. 27 Jim McLeland

Oct. 28 Steven Elliott Oct. 30 Kim Scharf Nov. 1 Derek Malsam David Crow Laura Lipp Nov. 2

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Anniversaries

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Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT					
		EVENI	LOCATION				
Thurs 26	11:45 a.m.	WC Health Services Foundation Mtg.	Board Room				
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room				
Fri 27	9:00 a.m.	Cinnamon Roll Friday	WC Senior Center				
	11:30 a.m.	WC Library Board Meeting	WC Library				
	7:00 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall				
Sat 28	10:00 a.m.	Barn Quilt Class	EWC				
	1:00 p.m.	Trophy Mount Auction	Pizza Barn				
Sun 29	1:00 p.m.	Trophy Mount Auction	Pizza Barn				
Mon 30	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room				
	6:30 p.m.	Pumpkin Splash Party	Kozisek Aquatic Center				
Tues 31	4:30 p.m.	Trunk or Treat	Newcastle Main Street				
	6:00 p.m.	Trick or Treat	WC Manor				
		November 20	017				
Wed 01	12:00 p.m.	Newcastle Lions Club Meeting	WC Senior Center				
	1:00 p.m.	Creative Handicraft Group	WC Senior Center				
Thurs 02	1:30 p.m.	VFW Auxiliary Meeting	WC Senior Center				
	7:00 p.m.	Salt Creek Water District Meeting	District Office				
	7:00 p.m.	WC Museum District Meeting	Anna Miller Museum				
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room				
	7:30 p.m.	Masons #13 Meeting	Masonic Lodge				
Fri 03	9:00 a.m.	Cinnamon Roll Friday	WC Senior Center				
	7:00 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall				



October 25, 1917 county capitol Tuesday. George Yemington, of South Beaver, was transacting business in the city last Saturday.

following stockmen, J.L. Baird John Hilderbrandt of Howard & son, Joe Jordan, Carl Schmidt, was a business caller in the Charles Schmidt, Robert Harper, M.J. Coyle, Felix Lavergne, & Elliott & Brainerd.

Karl Thoeming, son of Mrs. Nellie Thoeming, left Monday for Cheyenne where he expected to enlist in the Army.

The office of Price Administration, is reporting a threatened fuel shortage in some areas of Colorado, the Dakotas, Montana, and Wyoming. Tuesday authorized speedy price adjustments on lignite from small mines.

Billy Fawcett was an overnight guest of Richard & Ray of County Commissioners as Churchill Sunday night.

unteer workers will shortly be folding the seals in preparation for mailing date.

Harold & Dana Tysdal

The Senate passed legislation to lower the draft age from 20 to 18. The Senate Bill did not confirm which one was passed earlier by the House, however, so the Legislation was sent to conference to adjust the differences.

The Martin Massoglia Service Station has been designated & established by the Board



V.F.W. Post 2516 wishes to thank all of the organizations involved in the tribute to veterans at the football game. The reception by the student body was overwhelming and the veterans wish to continue this "new" relationship with our youth.

Thank you! John R. Larsen *Commander Post #2516*



Tuesday, October 31 7 a.m. - ? Donna's Diner



Fuel up and save before taking your ghoulies and ghosties trick-or-treating!







Mrs. Babbage is having a new layer of stone added to the stone wall in from of her residence.

Mack Quest, of the Upton country was shaking hands with old friends in town yesterday, and also attending to business errands.

The Epworth League will give a Halloween Party at the church next week.

There will be a basketball game at the Armory Friday evening between Custer and Newcastle High School teams. Both the teams are in good practice, and good games may be expected.

Twenty-six car loads of cattle were shipped from here and Osage Sunday & Monday by the

Burt Howy & Geo. Mosser were business callers from the Moon vicinity Monday.

The Junior Aid entertained their husband at the home of Mrs. C.E. Zachman last Friday evening. A delicious luncheon consisting of pumpkin pie & coffee, was served, which the "hubbies" enjoyed very much.

October 22, 1942

Mrs. Mary Coyle, oneß of Weston County's oldest & most highly respected citizens passed away at the Acord Hospital late last Wednesday evening, October 14, following a lingering illness.

All Newcastle children are invited to the Halloween party to be given by the Woman's Department Club at the Armory, Saturday, October 24, at two o'clock.

Miss Marjorie Wade, who is employed at Sanator, S.D., spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Rev. & Mrs. W.L. Wade. She was accompanied by Mrs. Minnie Blakely who also spent the weekend here visiting friends.

Birch Musser left this week for Kearney, Neb., where he has employment. He will be joined soon by his wife & son Duane.

October 29, 1942

Armistice Day will be observed in Newcastle this year by a program sponsored jointly by the George Monroe Post of the American Legion & Karl Kummerile Post of the VFW.

Christmas Seals, which citizens of Wyoming will get on November 23, have been received at the offices of the Wyoming Tuberculosis Association vol-

the voting place in Newcastle, Election District No. 9, Polling Precinct No. 3, at the General Election November 3rd.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Stevens and children visited at the Earl Carr & Orin Shuck home Sunday.

Following the precedent set last year, the junior & senior classes will again combine their efforts in staging a school carnival to be held Friday, November 6th. Bingo, dart games, fortunes, penny throws, a stage show, class cakes, & dancing will provide a full evening's entertainment.

The Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department has planned the 10th Annual Fireman's Ball to be held at the Armory Saturday night, October 31st. Local businesses have donated many valuable prizes to be given away during the dance to the lucky partners.

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Seth Bullock and the Black Hills Cowboy Brigade- Roosevelt Inauguration. March 4, 1905. (* marks Weston County area cowboys and Rough Riders) In the original photo, the men are numbered 1 through 40, the man at the left front is unidentified and un-numbered. The others are: George Fuller, Frank Smith, *J.E. Duling, * C.H. Wilson, * L.E. McLaughlin, J.F. Conlon, Capt. Seth Bullock, * Henry Leppla, Frank Ackerman, * Mack Quest, Tom Mix (movie star), Eugene Heitter, *Tom Howell, Ed Henskie, * M. Ballentine, Charlie Calhoun, * Ed Leppla, Albe Holmes, *W.J. McLaughlin, Henry Roberts, * Percy Keyes, F.W. Wilson, Robert Holcomb, J.L. Driscoll, * Clyde Johnson, * Clarence Smith, Boss Hitzel, O.D. Johnson, Robert McAdam, Jack Hale, * J.H. Minnich. Ed Cessna, Dane Thompson, Theodore Shoemaker, Dave Thompson, G.W. Holmes, *Will McLaughlin, W.E. Bailey, M. Hamilton, Henry Wittenback. (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

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From Cambria to Newcastle: The beginnings of the Methodist Church

Bri Brasher with Leonard Cash **NLJ Reporter**

As Newcastle and Cambria developed, religious institutions moved into the area to service the growing populations. The Methodist Church, located on Seneca Avenue, has a rich history that dates back to Newcastle's beginnings. Leonard Cash's records on the Methodist Church include many stories and recounts from local citizens over the years, one of which was Mrs. Mabel Brown.

The records tell the history of Newcastle and Cambria, going all the way back to the discovery of coal in northeastern Wyoming in 1887. Cash explained that Frank Mondell, the founder of Cambria and general manager of Kilpatrick Bros & Collins, first came to the area in search of coal and later, a railroad.

"They (the railroad) went as far as Alliance, Nebraska. It was too expensive to ship from the east to here, but they had to find coal in order to ship from around here. It took them (Mondell and company) almost two years to find a good vein, but they always knew the coal was here from the start," articulated Cash.

The discovery led to the establishment of a coal mining camp in Cambria and the extension of the Burlington Railroad lines from which Newcastle was born and organized by Mondell, the town's first mayor. Brown recorded that the first superintendent of the Cambria mines, J. L. Hemingway, named the town, though Kilpatrick Bros & Collins are largely credited for the building of the railroad lines, both towns, and the first permanent building-The Antlers Hotel.

Local business was greatly dependent on the Cambria mines and railroad. Many other organizations too stemmed from roots that began in Cambria and soon extended to Newcastle, one of which was Methodism. Cash noted that prior to the formal establishment of Methodism in the area, the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches were already up and running in Cambria and Newcastle, along with a Catholic presence in Newcastle.

"Sometimes they even had to walk to Cambria and back because there was just no transportation for them at times," Cash said of the early Methodist pastors.

Reverend David Leppert brought Methodism to Cambria in 1892, conducting services and evangelist work in Cambria from the fall of 1892 to the summer of 1893, and Newcastle residents of the Methodist faith attended services in Cambria, according to Brown's records. Other pieces of Cash's records hint to unethical financial behaviors on the part of the first preacher, though he only held his position for about eight months' time.

Soon after the departure of Reverend Leppert, Reverend J. R. Woods was sent to the area by the Colorado Conference. Services were then conducted at the City Hall for several months until Jake Lang's store building became available. Jake Lang worked for a millionaire by the name of Chase, who would start up small stores around the area, and if the store didn't do well he would simply close it and move on to a different town, according to Cash.

It wasn't long before Reverend Woods returned to Colorado due to ill health. Cash's historical records note that Wood found his field difficult, as he labored in securing a place of worship for which he spent a few hundred dollars and did much of the improvement work himself, only to have the building reverted back to its owner.

Reverend J. H. Gillespie arrived to continue the work in June of 1895, though the Methodist Church and it's mere three members were without both a church building and a parsonage at the time.

By 1897, however, Gillespie and the church numbered 20



Leonard Cash provided a sketch of what an early, rural Methodist church looked like prior to the commercialization of cameras (above). An actual photo of Newcastle's Methodist Church in the late 1800's/early 1900's is pictured below. (Submitted Photos)

did indeed end up purchasing the Lang Grocery Store and the lot on which the building stood. Additionally, the Lincoln Land Company gifted the two adjoining lots to the church, all of which is according to the Brown and the Methodist Church History.

The same records describe the church as a 60-foot building divided into a four-room parsonage and a sanctuary. The building was then valued at \$2,000 and located less than a block from the business center of town, according to the News Letter Journal's 50th Anniversary Edition in 1939. Brown wrote that though there were only 20 members at the time of purchase, many other people in the community attended services and donated to the church program. Both Brown and Cash noted Reverend Gillespie and his wife's great generosity to the church, despite their own meager means.

Gillespie also saw to the plans for building a Methodist church in Cambria as part of his service, and the beginnings of construction on the building, known as the McCabe Church, took place during his parsonage. The building was finished under the supervision of Gillespie's successor, C. D. Day, appointed in September of 1897. Reverend Day served the communities for three years, during which time he built up a "sense of responsibility to the church which had heretofore been somewhat lacking," according to Brown's recount.

The church saw yet another change in leadership as of 1900, when Reverend C. E. Fenton came to the area from the Nebraska Conference. Fenton was said to have improved the spiritual and financial status of the church. Brown's writing expounded upon his great influence.

"He preached all over the country (an area of 100 miles in length and 40 miles wide). He at some time or another visited every part of the country sharing with the people their joys and helping them in time of sorrow. The trips were made by horse and buggy," wrote Brown.

Reverend Fenton too found his work challenging within the constantly changing populations of the mining and railroad industries. Brown wrote that while Fenton was well received on many of his missionary visits to rural areas, others were somewhat hostile and did not like the preacher "snooping around" or telling them "what to do and what to stop doing."

Even despite some interesting encounters in his travels, Brown reported that Reverend Fenton and the other religious groups in the area worked well together toward the equal good of both Cambria and Newcastle. Reverend Fenton worked in his

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members, and the church found a permanent home when they position until March of 1905, when he left Newcastle.



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He also agreed to explore the option of using produced water (water that is trapped in underground formations that is brought to the surface during oil and gas exploration and production) instead of magnesium chloride for dust control on county roads. Commissioner Tony Barton had mentioned the possibility of utilizing produced water earlier in the meeting, asking whether it works better than magnesium chloride.

"Depends, I prefer to use produced water if it meets the standards. It is not the

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option," Frederick said. "It would be of interest to us."

He added that he would have the regulatory personnel at his office check into the regulations and requirements for using produced water and talk to his superiors at Vermilion about the possibility of the county using the water for dust control. Both agreed the company and the county would benefit by using produced water for dust control.

"I will also be pushing for money to get put into the

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most politically correct budget for road maintenance. It is the cost of doing business, and it's not unusual," Frederick told the commissioners.

He noted that the company will also continue to support the tax base in Weston County by hiring pumpers from the area and requiring their foreman to relocate to the county. Vermilion also plans to donate to the Weston County Fire Protection District, the entity that would respond if there was an incident at one of Vermilion's rigs, he said.

Commission Clips Notes from the Oct. 17 Weston County Commissioner's meeting.

• After a public hearing in which no input was offered by the public, the Weston County Commissioners voted to take \$309,256.25 from the road construction and maintenance fund to use for the Bruce Road/ Wildcat Creek bridge project.

· The commissioner's approved grant applications for both the State Homeland Security Program grant and the Emergency Management Performance Grant.



WCHS now offers wound care services

Alexis Barker NLJ Reporter

Weston County Health Services is now the employer of a nationally certified wound care nurse. Registered nurse Mindy Jennings has been providing wound care services through the Manor at WCHS for roughly 16 years, and the hospital will now offer the services to the public.

On Oct. 10, Jennings began working in the clinic at the hospital two days a week, providing wound care services through recommendation. Wound care services involves the treatment of wounds caused by but not limited to, diabetes, skin tears and surgery. A wound care nurse evaluates the wound, determines the type of wound and decides what an appropriate dressing would be.

"The outpatient wound care services is new to WCHS," Jennings said.

She noted that the facility decided to add the service to save people from having to travel to receive the services.

"Mindy has been certified for five to six years, and we wanted to utilize her more than iust for the inpatients and Manor," Director of Patient Services Piper Allard said. "They don't have to drive back and forth a couple times a week when we have the same certifications at WCHS."

According to Jennings, a doctor referral is necessary

"The doctor refers them (patients), and we will schedule them for an appointment," said Jennings, who added that wound care services do not bypass the emergency room and therapy.

WCHS adopts antibiotic stewardship program

A press release issued by and establishing standard for Weston County Health Services last week warns that antibiotic resistance is one of the world's most pressing public health problems, responsible for over two million illnesses and 23,000 deaths annually.

response, WCHS In announced that its leadership has made a commitment to address the issue with an antibiotic stewardship program. "Antibiotic stewardship refers to a set of commitments and actions designed to make sure patients and residents receive the right dose, of the right antibiotic, for the right amount of time, and only when truly necessary.

appropriate use of antibiotics, will ensure these life-saving medications are effective and available when we need them," the release stated. The announcement further explained that the program will simply be reinforcing a commitment to current practices at WCHS at the request of the Centers for Medicare 3733 and Medicaid Services (CMS).

"CMS is highly encouraging this program because people were taught they need antibiotics to feel better," explained Infection Control Nurse Angie Phillips, RN. "These are all things that are currently being done. It is Monitoring antibiotic use just now the federal govern-

ment wants a commitment acknowledging what will be done. A letter will be sent to the patients and (manor) resident's families stating the commitment from the physicians and facility."

Individuals with questions about the program are urged to contact WCHS CEO Maureen Cadwell at 746-

"Health is important, and WCHS is dedicated to provide the best possible treatment for illnesses. Our WCHS medical staff is steadfast at prescribing antibiotics only when they are needed, and we will avoid giving you antibiotics when they might do more harm than good," the release concluded.



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The Pizza Barn will auction off Joe Gualtieri's storied collection of Canadian and Wyoming white tail deer along with many other mounted critters and fish. Bidding begins online at 6:00 p.m. on October 27th, and people can view the collection in person from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 28th and 29th. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

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a weekend to remember.

The Cambria Bowhunters are planning to set up targets for folks to practice and/or try out their archery skills free of charge, though donations will be local 4-H group is also hoping to bring their trailer for target shooting to bring awareness to their shooting sports program and attract new recruits. The Pizza Barn and the ladies of the Cowbelles also partnered up to feature a different recipe from the Cowbelles cookbook as a special at the restaurant each day while the auction is taking place, and the Cowbelles cookbook will be for sale, along with some other items from the group.

Gualtieri's trophies long adorned the walls of the Pizza Barn, but after a recent remodel to the interior of the restaurant, the mounts no longer fit with the décor. The vast collection of around 16 Canadian heads and nearly as many Wyoming mounts is too large for Gualtieri to showcase in his home, so he wants to share his trophies with well.

I'd like to see them get out in the public. People seeing them that way is fine too," shared Gualtieri.

He started hunting in Canada accepted and appreciated. The in 1981, and he returned every year until 2000 when he shifted his focus and bought a hotel in Costa Rica to begin wintering in the warmer climate. Over the years, Gualtieri sought out record-breaking and large atypical bucks, all of which he mounted for display. While he simply refers to his continued success as pure luck, his remarkable collection says otherwise. His love for the sport is unmatched and his skill evident.

"I just love to hunt white tail deer because they're kinda special. They're just harder to hunt. They're smart!" Gualtieri recalled with a smile.

He explained that the first ten years he hunted in Canada, he spent the entire month of November searching for that vear's treasure. Gualtieri recalls that he shot his first Canadian buck with his friend, Angelo others that can feature them Carro, who had missed the same buck a week prior. The the public.

"I'm sad to see them go, but size of the animal prompted the two to stay another week and track him down, this time so Gualtieri could have a shot. The buck ended up being Gualtieri's biggest kill, and he has been hooked ever since.

> "They're all memorable. It's hard hunting up there. It's not like here, where there are deer everywhere in town," said Gualtieri, noting that made the experience even more thrilling.

"You can go days without seeing an animal up there, but when you do find one of those bucks, it just sets your heart pounding," he said with a reminiscent shake of his head.

Gualtieri is keeping two of the Canadian mounts from his collection to hang in his house because in Gualtieri's words, "They're monsters!" He added that the owner of Bass Pro Shops in Texas has been in contact with him, and expressed interest in purchasing some of the mounts for a new store and museum somewhere down South.

Gualtieri said he is pleased that his collection will go to good use and be appreciated by

Church interested in buying **RENEW** building

Alexis Barker NLJ Reporter

Rehabilitation Enterprises of North Eastern Wyoming, or RENEW, would like to move out of the building the organization uses on Fairgrounds Road.

The organization is currently seeking an alternative location closer to downtown, and the amenities the individuals that utilize their programs need.

The deed for the property, which was sold

- See **RENEW**, Page 8

GOOD CITIZEN • OCTOBER



Good Citizens at Newcastle Elementary practice the six pillars of Character Counts each and every day. The Good Citizen in Room 134 is no exception. This Good Citizen shows the staff and his classmates TRUSTWORTHINESS by telling the truth and being honest. This Good Citizen shows RESPECT to classmates, teachers, and support staff everyday by using his manners and listening. The Good Citizen in Room 134 is always RESPONSIBLE. He turns his work in on time, remembers his planner, and arrives each day at school ready to learn. This Good Citizen treats everyone with FAIRNESS when playing on the playground or games in the classroom. If there is a dispute, he helps solve the problem. The Good Citizen from Room 134 is always CARING. He is always looking out for others and what they may need assistance in, be it school work or helping pick up a mess or straighten the classroom. He displays caring and kind manners every day. The Good Citizen from Room 134 shows CITIZENSHIP by following rules, looking out for others, and caring for the environment. Jeremiah Martinez is the the Good Citizen from Mrs. Bock's 3rd grade classroom that follows all six pillars of Character Counts and sets an excellent example for all students at Newcastle Elementary! CONGRATULATIONS JEREMIAH!!!

An extremely deserving 4th grade student has been chosen for this month's Good Citizen. Her motivation do do her best and willingness to help others stands out in our classroom. This scholar can be counted on to always work up to her potential, and tackle school work with an attitude of determination. If a problem is stumping her, she doesn't give in right away. She puts on her thinking cap and digs in to find a solution. Working diligently, she strives for the best in everything she does. She is also the student that can work with everyone in the classroom. Her quiet, calming nature makes her a friend to everyone. She can often be spotted supporting her classmates by including them into groups and activities. As some of her classmates state, "She deserves to be Good Citizen because she does not really get mad at anyone. She never tries to hurt someone's feelings and is a good friend. That's what makes her a Good Citizen." This responsible, respectful and gracious young lady is truly a deserving Good Citizen. Congratulations, Jada Francis!





Kind, thoughtful, helpful. The person chosen for this month's Good Citizen is all these things. This month's Good Citizen is a friend to all. She is always there with a kind word and an encouraging smile. She is one of the first ones to volunteer, and often helps without even being asked. She is trustworthy and can be depended on to accomplish the task at hand. Our Good Citizen is a dedicated student. She takes her school work seriously, and does her very best on every assignment or project she is given. The qualities this young lady has will serve her well far into the future. Congratulations, Kiara Lay, our 5th Grade Good Citizen Award winner!



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to RENEW by Weston County in 1997, states that it must be used by a nonprofit that benefits the county. If it is not used by a nonprofit, the property reverts to county ownership.

Sale of the property was first discussed with the county commissioners on March 7 when Hale Redding, manager of Weston County Weed and Pest Control, approached the commissioners about buying or having the property transferred to that entity.

No further discussion took place regarding the property until Oct. 17 when Pastor Jon Andersen of the Gateway Fellowship Church approached the commissioners about purchasing the property from **RENEW.** Representatives from Gateway Fellowship Church questioned the commissioners

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family are grateful for the prayers and support they've received - from the children on Gage's football team who sported his number on their helmets to the children on the Belle Fourche youth football team, who became close to the Mefford family through football, and to those who supported the family at a tailgate party that

about whether the deed restrictions were perpetual.

"There is a perpetual easement. We have no issue with that, but wonder if the conditions following the easement are perpetual conditions if we purchased the property," Andersen said.

Commissioner Marty Ertman said that the road easement provides access to an oil well located behind the property, and Commissioner Tracy Hunt, an attorney, added that Andersen's assumptions are accurate and that all deed conditions would continue if the property is sold.

Andersen explained to the commissioners that he believes the church meets the nonprofitable and charitable contingency in the deed.

"We feel our 501(c)(3)

meets this. We provide charity to everyone we meet. We truly exist for the charitable benefit for those of with whom we live," Andersen said.

Ertman noted that she believes that contingency was put in the deed in 1997 to prevent RENEW from selling the property shortly after it opened to another business.

"It is going to become about how the deed is interpreted," Chairman Bill Lambert said.

Andersen acknowledged that the church understands that the interpretation of the deed is the question.

He noted that the congregation had not yet decided whether it wanted to offer a price for the property, and that he had wanted to look into the property before any such decision was made.

raised \$2,400.

"Without the support of the community and surrounding areas, the situation with Gage would have been a lot harder. We are beyond grateful for everyone's thoughts and prayers, and we can not give thanks enough," Kandice said.

Pisciotti grateful for opportunity to give back

At the beginning of the school year, according to Newcastle High School junior Kolby Pisciotti, Saint Jude's Children's Hospital in Denver approached the school about fundraising for the Mefford family to help get them through the difficult time ahead. The junior class agreed to spearhead a fundraiser, and Pisciotti and other juniors organized the event.

"A few of us came up with the idea of the pie throw at the administrator," Pisciotti said.

for a couple of games, but was canceled due to weather. The event was eventually successful on Oct. 6.

munity found out about needs to go. It is natural for Gage, and it was the perfect time to get their help. It was a great opportunity for us to show the community that no matter who is in a pickle, we the end of the junior class' can come together to help work supporting children out," Pisciotti said.

himself, Pisciotti had a Jude's and the children sufspecial place in his heart for fering in the facility.

The pie throw was planned Gage, making it easy to want to help the family in their time of need.

"For me, it was second nature to step in and get him "By that time, the com- what he needs and where he me to want to give back what I was given in my time of need," Pisciotti said.

He noted that this is not with cancer, and that the As a cancer survivor group hopes to visit Saint

Juvenile Pilocytic Astrocytoma

childhood brain tumor that can be located

Juvenile pilocytic astrocytoma is a rare that it will spread to nearby tissue. Males and females are diagnosed with pilocytic

the first 20 years of life.

children are low grade.

nervous system.

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tumor in children. Astrocytomas as a whole

are the most common brain tumor of childhood, account for more than half of all

primary childhood tumors of the central

cases per million children younger than 15,

approximately 80 percent of astrocytomas in

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JPAs are the most common cerebellar



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in either the brain or spine. It develops from certain star-shaped brain cells called astrocytes that, along with other similar cells, form the tissues that surround and protect other nerve cells within the brain and spinal cord.

Symptoms of pilocytic astrocytoma "vary by case and depend on the size and location of the tumor, most symptoms result from increased pressure on the brain and include issues with vision and balance as well as headaches, nausea and vomiting.

Astrocytomas fit into one of four grades based on cell reproduction and the likelihood Disorders

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Owens reports that he is strug- Owens told the News Letter gling to fill those positions. The lack of officers has current officers working 12-hour shifts to allow for coworkers to have days off and attend training.

Owens explained that the lack of officers has employees working long hours that could potentially pose some risk to officer safety. The officers' long shifts also take time away from their families and cause other burdens in their life away from work.

On Oct. 2, Owens told the City Council that job offers recently made had been turned down. He later told the News Letter Journal that the three officers who most recently qualified for a position had all turned down the position for one reason or another.

"The two primary reasons those positions were turned down was location and salary,"

Journal.

He explained that the applicants told him that either the location is too remote or the offered salary was not enough. Those were common reasons for turning down the job offers, and Owens indicated most have been officers from the East Coast looking to relocate.

"Small towns on the East Coast are totally different than in Wyoming, and when push came to shove, the officers turned down the positions," Owens said.

Recruitment is not the only struggle faced by the department. Testing requirements and other agencies often affect the department's ability to hire and retain officers, according to Owens.

Testing for officers includes both psychological and physical exams. Owens noted that

four of the seven applicants in the most recent round of testing failed to meet the requirements to become an officer.

"We are constantly competing with larger agencies as well," Owens said, noting that larger agencies in the area offer more money and more activity, which is often what new officers are looking for.

In some cases, the department sends recruits through the academy, only to have them find opportunities that pay better, he said.

Owens said he continues to search for qualified officers to fill the two open positions. He noted that one person from Arkansas is slated to start on Nov. 13, filling one of the two vacancies. The latest recruit is relocating to Newcastle for better social conditions for himself and his family, Owens said.

City Beats Notes from the Oct. 16 Newcastle City Council meeting.

· Community Recreation Director Jessica Bettorf reported that the Kozisek Aquatic Center will host its first Halloween pool party, "Pumpkin Splash" on Oct. 30. The event will include swimming, a carnival, games, music and prizes from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

• The council discussed rezoning some lots in Washington Park for commercial use. The lots are not currently zoned for commercial use, but council members decided to go the Planning and Zoning Board for recommendation, although the city owns the property in question.

• The council approved on first reading an ordinance that outlines the conditions in which an individual under the age of 21 is allowed into establishments possessing liquor licenses.

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One of last year's Super Teacher Awards was presented to Mrs. Deb Proctor (center) of Newcastle High School by Brenda Kirsch (left) and Joanna Akers (right) of First State Insurance. A Super Teacher is selected each quarter based on student nominations. (Submitted Photo)

Celebrating Scholastic Achievement

Bri Brasher NLJ Reporter

First State Bank and First State Insurance have teamed up in a partnership with Weston County School District #1 to celebrate academics. The goal of the initiative is to recognize scholastic achievement in the local schools through the sponsorship of two programs— Pays for A's & B's or 3's & 4's and the Super Teacher Award. Students and teachers are chosen and awarded each quarter during the school year.

With the Pays for A's & B's or 3's & 4's First State Bank program, parents are encouraged to submit a copy of their student's report cards at the bank via email, along with parental contact information. First quarter report cards are due by November 3. Student report cards are then separated into boxes by school and drawn at random, and then all the report cards are thrown together with one last random impacted that child," Akers draw overall.

The selected students are

and inspiring their students. Kids can submit their letters or notes to their school secretary or take their nominations to the lobby of First State Bank/ First State Insurance. Letters or notes can also be sent by email or Facebook message to First State Insurance.

A committee of three at First State Insurance meets and reads the letters at the end of every quarter. The committee chooses the letter that they think represents that teacher well. Akers said that if a teacher gets more than one letter, that teacher usually wins the award, as they must be doing an awesome job. The committee works to take any bias out of the selection process by hiding the kid's names and just focusing on the content of the letter.

"Sometimes the letter is long and big, and sometimes the submission is just a few words, and then we can really see that the teacher has explained.

Akers loves that members

School Shorts Notes from the Oct. 11 Weston County School District No. 1 board of trustees meeting.

• The board approved an admission of a nonresident student agreement to allow for a student who technically lives in Weston County to attend school in Wright.

• Newcastle Elementary School Principal Brandy Holmes reported to the board that overall she is very pleased with the results of the DIBELS testing for all grade levels at the school. She noted that the kindergarteners were given their assessment three weeks later than normal to allow for the students to get used to attending school full time and the schedule. Holmes believes waiting a few weeks to test the kindergarteners provided the school with more accu-



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then rewarded \$10 for each A or 4 and \$5 for each B or 3, with a maximum of \$50 per winner. Sonya Tysdal, curriculum director and Math Instructional Facilitator for the district, sees the program as a positive incentive to achieving high grades while also creating a nice connection between the community and school district. She explained that First State Bank then makes a show of calling the winning students to have them come pick up their prize money at the bank.

The Pays for A's & B's or 3's & 4's and the Super Teacher Award programs are both in their second year. The programs are facilitated in conjunction with one another so that not only are students recognized for their hard work, but teachers are also acknowledged for their impact on children in the community.

"We just wanted to give back somehow to the schools, and it seems like the kids get recognized quite a bit and the teachers not as much," reasoned Joanna Akers, Manager of First State Insurance.

The Super Teacher Award is decided based on student in the partnerships and anticiletters or notes submitted to First State Insurance explaining why the student thinks a specific teacher deserves to win \$250.00.

Tysdal said the goal is to and the money back into their classrooms to continue helping

of First State Insurance then set up a day and time with the winning teacher's principal where they can surprise the teacher in their classrooms or at a small assembly to present the quarter's award. The student(s) that nominated the teacher are typically around to see their super teacher accept their award. Akers said prior to the program's inception, she had a young student tell her they wished they could recognize their favorite teacher, so First State Bank made it happen.

"Giving the award is something we really enjoy. It's a fun and rewarding experience for us as well as the teacher who wins," Akers emphasized. "It's really fun to see them light up!" she added.

Both First State Bank and First State Insurance advertise the programs in the community and hang posters around the schools. Flyers are sent home with every elementary student, due dates are posted on the marque at the bank, and announcements are made at the middle school and high school periodically around the year. Tysdal and Akers see longevity pate that by utilizing many means of communication, the programs will continue for many years to come.

"I think it was successful gained momentum give kudos to teachers with throughout the year. The hope the hope that they will put is that as we keep doing this, we will get more and more participation," Tysdal professed.

rate information on where the students are in their learning. The school plans to continue this practice next year.

• Business manager Deb Sylte reported that the most recent data she has received, regarding average daily attendance numbers, has the district down about \$157,000 in funding that will be received from the state.

• District Curriculum Director Sonya Tysdal informed the board that she is preparing to roll out the new Wyoming Test of Proficiency and Progress (WY-TOPP), a system of interim, modular ondemand and summative assessments in reading, mathematics, and science. Interim and modular testing for math, reading and writing open on Oct. 23. Science is not offered yet.

• Superintendent Brad LaCroix reported that the district would be participating Oct. 19 in an earthquake drill as part of The Great Wyoming ShakeOut which is part of the worldwide Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills. Millions of people practiced how to "drop, cover and hold on" at 10:19 a.m. on that day. The earthquake drill took the place of the fire drill for the month.

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Annabelle Hamilton Turns 95

Annabelle Hamilton rang in her 95th year surrounded by friends and family last Thursday afternoon at Mondell Heights. Of her many birthdays, Hamilton says that this year ranks highly on her list of favorites.

"It was a packed house! Just the most wonderful people came, many that I haven't seen in a long time," Hamilton said with a bright smile.

Not only was Hamilton's party a success, but she also received a very special phone call that set her spirits souring. Hamilton's foster grandson,

Axel Selter of Cheyenne, had a baby girl on her birthday. Selter and his wife named the baby Annabelle Rose in honor of Hamilton and the impact she had on Axel's life as a young German exchange student. Hamilton could not have been more pleased, sharing that the announcement was, "a most wonderful surprise," especially on her birthday.

Hamilton's granddaughters, Holly and

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Annabelle Hamilton posed for a photo with one of her granddaughters and a few of her friends at her 95th birthday party. The party was reportedly a packed house last Thursday afternoon at Mondell Heights. Pictured from left to right: Wyoma Honadel, Holly Hamilton, Annabelle Hamilton, Dorthea Kenagy, and Una Seeley. (Bri Brasher/NLJ)

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Brittany Hamilton, and daughter-in law, Francie, helped organize and share in the party, much to Hamilton's delight. Even in chatting with Hamilton for a few moments on her special day, it was abundantly clear that her greatest joys and deepest feelings of pride are with her family members. Her sense of community and eager willingness to share about her family, bloodrelated or otherwise, keeps Hamilton young.

"Enjoy what you're doing and enjoy your family with the time you have," Hamilton shared as advice to leading a happy and fulfilling life.

Hamilton and her late husband, Lyle, housed many exchange students over the years at their ranch on Skull Creek, many of whom Hamilton still keeps in touch with as if they are her own. Hamilton Incorporated is a family corporation where one of Hamilton's sons and family now live while her other son formed TNR Corporation, a ranch in Lusk. Hamilton is mother to her two boys, Tom and Monte, and a daughter that passed away at age 21 from hypoglycemia. She is a proud grandmother of five and great-grandmother to two, as well as her new foster grandbaby.

The Hamilton's ranch boasts a rich family history that continues on today. The late Lyle Hamilton grew up on the ranch and convinced Annabelle to move there with him in 1955 after marrying in 1953. Prior to moving to the ranch, Annabelle worked as a secretary for Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica, California. Hamilton explained that of the 300 secretaries, she was the only one that could take good shorthand, which allowed her to go on the missile test runs with the aircraft company.

"I loved the work, but I didn't like that I couldn't even turn around without running into anyone. That's when I knew I needed to go back to Wyoming," Hamilton vividly recalled.

age 92, Hamilton ran the ranch and took care of her fair share of chores with a garden and house to keep up as well as livestock to tend.

"I married a rancher, and I've been on the ranch for 69 years since, and I've enjoyed every minute of it," Hamilton expressed.

Now, Hamilton spends her weekdays in her second home at Mondell Heights, though her family picks her up most weekends to spend time at the ranch and attend their small community church. Her grandson, Tucker, has a Master's Degree in Ranch Management and now helps run the family business. He lives in the basement of Hamilton's house while Fancie and Monte live just down the road. Hamilton finds comfort in knowing that her house is still there waiting for her on weekend visits.

"Sometimes I just love to sit there in my little rocking chair and reminisce. Everything is just as I left it when I broke my hip," she said a bit nostalgically.

Hamilton has traveled to Canada and Alaska with her husband, and the couple journeyed around Europe visiting previous exchange students and sightseeing. Even in the midst of her travels, Hamilton said Wyoming was and will always be the family's home.

"My family all enjoys the country life, and we are so grateful to live in the country," shared Hamilton.

Hamilton was a 4-H leader from the time her eldest son was barely old enough to show a steer until she reached age 90, and now her granddaughter continues the tradition as a 4-H leader herself. Hamilton is delighted that her children continue to raise their children with the same ranching values she and her husband instilled.

"Oh it just teaches them life actually," Hamilton said of ranching. "How to enjoy it and

family for a stroll through our historic downtown district today!

There's no better way to spend a brisk autumn day!





Born and raised in Wyoming, Hamilton knew the state was home and happily moved to the family ranch where she has lived for nearly 70 years since, even after her husband lost his battle to cancer in 1997. She said she stayed on the ranch and took good care of it until she fell and broke her hip due to a bout of vertigo. Hamilton explained that she had raked leaves all day and then fell later that night, three years ago. Until

how to enjoy what you have ... and work hard for it. You bet, they all know how to work!" she exclaimed proudly.

The smiley and ever upbeat Annabelle Hamilton continues to take her own advice and live life to the fullest, even at age 95. She said her mother lived to 101 years of age, and her mother's five sisters all lived to be almost 100. Hamilton sees no reason to let age hold her back.



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Nothing like post-season play

Anyone who loves sports knows that there is no better feeling than when the season gets underway. Then you follow your team as they play the regular season, you tune in every Sunday, maybe play a little fantasy ball. You support your Dogies, your Calves, your Knights, or your traveling team.

You're there to cheer them on, you celebrate their wins and you analyze their losses. You enjoy each Friday night, Saturday game and even Sunday competition. It's just all good.

And then...there's the postseason. Your team works hard for seeding, or to earn a spot in the playoffs.



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State Meet. Every practice,

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state events,

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the cut for a

varsity posi-

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every game or race has been leading up to what happens in the end.

For fans, players, and coaches alike, the end is now, and it's time to put forth the best effort, give all that you've got and finish the season like you've imagined from the time you began to compete.

Our Dogies are in that postseason push right now. The Boys of Fall have earned not only a playoff berth, but a three seed, meaning they bypass having to face off against the number one seeded Mountain View Buffs. This year, that was a must given last season's upset in the first round in Mountain View. I can't imagine there is anyone who doubts that the Buffs are holding a grudge and were looking for redemption if given a chance to turn the tables on the Dogies this season. Though our boys are still having to travel to Big Piney to open up the playoffs, there isn't the same inherent motivation driving the Punchers to seek vengeance upon us as it would have been if we'd had to travel to Mt. View again. It's an exciting post-season for our Lady Dogies Volleyball team, because we get to host the 3A East Regional Tournament. Though our girls have struggled this season, every team enters into Regionals with an 0-0 record, and stranger things have happened... Maybe the Dogies can be one those teams that turns around a disappointing season when it counts. Home court

By Sonja Karp NLJ Sports Reporter

game of the year.

It was senior night, it was

Pink night, and it was a big

night for the Newcastle Dogies

last Friday as the team hosted

the Thermopolis Bobcats in a

pivotal, final regular season

playoff seeding- the winner

would secure the number three

seed while the loser settled

for the four seed and a first-

round playoff date against the

number one ranked Mountain

View Buffs on their home turf.

be on the losing end of this

battle, but Newcastle made

it clear early, and often, that

they wanted the win more.

They had their way with

the Bobcats from the start,

cruising to an easy 48-12

game, that's how you want

to leave these seniors as they

leave Schoonmaker Field,'

head coach Matt Conzelman

smiled. "It was just a total

team effort. There was a lot of

energy and it was a lot of fun,

and we got to do it in front of

ball to begin the contest, and

made quick work of marching

down the field. With 9:08

remaining in the first quarter,

Lyle Whitney drew first blood

The Dogies received the

a big home crowd."

"I told the guys after the

victory.

Neither team wanted to

On the line was first round

and put his team on the board with the first of his three touchdowns on the night. The two-point conversion attempt fell a little short, so the Dogie lead was only 6-0.

"We've been trying to win the tosses and get the ball in our hands first, so it was great for us to get a drive in early," Conzelman nodded. "I've been stressing that we want the running backs running downhill, and we want the line to be running downhill. We want our backs at full speed by the line of scrimmage and our line hitting them before they know what's going on, and I thought we were pretty efficient at that all night.'

What happened next may have been the play that made all the difference in the game. Junior Brady Wilkes kicked off after the Dogies' TD, and for some reason the Bobcats seemed to be in no hurry to get to the ball. Cam Quigley got down the field and fell on it to regain possession for his team, and on the next play connected with Dylon Tidyman in a spectacular end zone catch.

Though the two-point conversion failed again, the quick one-two punch the Dogies delivered to Thermopolis seemed to leave them reeling and they just could never quite recover.



In his final game at Schoonmaker Field, senior Wyatt Corley puts the block on a Bobcat to open up a hole for his teammate. Corley and crew dominated the Bobcats and took the 48-12 win. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

fast, which is exactly what we needed to do," Conzelman nodded. "Dylon's catch was amazing. He just rose up and snatched it out of the air!"

The Quigley/Tidyman connection struck again before the "We jumped on them very end of the first quarter, and a

good PAT by Isaiah Covey put the Dogies up 19-0 over the nitely wounded, and the Bobcats. And then a pair of TDs by Quigley, a two-point conversion by Tidyman, and another good PAT by Covey had the home team up 34-0 at the half.

The Bobcats were defibleeding didn't stop in the third quarter as Whitney picked up two more TDs and did so in style. For his first,

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Running with the big dogs



by Lara Lopez in 43rd. Freshman Rya Liggett turned on the afterburners and finished next in 48th place, taking 2:18 off her previous best time in the process.

Hailey McGuire, Shelby Stith and Laila King closed out scoring for the Lady Dogies, finishing in 55th, 81st and 85th respectively. Like Laurence and Liggett, Stith's time of 25:38.97 was also a PR for her.

Conrad Prell was next in 61st place, and he joined his female counterparts by establishing a new PR with a time of 19:35.84

Freshmen Zach Purviance and Carson Bock finished less than a second apart in 71st and 72nd.

Isaac Prell finished right behind in

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Emily Rushton, Alaina Laurence and Hailey McGuire get off to a great start in the Sheridan at the 3A State Cross Country meet last Saturday. Laurence led her team to a seventh place finish overall. (Photo courtesy of Shawna Talley)

By Sonja Karp NLJ Sports Reporter

Youth and inexperience were what the Dogie cross country teams came into the 2017 season with, and for almost all of the varsity runners at last Saturday's culminating event, it was the first time they would set foot on the Sheridan course and compete at the State Meet.

Despite being surrounded by seasoned runners, the young squad not only held their own, but gained ground as well.

"Going in, I had a pretty good idea of how we would finish based on the times we've put up so far this season,"

head coach Kathy Beehler stated. "It was awesome that we had several runners PR, and pretty much everyone finished higher than they were projected to finish."

The ladies finished in seventh out of a field of 15 teams, and were a mere five points out of claiming sixth.

In this, her final meet of the season, freshman Alaina Laurence made her debut as the team's number one runner by crossing the finish line first in 32nd place with a time of 22:28 flat. In doing so, she set a new PR by running over a minute faster than she had previously this season.

Emily Rushton, who led the pack all season, finished in 39th, followed

"We are a young team. We have no seniors, and have quite a few freshmen and sophomores who are leading the pack," Beehler stated. "The State Meet is huge, and that can be very overwhelming when you're new to that kind of atmosphere, so these young ladies performed very well."

Liggett, who has been the team's second-to-last runner throughout most of the season, improved by leaps and bounds, finishing in the fourth spot and enjoying a huge time drop.

"She's just a freshman, so she will just keep getting better and better," Beehler nodded. "She didn't decide to come out until two days after the season started, so going forward when we take into consideration her natural ability and when we have some time to work with her, her potential is huge."

The Dogie boys finished in 10th place overall, just six points out of the ninth place spot. As has been the case all season, junior Dylan Talley was the first to cross the finish line for his team in 14th place, and he was followed by PJ Martin in 49th.

74th place, and like his brother, picked up a PR in the process. Though a junior, this is the first year of running cross country for the elder Prell.

Jacob Rhoades rounded out scoring for his team by finishing in 84th place.

"At first, I was a little disappointed because I thought we could have done a little better, but when I look at it, everybody finished better than they were expected to finish, and I also have to remember that we are very young," Beehler insisted. "The unknown may have impacted our kids. Not knowing what the course is like, not knowing what to expect when they get into the meet, and not knowing how good they are all may have contributed. These kids are good, but they need to really know that and get their confidence where it should be."

Because both the girls and the boys' teams had no seniors, they have had to blaze their own trail without experienced leadership. Granted, there were juniors on the boys' squad, however last season the team was senior heavy so few were able to get much varsity running

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Swimmers look to finish strong

By Sonja Karp NLJ Sports Reporter

The Lady Dogie Swim team ramped things up last weekend at the 3A East Regional Meet in Rawlins, as nearly everyone who competed finished with personal bests in their events.

"It really was a great meet for the girls," head coach Doug Scribner grinned. "They swam hard and pushed themselves, and I am just really proud of them."

Friday was the start of the meet, with teams competing in the preliminary heats of each event, fighting to finish in the top 12 for a chance to advance to the finals on Saturday. Scribner's squad, suffering from bus lag after the five and a half hour trip, took a while to get going. Fortunately the Lady Dogies weren't the only team in that condition, and all but one member made the cut for Saturday's competition.

"We swam pretty tired after sleeping on the bus the whole trip," Scribner admitted. "You don't want to say anything to them about that, but they swam just like I expected them to ... tired."

Despite their fatigue, Hannah Gross advanced to the finals in the 200 Freestyle and the 100 Backstroke, and Sarah Henkle in the 50 Free and in 1 Meter Diving. Madi Townsend earned a spot in the Consolation Finals in the 200 IM and the 100 Backstroke, Emily Pearson in the 100 and 200 Free, and Becca Henkle in the 100 Butterfly

Though Riley Coburn did not qualify for the finals, she did set a new PR in the 50 Free.

Unfortunately, Becca Henkle was disqualified in the 200 IM, but had she finished clean, her time would have been enough to move her on to Saturday's competition.

"In the butterfly, every arm stroke has to be over the water, and in Becca's last stroke, she was so close to the wall



Newcastle @ 3A East Regional Meet 10/20-21/17 3. Douglas 251 4. Cody 177

100 Butterfly

100 Free

9. Becca Henkle 1:21.74 PR

9. Emily Pearson 1:07.05 PR

Emily Pearson, Sarah Henkle

3. Madi Townsend, Hannah Gross

16. Riley Coburn 1:26

200 Free Relay 1:51.67

200 Medley Relay: 2:25.81 200 IM 7. Madi Townsend 2:49.48 PR 5. Madi Townsend, Becca Henkle Sarah Henkle, Riley Coburn DQ. Becca Henkle 200 Free 50 Free 1. Hannah Gross 2:05.99 PR 4. Sarah Henkle 26.91 PR 11. Emily Pearson 2:33.26 PR 16. Riley Coburn 34.88 PR 1 Meter Diving 5. Sarah Henkle 295.05

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and touched without breaking the surface, which DQ'd her," Scribner explained. "It was a little thing, but it does happen."

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After competition on Friday, the Lady Dogies had the evening to recover and ready themselves for Finals the next day.

"Rawlins hosted a really nice potato and pasta dinner for everyone at the fairgrounds on Friday, which was great," Scribner stated. "We went back to the hotel after and went through the meet and the day. Everyone was in a position to improve and move up, so we talked about needing to go out and really be competitive and chase after those girls."

The squad awoke rested and refreshed and attacked Saturday's competition.

Gross won both the 200 Free and the 100 Back, and set new PRs in the process. Her 1:03.35 finish in the backstoke put her only 1.3 seconds behind the conference record in the event currently held by former Dogie Rachel Henkle.

Townsend won both of her Consolation Final heats, and also set new PRs. Though her

that she just reached under performance was not enough to automatically qualify her for the State Meet, she was only a little over a second off the qualifying time in the backstroke

Pearson set new PRs in both the 100 and 200 Free, and though she didn't qualify, she moved closer to the mark. Not to be left out, both Henkle sisters nabbed their own PRs, Sarah in the 50 Free and Becca in the 100 Fly.

Scribner was pleased with how his team competed in their individual events, but he noted that the event that was the most fun for both him and his girls was the 200 Free relay. This race takes place immediately before the 100 Backstroke, and with two members of the team entered into that event, there was some strategizing that had to take place.

"In prelims, I told Hannah and Madi to take it easy and cruise so they would be ready for backstroke. They did that and so we were seeded sixth," he explained. "On Saturday, I ultimately told the team to go for it in the relay, because they were so excited for it."

The Lady Dogies were in the outside lane due to their sixth seed from the day before. As such, they were able to sneak up on the other teams.

100 Backstroke

1. Hannah Gross 1:03.35 PR

7. Madi Townsend 1:15.49 PR

6. Emily Pearson, Riley Coburn,

Becca Henkle, Hannah Gross

400 Free Relay 5:00.35

6 Rawlins 115

5 Newcastle 139

"It worked out the way we planned. Madi led off and just kept up so she could conserve some for the backstroke. Hannah went second, and went hard enough to catch us up and get us a little bit ahead," Scribner described. "Then Emily just needed to hold our position, and finally Sarah went and would make up whatever she could."

The team was just outtouched by Buffalo for second place, so moved up three from the day before.

"The whole race was exciting for everybody. The girls had fun, and it was just awesome," Scribner smiled. "The cool thing was that Madi and Hannah still dropped time in the backstroke, which immediately followed the relay.'

Townsend, Pearson and Becca Henkle have one more opportunity to qualify for the State Meet this Thursday as Newcastle hosts their last chance qualifier. As the last home meet, this will also be Senior Night where Sarah Henkle, Pearson and Coburn will be honored for their dedication to the sport.



Enrollments

ACA Marketplace and Medicare

Health Insurance Open Enrollment is coming soon. The Wyoming Insurance Department advises ALL enrollees to be aware of the Open Enrollment periods for both Medicare and the ACA Marketplace, to shop and compare choices, and to update enrollment information. Whether you are renewing a plan or are a new enrollee, the Open Enrollment periods are an opportunity to evaluate your insurance coverage.

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15 to December 7. During this time people with Medicare can change their Medicare health plans and prescription drug coverage for the following year to better meet their needs.



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Wyoming State Health Insurance Information Program (WSHIIP) is a federally mandated program to help people on Medicare to understand their rights and to answer their questions. Trained counselors across the state promote understanding of Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap and long-term care insurance. There are numerous consulting firms around the state who offer these services for a fee, however the WSHIIP program is free of charge. To reach a WSHIIP counselor, call 1-800-856-4398.

Marketplace Open Enrollment begins November 1, 2017 and runs through December 15. It is very important for Wyomingites to re-enroll and avoid any break in coverage or tax penalties. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) remains in place and insurance coverage is still required by law. The federal government operates the Health Insurance Marketplace or Exchange in Wyoming.

Consumers should be aware that the Marketplace Open Enrollment period is just 6 weeks this year compared to over 3 months in prior years.

Talk with your insurance agent or go to the HealthCare.gov website to become familiar with offered services. Compare insurance plans and rates. Advanced Premium Tax Credit (APTC) and Cost Sharing Reductions (CSR) are only available for plans purchased on the Marketplace. Licensed insurance agents may advise you on what plan is best for you.

If you receive health insurance through an employer, consider the following before selecting a coverage plan:

- · Look closely for changes: Don't automatically renew the option you had before; employer plans may have changed since the last Open Enrollment.
- Take advantage of wellness incentives: Your employer may offer a wellness program that includes money-saving incentives for healthy behaviors such as exercising regularly or not smoking.
- Check out tax-free savings: You may be eligible to open a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) or a health savings account (HSA).

If you are self-employed or if your employer doesn't offer coverage, you may face challenges in finding and keeping health insurance, but you still have choices.

- Spouse plan: Check about being added to your spouse's or domestic partner's employer plan.
- Individual insurance: Consider purchasing private insurance. This option allows you to customize to your lifestyle, health, and budget.

If you are unemployed, you likely had to determine how to continue your health insurance. Now is a good time to review your decision. Also check whether you or your family might be eligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program CHIP).

In addition to insurance agents, the federal government also has trained navigators and certified assisters in Wyoming to help you at no cost. To find help, visit: www.HealthCare.gov or get a referral to a Wyoming Navigator for in-person assistance, by contacting Wyoming 2-1-1 (in Wyoming dial 2-1-1 or 888-425-7138) or visit Wyoming211.org. Remember: Always look for official government seals, logos, and websites. The official Marketplace website is at: www.HealthCare.gov.



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New season on the horizon



Lauren Lacey: 9-10 serves, 1 kill, 4 set assists, 5 digs Madi Pearson: 7-7 serves, 3 kills, 6 set assists

4 digs Erika Schultz: 3-4 serves, 1 ace, 5 digs Shaelee Douglas: 10-10 serves, 2 aces, 9 digs Shaye Walker: 7-7 serves, 1 ace, 1 kill, 2 stuff blocks, 6 digs Grace Coy: 4 kills, 1 stuff block Johnna Dawson: 5-6 serves, 2 aces, 6 digs Shelby Davis: 2 digs Carson Quigley: 1-1 serves, 1 dig Christina Hadlock: 3-3 serves, 2 digs

By Sonja Karp NLJ Sports Reporter

The 2017 regular season came to a close last Friday night as the Lady Dogies traveled to Wheatland to take on the Lady Bulldogs. In their last meeting, Newcastle lost a hard-fought, five set match so the Dogies were looking for redemption.

Unfortunately, though they came out strong in the first set, stop attacking offense aggres-

cards.

"The first set was really super cool in the beginning," co-head coach Candi Stanton beamed. "We were up 23-13, but then things turned and we ended up losing 23-25. We just couldn't hold on and we couldn't get over that hump."

After losing their advantage in the first set, the Lady Dogies struggled in the second, dropping it 11-25.

'We just went flat like we did against Thermopolis, and we had a letdown after we let the first set get away from us," Stanton sighed. "I can't speak for the girls, but it feels to me like they started beating themselves up. We know we still want it, and that we can still do it, but we struggle to make it happen."

In the third and final set of the evening, Newcastle rebounded a little, but were unable to maintain the consistency needed to pick up a W, and lost the match 14-25. Despite the defeat, Stanton saw some positives on the court, and pinpointed areas that her squad would be focusing on heading into post-season play.

"Volleyball is such a mental game on so many levels, and I just really think that when we get into the situation when a win is just within our grasp, we're not quite sure what to do about it," she analyzed. "We start playing it safe, and we

a redemption was not in the sively. We need to keep playing to win, instead of start playing not to lose."

> What pleased Stanton about her squad's performance was that it wasn't the old problem of maintaining energy that impacted the loss. She identified unforced errors due to cautious play as the culprit, rather than letdowns in energy.

> "As far as our momentum shifts that we've been experiencing lately, we didn't have those big dips which was really cool to see. And the girls were playing their hearts out," Stanton nodded. "They had the confidence that they could do it, and you were seeing that spark and that light, and that was really awesome.'

> The outcome of the contest had no impact on Regional seeding for the Lady Dogies, who will enter the tournament on Friday as the four seed from the East. With the regular season behind them, Stanton and her squad are ready to start fresh this week with an 0-0 record, and are determined to be the upset queens by Saturday.

> "We're working really, really hard these four days that we have practice this week, and we're going to do everything we can do to fine tune, and work on what we know how to do," she declared. "We start the tournament with the 9:00 a.m. game against Rawlins and we need to come in positive, confident, and with a love of the game."

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he broke free and rushed 61 yards into the end zone, and his second was a 91-yard reception from Quigley. Covey was good on both PAT attempts to close out the scoring for the Dogies at 48. By doing so, he assured the mercy rule was put into place, which resulted in a running clock for the remainder of the contest.

In the final frame of play, the Dogie first string retired for the evening. The Bobcats were able to put 12 points on the board, but their offensive charge was too little, and far too late, to change the outcome.

"We just really put together a great game on both ends of the field," Conzelman exclaimed. "You want to see your offense and defense playing like a well-oiled machine, and that's where we're at right now. That really matters now, we need to be playing with urgency and getting after them, because every game from here on out is going to be tough. We're going up against the best of the best.' With the third seed secured, the Dogies turn their sights to the Punchers of Big Piney. They will be making the long trek to their place for the 2:00 first-round playoff game this Friday. The two teams met last season and the Dogies dominated. However, it is a different squad that will take the field for Big Piney this year. "Last year, they were pretty young, but that's not the case now," Conzelman nodded. "They have a mature, talented and complete team, and will throw some different looks at us offensively and defensively. We are definitely going to have to bring our A-game if we want to move on. It's one play and one game at a time now."





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Dogies v. Thermopolis 10/20/17: 48-12 233 yards rushing, 202 yards passing

Isiah Covey: 4-4 PATs, 3 tackles Cam Quigley: 2 TDs, 3 TD Brady Wilkes: 8 kickoffs for 355 passes, 1 2 pt. conversion pass, 13 carries for 87 yards, 7-11 pass yards, 1 tackle completions for 187 yards, 1 Kyle Haslam: 3 tackles kick return for 20 yards, 1 fumble Dayton Williams: 2 tackles recovery, 2 pass breakups, 8 Payton Parks: 5 carries for -5 yards, 2 punt returns for 56 yards, Lyle Whitney: 3 TDs, 11 carries 2 tackles Nate King: 2 tackles for 150 vards, 4 receptions for 132 yards, 6 tackles Christon Santos: 6 carries for 1 Dylon Tidyman: 2 TDs, 1 2 pt. yard, 2 kick returns for 23 yards conversion, 3 receptions for 55 Chancey Jenerou: 1 reception yards, 1 pass breakup, 5 tackles for 15 yards Jake Deveraux: 10 tackles Bradyn Frye: 1-1 pass completion Cooper Deveraux: 2 tackles for 15 yards, 2 tackles Sawyer Roberson: 9 tackles Dayton McFarland: 1 tackle Wyatt Corley: 9 tackles Kilian Gorman: 1 tackle

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Newcastle City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017

Mayor Debra Piana called the regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Mayor Piana; Council members Roger Hespe, Don Steveson, Michael Alexander, Steve Ladwig, Kara Sweet, and Todd Quigley. Also present were City Police Chief Jim Owens, City Engineer Mike Moore, City Attorney Jim Peck, and City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Todd Quigley moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kara Sweet moved, seconded Roger Hespe to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, October 2 as amended, changing who made the motion and seconded the motion in the Public Hearing for Liquor License transfer, from Steve Ladwig and Todd Quigley to Todd Quigley making the motion and Steve Ladwig seconding the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.** Steve Ladwig moved, seconded Todd Quigley to approve the minutes of the special meeting on Monday, October 9, 2017 as presented. **MOTION CAR-RIED**.

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: 1. Team Properties, Ms. Sandra Martin, and Sweet Repeats, Ms. Bonnie Olsen for their businesses moving into the refurbished Savers Mart building.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: none CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—IN WRITING: none CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—VERBAL:

1. Jessica Bettorf, Community Recreation Director was present to give a report. She reported on the attendance at the Fall Color Hike on the Serenity Trail; the September 25th Dive-In Movie event at the Aquatic Center was attended by 105 students; the skills camp for non-competitive basketball had 26 attendees with practice starting October 17 at 6:30 p.m.; and on October 30 from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. at the Aquatic Center will host a pumpkin splash and carnival.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: The Mayor brought for discussion the possibility of changing the zoning on three lots owned by the City in the Washington Park sub-division, from residential to C-1, commercial as there has been expressed interest by some individuals to purchase the property for commercial development, but wished to have the property re-zoned before purchase. There is a water shed study in progress reference this property to assist in determining suitability for their use. After discussion, the consensus was for Mr. Peck to contact the parties and see if they are still interested, in how

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many lots, and what their time-line might be. City Engineer Mike Moore will approach the Planning and Zoning Board about the re-zoning. TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE ENTERING AND REMAINING IN LICENSED BUILDING OR DISPENSING AREA OF PERMITTEE;

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: 1. City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James asked for Council approval to close the City Office the day after Thanksgiving, November 24, 2107 as has been done in the past. Not a holiday, but office staff could use vacation or comp time for the day. Permission was granted.

2. City Engineer Mike Moore reported on the bids being awarded for the Asphalt Overlay Project 2017 and the contractor has started and plans to finish the end of next week. The water project portion of Winthrop Street has been completed. The motel project is moving forward and they hope to have the parking lot paved in the near future. The Wyoming Water Development Board (WWDC) will meet on November 1st through the 3rd to consider funding requests. Mr. Moore will attend to represent Newcastle in the request for funding to complete the tie-in for Well #5.

3. City Police Chief Jim Owens reported on calls for service. Chief Owens reported on the Freshman Impact event at the High School. 206 students from area schools participated in the event and drill. Many area law enforcement and emergency responders participated in the drill. Chief Owens recommended making a conditional offer of employment as a police officer to Samuel Paul Keller, to start on November 13, 2107 at the starting pay rate of \$19.54 per hour. Todd Quigley moved, seconded Roger Hespe to approve this request. **MOTION CARRIED**.

4. City Attorney Jim Peck presented for review, a draft of Ordinance #8, Series 2017. The heading reads: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-1.1 OF ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING, 1961 TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR PERSONS UNDER

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AND REMAINING IN LICENSED BUILDING OR DISPENSING AREA OF PERMITTEE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. After discussion of the provisions, Roger Hespe moved, seconded Don Steveson, to pass Ordinance #8, Series 2017 on first reading. **Motion carried.**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: none NEW BUSINESS: none

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY: dated October 16, 2017. Don Steveson moved, seconded Michael Alexander to pay the claims against the City dated October 16, 2017. Motion carried. Kara Sweet moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to adjourn this meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 7:50 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Claims: Ad-Pro Office Supply, office supplies, \$24.15; Alpha Communications, October 2017 tower rent, \$95.00; BCN Telecom, Inc., long distance service, \$160.55; Black Hills Energy, electric service, \$832.55; James A. Blonigen, water deposit refund, \$100.00; Cambria Supply, supplies/materials, \$897.69; CDW-Government, printer cartridges, \$645.75; Children's Home Society, interview, \$150.00; CNA Surety, senior and deputy clerk bonds, \$193.56; Contractor's Supply, Inc., epoxy grout, \$120.00; Deckers Food Center, housekeeping supplies, \$90.40; Eastern Wyoming Equipment Company, windshield wiper, \$21.87; Energy Laboratories, Inc., water sample testing, \$120.00; Farnsworth Services, Co., Inc., portable sanitation, \$196.46; Fired Up Rescue, turn-out gear, \$13,634.00; Fisher Sand & Gravel, base course gravel, \$1820.53; Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, supplies/materials, \$939.90; Galls, Inc., drug ID kit, \$124.31; Grabar Voice & Data, Inc., new recording system and maintenance, \$32,216.40; Hot Iron, Inc., final payment, 2016 water project, \$96,758.76; Betty Jensen, sew fire dept. patches, \$30.00; K&B Solutions,

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STATE OF WYOMING IN THE DISTRICT COURT SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF WESTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: ANTHONY LEE BENSON, A MINOR CHILD, BY AND THROUGH HIS NEXT BEST FRIEND AND MOTHER, LESLI ANN WINETEER, Civil Action No. CV-1782

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF VERIFIED PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILD

Notice is hereby given that on June 27, 2017, a Verified Petition for Name Change of Minor Child was filed in the District Court of Weston County, State of Wyoming, by and through his next best friend and mother, Lesli Ann Wineteer, on behalf of her minor child, Anthony Lee Benson, praying for an Order of Name Change whereby Anthony Lee Benson's name would be changed to Anthony Lee Benson Wineteer.

Any person desiring to object to the granting of the Order of Name Change may do so by filing an objection, in writing, with the Clerk of the above named Court, no later than thirty (30) days following the last date of publication of this notice in this matter.

DATED this 2nd day of October, 2017.

drug test kits, 268.37; National Association of Chief/Police, membership, \$60.00; Newcastle Equipment Co., used tire/dump truck repair, \$5744.32; Newcastle Police Dept., reimburse petty cash, \$55.88; News Letter Journal, office supplies/legal advertising, \$3453.72; NORCO, Inc., welding cylinder rental, \$24.45; Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc., hydrants and fittings, \$2292.31; Office Shop Leasing, office copier lease, \$71.45; One Call of Wyoming, September 2017 locates, \$10.50; Powder River Energy Corp., electric service, \$1073.05; Rapid Delivery, Inc., parts delivery, \$56.93; Regional Health, physical exam/PD, \$110.00; RT Communications, Inc., phone service, \$1366.39; Schaffer Systems International, new garbage cans, \$6850.00; Scott Peterson Motors, Inc., PD vehicle repair, \$191.52; The Short Stop, fuel purchases, \$2593.02; Titan Machinery, machines, \$1810.00; Becky Vodopich, office cleaning and reimburse supplies, \$376.00; Voelker's Autobody/Glass, tire repair, \$15.00; WEBT, employee life insurance, \$100.50; Weston County Road & Bridge, fuel purchase, \$3388.79; Weston County Treasurer, Sept. 2017 youth services, \$1167.62; Weston County Humane Society, dog food, 812.00; Weston County True Value, supplies/materials, \$59.94; Woody's Food Center, housekeeping supplies, \$19.16; Wyoming Automotive Co., parts, \$163.53; Wyoming State Treasurer, unclaimed water deposits, \$645.66.

ATTEST: Deb Piana, Mayor City Clerk/Treasurer, Gregory H James

(Publish October 26, 2017)

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF H. DEAN EMERSON, DECEASED. Probate No. PR-8119

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID

ESTATE: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on

October 2, 2017, Thomas R. Emerson, Scott P. Emerson, Shari A. Emerson-Gantt, Jordan Lindsey Peyton, and Halee A. Emerson filed in the above named court an Application for Decree of Distribution for the purpose of distributing, by summary procedure, certain real property interests described as an undivided 1/3 of 50% interest in the minerals in, under and that may be produced from the following described lands:

Township 41 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M. Section 7: N½SE¼ Section 8: SW¼ Section 17: NE¼, E½NW¼, N½SE¼, NE¼SW¼

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DATED this 10th day of October 2017.

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October 15, 2017

Dead deer reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Report of a dog at large. Found property reported. Minor in possession of tobacco. Ministerial assistance requested. Suspicious

activity reported. Open door discovered.

October 16

House party reported, 6 Citations issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Dead deer reported. Two VIN inspections requested. Civil problem reported. Lost property reported. Arrest Warrant issued. Traffic complaint. Barking dog complaint. Missing dogs reported.

October 17

Report of a dog at large. VIN inspection requested. Motorist assist. Civil assist. VIN inspection requested. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Missing dog reported. Arrest Warrant issued. Assist other agency. Arrest Warrant issued. Report of a dog at large. Arrest Warrant issued. Barking dog complaint. Possible theft reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued.

October 18

Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at

large. Trespass reported. Assist other agency. Motorist assist. VIN inspection requested. Found property reported. Lost property reported. Traffic hazard reported. Noise complaint. Report of a dog at large,

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October 19 Assist other agency. Medical assist. Traffic hazard reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Citation issued. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Welfare check requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. October 20

Traffic complaint. Welfare check requested. Fire alarm reported. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. VIN inspection requested. Commercial alarm reported. October 21

Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic complaint. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Parking complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Medical assist. Extra Patrol requested.

Fun and Games

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- 30. "Can't stop! I'm ____ a
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 - 57. Doorframe part
 - 58. Airy emanation
 - 59. Sweep under the rug
- 64. *"Game of Thrones" bastard 67. Inner, middle or outer, on one's head

63. One way to memorize

62. Joie de vivre







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STATE OF WYOMING IN THE DISTRICT COURT SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF WESTON

THE STATE OF WYOMING Plaintiff. U.S. CURRENCY TOTALING \$9,900.00,

Defendant. Civil No. CV-1778

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the State of Wyoming has instituted an action against the above-described property, in the District Court of Weston County, Wyoming, located in Newcastle, Wyoming, wherein it seeks to forfeit Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$9,900.00) in United States currency, which was seized on February 15, 2017, because the property was used in violation of the Wyoming Controlled Substances Act.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you file an answer or otherwise plead as provided for by the laws of the State of Wyoming, within 30 days after the last day of publication of this notice, your default will be entered and a judgment and decree of Forfeiture will be entered terminating any interest you may have in Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$9,900.00) in United States currency, and forfeiting the property to the State of Wyoming.

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(Publish October 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2017)

Election Notice

SAMPLE BALLOT

SUNSET RANCH WATER DISTRICT WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2017

District Election for two Directors To vote for a candidate, place a mark in the square next to the candidate's name. To write in a name, you must place a mark in the corresponding square to the left of the line provided and write the complete name on the line.

TWO DIRECTORS – FOUR YEAR TERMS (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)

O Cynthia Brown
O Rick Dunford
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WARNING

The criminal laws regulating the conduct of elections contained in Chapter 26 of the Wyoming Election Code of 1973, as amended apply with equal force to elections conducted by mail

Election Official: Victoria Heller, Secretary/Treasurer (307)941-0018

(Publish October 26, 2017)

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE WYOMING STATE FORESTRY BUILDING WINDOW REPLACEMENT AND MASONRY **REPAIRS AT NEWCASTLE, WESTON** COUNTY, WYOMING

Notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, State Construction Department, has accepted as complete, according to plans, specifications, and rules governing the same, the work performed under that certain Service Contract 05SC0066951, between the State of Wyoming, State Construction Department and S&S Builders, LLC., whose address is: P.O. Box 1867, Gillette, Wyoming 82717, for the work performed, materials, equipment, or tools furnished or used and services rendered for the substantial completion of the Wyoming State Forestry Building Window Replacement and Masonry Repairs, Bid No. 0212-B, at Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming. The contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Department of Administration and Information will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on December 6, 2017. The date of the first publication is October 26, 2017.

(Publish October 26, November 2 and 9, 2017)

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A dose of pink relief



Kolby Pisciotti and Betony Dixon presented a check for \$3,000 to the Helping Hands Foundation of Weston County at the annual Pink Volleyball game on Friday, October 13. Pisciotti and Dixon represented Newcastle High School in the presentation of the money, which was raised during the 2016-2017 school year at the various Pink Events and fundraisers spearheaded by NHS secretary Diana McCormack. Pisciotti and Dixon were selected to make the presentation due to both being survivors of cancer. Pictured from left to right: Pat Townsend, Dawn Williams, Marilyn Wright, Carol Underberg, Irma Fouch, Glenna Riehemann, Marv Proctor, Tami Thaler, Kolby Pisciotti, Betony Dixon, Deb Hein, and Jewell French. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

Women:

2. Cody 51

3. Worland 187

4. Rawlins 191

5. Lander 202

6. Thermopolis 213

8. Mountain View 221

11. Wheatland 241

7. Newcastle 217

9. Riverton 225 10. Torrington 234

12. Powell 255

13. Buffalo 264

14. Lyman 264

15. Douglas 305

1. Star Valley 50

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experience. Because of that, this was also their baptism by fire running at that level.

"Next year we will have this valuable experience, and though we will still be young, we will not be running like novices," Beehler nodded. "We will not lose a single runner to graduation, and we will inherit five freshmen next year. I'm super excited about our potential, and I expect big things from this crew going forward."

Karp from page 11

advantage can be huge, and I know from experience that other schools worry about competing against the Dogies in the Dome.

Our Lady Dogie swimmers showed up to compete at the 3A East Regional meet last week, and everyone who made the finals put up a personal best in Rawlins. Though we didn't qualify anyone else at the meet, several got so very close, and that makes the last chance qualifier coming up in Newcastle this week an exciting event to think about.

And then there's our cross country team, who just finished up their 2017 season by making a great showing, especially given our youth and inexperience. For a school who is so small, what our kids are able to accomplish against teams two to four times their size— and to finish so wellDogies @ 3A East State Meet 10/21/17 Varsity Individual Results 8

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says so much about their character.

We had several runners who put up personal bests, and we had finishes that are highly respectable.

Each athlete who put in the work, the commitment and the dedication is now reaping the rewards of their hard work. Regardless of how their seasons finish, I offer my greatest props to every kid who stepped on the court or the field, dived into the cold water of the pool, and laced up their shoes to run miles every day. They pour out their hearts to the ultimate goal of team success, and every step they take builds character.

I just love this time of year, and seeing what these kids push themselves to do. It's simply, the best.

Go Dogies!

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