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Church parking sparks discussion

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Confirmation at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 19 W. Winthrop Street, attracts family and friends from near and far, according to the Rev.

Tim Martinson, pastor of the church.

During the 2018 confirmation ceremony, several people received tickets for parking in front of homes near the church. Martinson approached the Newcastle City Council

on May 7 to express concerns about an ordinance that makes it a violation to park on streets in the area.

"The ordinance states you cannot park in front of people's homes without permission from them. Several

people got tickets that night, some from out of town, one a priest from Gillette, with no warning," Martinson said.

He explained that his main concern is that there are no signs posted warning people, especially those from out of

town, that parking in front of homes can result in a ticket. Martinson also questioned the lack of a defined time frame in the ordinance specifying how long a person can be parked before receiving a ticket.

"I understand that for days

or several hours it could be an inconvenience, but my concern as a pastor here is (that) we have Mass every Saturday and Sunday evening for a little over an hour and parking becomes

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Election results official

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

The unofficial hospital and museum district board election results are now official according to Anna Miller Museum Director Bobbi Jo Tysdal and Weston County Health Service's executive assistant Denice Piscioti. The election was held on Tuesday, May 8, with two spots up for grabs on the hospital board and three on the museum board.

Georgenna Materi received the most votes for the Weston County Hospital District Board of Trustee

election with 144 votes and Jeff Virchow pulled in 136 votes. Those two filled the seats on the board. Materi is returning to the hospital board while Virchow will be a new addition, beating out eight year incumbent Barry Peterson, who received 57 votes, and William Lunney who raked in 86 votes.

As for the museum district, Cindy A. Rhoades received 168 votes with Michael M. Mills and Bill A. Morris coming in a close second and third with 162 votes and 157 votes respectively. All three were incumbents who will retain their seats on the board.

Lindhholm will run

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Sundance's Tyler Lindholm has represented House District 1 for almost four years in the Wyoming State Legislature, and he recently announced his plan to seek the seat he holds in Cheyenne for two more years.



Tyler Lindholm

In a press release announcing his intent to seek re-election, Lindholm reported that during his time in Cheyenne he has made his votes public, sponsored eight different interns, and led efforts to diversity and deregulate several economies in the state.

"I have strived to make myself accessible to you and your families," Lindholm states. "By far, the most enjoyable part of my job has been working with you, my employer, whether its been on the fire line or the

banquet hall."

Lindhholm has served on the House Agriculture, State and Public lands, and Water Resources Committee, and the House Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Committee while also holding a spot on the Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee, and House Minerals, Business and Economic Development Committee during his tenure.

In announcing his campaign, Lindholm asked for the support of voters to return to Cheyenne to continue "my crusade of shaking up State government."

"Our future is in our next generation and it will continue to be my goal to ensure that our State is the most attractive option for them and their careers," Lindholm professed.

Trees for tomorrow



Sophie Gray focuses on the task at hand as she helps with the annual tree planting at the Arbor Day celebration at the arboretum site along Stampede Street May 3. See more on Page 8. (Photo by Jen Kocker/NLJ Correspondent)

Sample scheduled to speak at NHS graduation

Bri Brasher
NLJ Reporter

Bette Sample will send off the Newcastle High School Class of 2018 at the Crouch Auditorium during the graduation ceremony on Sunday at 2 p.m. Forever a No. 1 fan of her students, Sample said she is happy and touched to be asked to speak. Candi Stanton, the class

of 2018 sponsor and a teacher at the high school, extended the invitation to Sample, a retired Weston County School District One teacher and principal.

"The opportunity to share my heart with the Newcastle High School Class of 2018 means more to me than my words can ever say," Sample said. "I just want them to be lights in the world."

Sample began teaching at age 22, and she taught for 30 years, 10 of which were as the elementary school principal. She has continued her involvement with students as a substitute teacher since her retirement in 2006. The class of 2018 was in kindergarten during Sample's last year as principal of Newcastle Elementary School.

"I have spent my whole life with one dream — to see the spark in a child's eye telling me the world is getting larger as they make new discoveries in the wonderland of learning," Sample told the News Letter Journal.

Sample said that graduation is a celebration, and she has

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“Once a student catches fire, regardless of the subject, I feel a sense of joy that is hard to describe.”

— Bette Sample



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The position of Weston County 4-H educator has been filled by Brittany Hamilton, above, a Newcastle native. (Bri Brasher/NLJ)

Hamilton fills 4-H educator position

Bri Brasher
NLJ Reporter

Newcastle native Brittany Hamilton is the new Weston County 4-H educator. With a passion for 4-H and years of experience in the agricultural industry, Hamilton said she believes the position is the perfect fit for her, especially because the job allows her to move home and serve the community she loves.

"I'm really excited to be in Weston County because this is my home county. It's an opportunity for me to give back to the county that has given so much to me," said Hamilton. "I've received a lot of support from the community already, so it's an honor to serve Weston County in this 4-H position."

Vicki Hayman, a University of

Wyoming nutrition and food safety extension educator, said she's pleased to welcome Hamilton to the local UW Extension office.

"We're very happy to have her! She was one of my 4-H'ers when I came to work, so I've known her pretty much all her life because she went to school with my son, and I know her family too. We're just excited to have our hometown girl working for us," said Hayman, adding that Hamilton has a lot of enthusiasm for the job.

Hamilton grew up on her family's ranch just outside of Newcastle. She was very involved in FFA and 4-H in Weston County throughout her youth before graduating from Newcastle High School in 2010.

"Growing up, I loved 4-H, and I had a great 4-H experience. I was involved in a lot of different projects, and then I got into FFA," Hamilton explained.

Her love of agriculture did not end there. Hamilton went on to earn an associate's degree in secondary education with an emphasis in agriculture in 2012, followed by a change in majors and dual bachelor's degrees in ag communication and animal science from the University of Wyoming in 2012.

During her time at UW, Hamilton worked in various internship positions through the university's extension program, one of which was as a summer 4-H intern in Johnson County. Another position was through extension in the technology department, where Hamilton was hired to participate on the grant-funded Discovering Wyoming's Range Land's Project.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
PM Thunderstorms
Hi 81, Lo 52



Friday
Thunderstorms
Hi 67, Lo 42



Saturday
Showers
Hi 50, Lo 39



Sunday
Mostly Cloudy
Hi 60, Lo 45



Monday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 71 Lo 51



Tuesday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 78, Lo 55

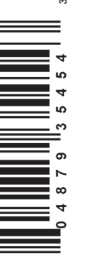


Wednesday
Thunderstorms
Hi 78, Lo 55



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Funding of task force to take new-old look

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

The 2018 Wyoming Legislature mandated that state funding for Prevention Management Organization of Wyoming go to each of the state's 23 county task forces. And that could be a good thing, says Kristi Lipp, the Weston County Prevention Task Force manager.

Lipp told the Weston County Commissioners on April 17 that the PMO contract with the state ends on June 30. With the start of fiscal year 2019 on July 1, the manner in which local task forces receive their funding is still up in the air, according to Lipp.

"The way the funding has been for six years is there has been a single fiscal agent for the Prevention Management Organization," Lipp told the News Letter Journal at a later date.

She explained, to the News Letter

Journal, that the bill passed by the Legislature states that the funding must go to the 23 counties. Lipp told the News Letter Journal that exactly how this funding stream will look is yet to be determined.

"This is good for us. We are going to get back to community-based (or) driven prevention and out of the cookie-cutter prevention model," Lipp said.

She explained that the "cookie cutter model" might be the best for the most people in the state, but not what is best for the individual counties.

According to Lipp, the funding will probably revert to the 2010 funding model, in which each county was its own fiscal agent. The proposed funding stream would involve a contract between the Department of Health and local county commissioners for funding to provide prevention management.

Lipp called the plan a "meet in the middle" solution. She said that the Prevention Management Organization, working as a single fiscal agent, proved to not work.

"This is the middle ground. The commissioners get the funding, and the money goes there and then they decide where to go from there," Lipp said. "We would then look at the needs of the community and develop a plan to tackle those needs."

Lipp said that there still must be consistency across the counties. Prevention Management of Wyoming works to "effectively manage and support alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and suicide (ATODS) prevention" statewide," according to its website.

According to Lipp, a funding plan has to be in place by July 1, or a lapse in services could result.

Lipp reported that the county will receive \$209,843 for prevention management over the next two years. She

noted that although the amount is less than the county has received in the

past, it should still allow for a full-time prevention professional.

Commission Clips

Notes from the May 1 Weston County Commissioners Meeting

- Commissioner Marty Ertman asked that the minutes from the previous board meeting be amended to include her statement about future boards possibly wanting to consider health care benefits for commissioners during her support of the commissioners' raises. She said that the change was needed because although her comment was referred to later in the minutes, no comment existed on the topic. The amended minutes were approved, with Commissioner Bill Lambert voting against the motion, saying that if the commissioners wanted all comments included in the minutes, then the recording should be the official minutes.
- County Clerk Jill Sellers reported that the 4-H shooting sports trailers were finally added to the county's insurance policy and that there was no premium increase involved.
- The commissioners approved the appointment of Bob Hartley to the Weston County Solid Waste District Board.
- A motion to authorize a \$2,000 payment for the rental of the Wyoming State Forestry building, 431 Delaware Avenue, for the upcoming election was approved by the board.
- The commissioners accepted the resignation of Road and Bridge Supervisor Rick Williams, effective June 28.



Linda Ahlers and Kim Grote of the Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center welcome the hotel's first guests, Dusty and Barb Rhoades, when the establishment opened its doors to the public on May 8. Newcastle's newest lodging establishment honored its first guests by preparing a room specially for the occasion, complete with a flowered banner across the threshold that Dusty parted with a pair of scissors before guiding his bride into their overnight accommodations. The Newcastle Lodge will reveal the winners of its "Name the Rooms" and "Guess the Opening Date" contests in an announcement in next week's *News Letter Journal*. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

The Lodge and Grazers open

Abby Gray
NLJ Correspondent

On May 8, Newcastle's Lodge and Convention Center opened its doors and was ready for business. Though there has not been much traffic at the hotel yet, general manager Kim Grote has already received plenty of reservations.

"I've already got reservations starting through next year," Grote noted. "It's looking very promising that we're going to be very busy. We have a lot of weddings and banquets scheduled already, and we have had lots of schools already booking for events. It is very exciting."

The restaurant attached to the hotel: Grazer's Burgers and Beer, opened on May 14 to the public. Grazers will be serving gourmet burgers, two full dinner meals, homemade chips and fries, and a variety of other bar food. All of the food is fresh and made to order, adding another delicious eating option to the community for all to enjoy.

"We've had a very smooth opening, and we'll see how the restaurant goes," Grote nodded. "I think it'll be very smooth. We have a great staff!"

The Lodge also has a state of the art fitness center, and with the purchase of a membership, community members can access not only the gym, but also the pool and the hot tub. Grote noted there are still some odds and ends to finish, and some loose ends to tie up, but the hotel is up and running and they are anticipating a successful operation.

"Come check us out," Grote smiled. "Ask for a tour. They can ask for me and I would be happy to give people a tour. We will be having an official grand opening at a later date. That date has yet to be established as of now though."

On the button ...



Susie with her proud parents at her graduation party. Her father, John, on the left and her mother, Stacey, on the right. Below, Susie Button gives a warm welcome to a longtime friend of the family, Linda Mathews, at her graduation party to celebrate her accomplishment of acquiring her DVM degree. (Photos by KateLynn Slaamot)

KateLynn Slaamot
NLJ Correspondent

Not everyone knows from a young age what they're going to be when they "grow up," but for Susie Button, a former Newcastle High School student and the daughter of John and Stacey Button, a longtime dream became a reality.

She spent eight years after high school working toward her goal of becoming a veterinarian. She completed two years at Eastern Wyoming College, two years at the University of Wyoming, and four years at Iowa State University before graduating with her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, or DVM.

"I've kind of always known that that was what I wanted to do," Susie said. As a child, she watched Dr. Pete Vorpahl, who has since retired from the Salt Creek Veterinary Clinic, while he worked with animals. She said that Vorpahl was always very kind and allowed her to observe as he helped her understand what he was doing, and she took on a deep interest in veterinary medicine from a very young age.

Susie also had a strong desire to help animals, enabling them to achieve what they were meant to do. Having learned a great deal in her schooling, she is very excited to put her knowledge into practice.

"I have very deep roots here in Newcastle," Susie said.

She told the News Letter Journal that her family owns a ranch in the area, and that she worked at the Salt Creek Veterinary Clinic during the summer between her second and third years of studying in Iowa. She said she is very excited to work at the clinic again, helping the community in whatever way she can as an associate veterinarian.

Susie's parents noticed their daughter's interest and desire to help animals. Stacey said that her daughter had always wanted to be a veterinarian.

"She's just using the gift the good Lord gave her," Stacey said, noting that Susie had a goal of pursuing veterinary medicine, and now she's "got the job done."

Furthermore, she is highly valued as an asset at the clinic. Her future career there, which starts June 1, is greatly anticipated, according to Dr. Lindsey Marrotte Sudbrink, one of the owners of the clinic.

"We're really looking to expand our services," said Sudbrink.

The clinic hopes to offer more, such as home visits for the convenience of certain clients, and to expand the services geared toward the large animals. Having another veterinarian, Sudbrink said, would help to bring



about those developments.

"Susie is just a fantastic communicator," Sudbrink said. She noted that Button has a desirable personality for the job, and her connection to the community will enable her to understand and to satisfy the needs of the community.

"My hopes and goals are to be the best mixed animal practitioner I can be," Button said, expressing her longing to perform to the best of her ability and to help Newcastle in whatever way she is able.

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Our View

Observe and report

In the past few weeks, readers have expressed concern that we haven't printed stories about the recent achievements of some of the youth organizations in the community, and we have to confess that we were unaware of some of these accomplishments.

Ironically, in a couple of these instances the organizations involved actually have a 'reporter' position in their ranks, and we want to use the unfortunate omissions to challenge those groups to staff those positions and set expectations for them.

We also think these organizations should take advantage of this newspaper's desire to mentor students in a field that is of vital importance to our society. That is especially true in an era when the number of "citizen journalists" who use the internet to inform their fellow citizens is growing rapidly.

Former interns of the News Letter Journal are now serving as editors for at least three different newspapers in other communities. At least three others have held the position of editor at their college newspaper, and several more have gone on to succeed in related fields. We hate to see youth organizations wasting the chance to provide this sort of opportunity to its members.

We also think it is wrong for students to be able to claim on college applications that they served as a "reporter" for their organization if they didn't actually perform the duties of a reporter, and will not make additional efforts to publicize the activities of those groups if they continue to fail to make that effort themselves.

Fix the tattered welcome mat

I was pretty disappointed to have to print a story on page one of this week's News Letter Journal about at least one resident of this community taking advantage of a well-intentioned city ordinance to complain to authorities that somebody who was attending a nearby church service was illegally parked in front of their residence.

It was even more discouraging to find out that more than one individual actually received a ticket from local police while they were attending a confirmation at Corpus Christi Catholic Church for students from not just Newcastle, but Upton and Sundance as well.

Incidents like this provide confirmation to those who like to repeat the claim that "Newcastle doesn't welcome visitors," and that is pretty frustrating to those of us who have spent years denying those rumors and working hard to assure people that this community does, in fact, appreciate visitors — and actually wishes we could welcome more of them.

Unfortunately, with tourist season about to begin, the timing of this couldn't have been worse, and we believe city officials should take steps to immediately void the tickets. The ordinance under which they were written

was never intended to be used for this type of situation, and I can't imagine that we want to be known as a community that tickets people who park on a public street while they are in church.

We've all experienced the frustration of finding somebody parked in "our spot," but in the overwhelming majority of those instances it is not something we should ever expect public servants to take care of for us.

A decade ago, there were a number of individuals in the community who were abusing the availability of on-street parking to park campers, trailers and other vehicles in front of other people's homes for extended periods of time. The city council appropriately created a provision in city ordinance to allow local police to address those abuses, but those people who received tickets while attending last month's confirmation ceremony were in no way violating the spirit of the law passed by the council.

They did nothing illegal, and should not be treated as if they had. Tear up the tickets.

We would also like to suggest that police not issue citations under that portion of the ordinance in the future until 12 hours after a complaint has been made. Any resident who would like a more immediate response than that should be required to display "No Parking" signs on each spot they are entitled to, or accept that it will take 12 hours for police to ticket the vehicle. We understand that there may be individuals

who can't park a block or so away and walk to their house because of a physical challenge, and encourage them to post signs to secure their spots and ensure access to their home.

The Catholic Church has been in that location for decades, and anybody who lives there at present knew that parking would be competitive for a few

hours each week. There is no justification for complaining when a church-goer parks anywhere in that neighborhood while a service is in progress. If you haven't put a sign in "your spot" clearly insisting that you refuse to be inconvenienced, you shouldn't expect public servants to do your dirty work for you.



Bob Bonnar
Shots from the Cheap Seats

It is a good time to be loyal and a hard-worker

You can't stop what's coming.
— From the movie *No Country for Old Men*

This is my message for 2018 graduates — your future is coming at you at a terrific speed and there is very little you can do to get ready for it, except get an education and use your education.

There is an old saying that a person needs to lead, follow, or get out of the way.

In your case, you will not be able to get out of the way.

Is it possible that many of the great truths that you graduates have come to take for granted are just not true after all? Let me share three examples:

- First, you were told that loyalty to your boss or your employer was a total waste of time and a relic from your parents and grandparents' generations. Not true.

Instead, loyalty may be the most important factor going forward in getting and keeping that job that you covet.

Do you remember the key component of the state of Wyoming's official philosophy, called the Code of the West?

To me, the big one is "Ride for the Brand."

- Second, here in Wyoming energy is a big, big deal. You were told your entire lives that America would be relying on foreign energy imports forever. You were taught that our destiny, as a country, is to make Arab Sheiks rich as we continually import their oil.

Not true. Today we are a net energy exporting country. With Wyoming's wind and solar resources, our vast

coal deposits, gigantic natural gas reserves and new oil discoveries, Wyoming is helping the country send out more energy than we are importing.

Amazing. • Third, you were told that manufacturing is dying in America, and no matter what you do, do not get into that dinosaur business. We expect everything of importance to be built in China. Surely the experience of Wal Mart and Apple Computer would verify this.

Not true. Surprise, the USA manufacturing sector is gigantic. At \$1.8 trillion, if this sector were a country, it would be the 10th largest economy on the planet.

After turning these three truisms onto their heads, it seems like much of what was drilled into you over your brief lifetime of about two decades was not as true as it was told to you.

So what happened? Just when everything has a gloomy but predictable look to it, we find out that many assumed truths in the world really are upside down. What you thought was true is false. What was passé is back in fashion.

To a graduate sitting in a hot, crowded auditorium pondering that biggest of all questions: "What is going to happen to me?" well, I want to tell you that these times can be times of opportunity just as easily as they can be times of worry.

And because of all the above, that is why I write.

This annual column to high school and college graduates is much like speeches given in person. It just seems like this is an important time to peer

into our crystal ball and help you graduates in any way that I can.

I remember my high school graduation in 1964 back in Iowa. A future U. S. Senator predicted a long and gloomy Cold War with the Soviet Union (Russia) that could last a millennium. No one in that room would have believed the USSR would come crashing down a generation later.

Today your focus is on getting a job. But there are jobs out there, lots of them. If you are a mess, then you have a problem. And probably what I am writing is not for you.

If you are a hard worker with good work habits and ethics, your future is bright. The key word might be "gumption." If you do not know what it means, look it up.

You grads heading out into the world of new jobs need to be alert to trends in your chosen fields.

Employers are looking for good workers. And they are looking for good people. And most of them want to hire you for a long time.

They are looking as hard for you as you are looking for them.

Don't give up too soon. I see a future that is as bright as ever for the young person willing to work hard, make friends and perhaps, most of all, "keep learning" as you grow in your careers.

Good luck and Godspeed.

Bill Sniffin is a retired newspaper publisher who has penned a number of books about Wyoming. 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, for sale at the News Letter Journal.



Bill Sniffin
My Wyoming

Letters to the Editor

May is made for God blessed Americans

Dear Editor,
It's May in the most wonderful place on earth. America! I see trees of green, red roses too. I see them bloom for me and you. And I say to myself:

What a wonderful world. I just quoted a song from the great Louie (Satchmo) Armstrong. Only in America can a guy from anywhere go to sleep a pauper and wake up a millionaire. Only in America can a kid without a cent grow up to be president. Only in America, the land of opportunity.

Boy Howdy! Thank you May and the Americans.

May 1st is for May Day baskets, and I hope you all received one. May 5th was Cinco De Mayo, and to all my American "foxhole buddies" and my friends here in Newcastle I hope you had a great day! May 13th is Mother's Day, and with all my emotions swelling up in me now do I wish a happy Mother's Day to every girl that I have met thru my life— everywhere. I see this day as "ladies' day." No exceptions.

I wish each and every lady a happy Mother's Day.

I bought my Beth a sign awhile back that reads: "He rules the roost, but {she} rules the rooster."

A word to the wise: please your place in life boys. Say please and thank you often, or better yet, say: I love you, till the 12th of never. That is the title of the wonderful song by Johnny Mathis.

May 28th is Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday in May. Shortly after the Civil War, a day of mourning was set aside for those men and women who died in that war. It became known as Declaration Day, and not until 1971 did it become an official holiday.

As history is slowly being thrown aside, many celebrate it as Memorial Day weekend — a kick off for the summer months that lay ahead. So quickly do we forget. I am an American that carries no hyphen.

I believe in America. I believe in the written words of my constitution, nothing implied. I believe that the 2nd Amendment protects the 1st Amendment! As history is my future, I will always remember: "Those who gave up all their tomorrows for our todays."

In my ears, the sound of my freedom screams: God bless America!

—Dick Crawford

It is our economic system that is failing

Dear Editor,
Listening to the banter at the coffee shop and reading "Letters to the Editor" in a "Deep Red State" is enough to make one wonder why and who is propagating such obvious and egregious misinformation.

Big tax cuts have never, ever reached the working class. However, benefits to the ultra rich are great and two-fold. First, the reduced "rate" is obvious. Second, reducing the income of various social programs may hasten the end thereof, a goal often promoted by the ultra rich.

A few who have reached the upper tier of our economy sometimes brag: "I did it by myself with no help from the government! All you wannabe's should do the same." Either they are grossly mistaken or prevaricating.

Everybody takes some advantage of our infrastructure, and the opportunities that we as a people have worked for and provided. We the people have been most generous but that trait apparently has not been passed down, much less recognized by those who "have it made."

We must not confuse economic systems with civil, political systems. Capitalism is an economic system originally designed to facili-

tate the movement of capital from where it is generated to a collection place where it could accumulate into a large useful amount.

The purpose of which is to get enough money (capital) into one pot from which large public projects such as building sanitary water and sewer systems could be funded. Large privately owned projects could avail themselves of the same system to build new factories, new communication and transportation systems. All of these projects need capital to get off the drawing board and onto the ground.

On the other hand, political systems have the structure and responsibility of maintaining peace, law and order. Among the various political systems are democracy, aristocracy, plutocracy, fascism and many others.

Unfortunately, "The Golden Rule" is more often the predominate governing system — "He who has the gold makes the rules!"

That is where our troubles begin. Ever on the lookout for a chance to get ahead of the crowd, an individual politician or a pack of them (political party) will seek out a flaw in the economic system and exploit it for munificent personal gain.

Perhaps we can explore some alternate systems next week.

—Jerry Baird



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WALTER ERNEST JOHNSON
 March 6, 1926–May 7, 2018

Walter Ernest Johnson was born in Long Pine, Neb., on March 6, 1926, to Frank Jelmer and Florence Mabel Davis Johnson. He attended 10 years of school in Manville, Wyo., then went to work as a farm and ranch hand to help his family make it through some tough times. He was also known to make a buck or two killing and selling rabbits. He tried to get into the army in 1943, but had to wait until after he turned 18. He was a private first class in World War II from 1944 to 1946. He was a PFC radio man with the 8th Armored Division, tank battalion, helping liberate the besieged city of Bastogne at the Battle of the Bulge alongside General George Patton.

Walter married his sweetheart, Barbara Lois Morrissey, on Nov. 4, 1952. They had two sons, William and Daniel, who gave him two beloved daughters-in-law, Shawn and Sheri. While his sons and new daughters brought him much joy and pride, his greatest treasures were his four grandchildren: Brooke Ann, Amanda Jo, Megan Lynn, and Matthew Walter.

Walter was no stranger to hard work, he worked for Updike Brothers for more than 46 years on workover rigs and later on as a mechanic in the shop. After he retired, he continued to work and help repair on everything from railroad equipment to lawn mowers for Jim White and for friends and neighbors. He could often be found doing odd jobs and fixing things at the church or crossing off items on the neverending "honey-do" list. This list usually included juicing chokecherries and rhubarb for Barb's famous syrups and jellies. We always said that it just would not have tasted the same without his special juicing technique. The work that brought him the most satisfaction



Walter Johnson

was building swing sets and a playhouse for his grandchildren.

He also served his church as an usher, as a senior warden for four years and as a Vestry Board member. Walter was proud to be involved in the annual pancake supper, where he served as the pancake cooker and helped build the current pancake griddle.

When it came to his grandchildren, Walter was one of the most gentle and kind men anyone could ever know. He was not afraid to sit in kids' furniture and have a tea party, or let his grandchildren get him in trouble by writing all over him with markers.

He loved to be the taste tester to any of Barb's new recipes and never left a plate empty. He could often be found tinkering at his work bench, watching basketball games, or his new found passion UFC mixed martial arts. When asked if his family could get him anything, he would give that funny little grin and say, "I could take a shot of good ol' Jack Daniels." While he tried many times to quit, he just couldn't give up his love of chewing, much to Barb's dismay.

Walter lived at the Weston County Manor for the last year of life and loved everyone that cared for him, just as much as they loved him. Some of the Manor staff have shared some pretty comical "Walt and Barb" stories with the family.

He is survived by his sons, William of Newcastle and Daniel (Sheri) of Sidney, Mont.; daughter-in-law, Shawn Zabka of Cheyenne; four grandchildren, Brooke of Cheyenne, Amanda of Vaughn, Mont., Megan and Matthew, both of Sidney; sister, Doris Mae Rogers of Gillette Wyo.; niece, Shiela (George) Rhodes of Gillette; and his brother, Carl (Pat) Johnson of Panama, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Johnny.

Walter passed away May 7, 2018, the same day that the love of his life, Barbara, was laid to rest. Just as they were inseparable in life, they are now together in heaven.

Services will be held on May 26, 2018, at the Christ Church Episcopal at 10 a.m. Memorials may be made in Walter's name to the Christ Church Episcopal Alter Guild or the Weston County Humane Society.

DOMINIC PETER CALVETTI
 Oct. 28, 1933–May 3, 2018



Dominic Calvetti

Dominic Peter Calvetti, 84, died on May 3, 2018, at Rapid City Regional Hospital, in Rapid City, S.D.

Dominic was born in Lead, S.D., on Oct. 28, 1933, to Cherie and Gina Calvetti.

He served in the Army during the Korean War. When he returned he met the love of his life in Lead, Patricia, and persuaded her to share her life with him. This union brought forth eight children and is continuing to bring forth new life into the world.

Dominic and Patricia began their family in Hulett, Wyo., where Dominic started as a math teacher and coach. Dominic moved his family to Rapid City to become the principal of St. Martins Academy. From there the life and career of Dominic allowed his family to travel to Midland, Timber Lake, back to Rapid City, Philip, and Bristol before he finally retired in Rapid City.


Not only did he teach a profession but he also taught through his life as a beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was very committed to his faith in the Catholic church and his family life.

Dominic is survived by his wife, Patricia; brother, Lawrence Calvetti (Grace); three sons, Tony, Michael, and David (Chantel); five daughters, Diana (Larry), Theresa (Jack), Mary (John), Gina, and Angie; 37 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandchild, Trey Furlow.

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May 18 Ezekiel 43:13-27	May 22 Acts 3:1-26
May 19 Ezekiel 47:1-12	May 23 Acts 4:1-22
May 20 Acts 2:1-28	Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

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- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-5542. Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer Service 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 pm.
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Elaine Wilcomb and Irma Fouch ham it up at the First United Methodist Church benefit luncheon held on May 4. The luncheon benefited the Weston County Library. (Photo by Pam Penfield/NLJ)

Recapture A PIECE OF HISTORY

May 19, 1893

W.J. McCrea went out to the Wagoner ranch yesterday.

Yesterday a forest fire could be plainly seen on the Limestone east of Beaver Creek.

The Hawkins boys & Leroy Salisbury returned from their annual sheep shearing tour yesterday.

Fred Coates, Meyer Frank, & J.L. Baird made a trip to the Wagoner ranch the first of the week.

The World's Fair round trip rate from Newcastle is \$47.40. If new western rates are established we may get a lower rate.

On Monday, May 15th, of intussusception of bowels, Vera, the infant daughter of Dr. F. & Ellen Horton, aged ten days passed away. The funeral was held on Thursday, the services being conducted by Rev. D. Leppert of Cambria.

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Emmet Crow, of Cambria, Friday, May 12, a boy.

The lightning rod dispenser has been at work in Newcastle for the past week or so. Several buildings have been fitted up by rods & lightning will now have a hard time if it comes this way.

May 16, 1918

Peter Smith of Horton who has been at the Antlers Hotel for the past week died in his room at noon today, the immediate cause of his death was heart trouble. Full particulars to appear next week.

The Cambria & Newcastle grammar school basketball teams played an exciting game at the armory last evening, the Cambrians winning by a score of 21 to 15.

Harry Branscomb's friends received word the first of the week that he is on his way to France.

Ray Rogers, of Newell, S.D., arrived in the city last week & is employed at the Parker Garage as machinist.

Ed Gue, champion meat cutter, of Cambria, was taking in the sights of

Newcastle last evening & also waiting for the outcome of the basketball game.

There are a great many children's diseases in town at this time.

I.C. Jefferies sold the MW Ranch, near Clifton, yesterday to Ed Manaugh. Mr. Manaugh just returned from the South.

Word was received in this city the first of the week that the VanDuzen Oil Company, now drilling at Four Corners, have struck gas.

Following are the new arrivals the stork left at various homes the past week: A girl born to Mr. & Mrs. P.A. Ballard on May 11th; Mr. & Mrs. H.J. Ross, a boy on the 11th; Mr. & Mrs. Jack Chambers, on Snyder Creek, a boy on the 13th; Mr. & Mrs. Merle Johnson, of Howard a girl on the 14th.

May 20, 1943

Twenty beet-workers arrived in Newcastle last Sunday from Sheridan to take care of the 170 acres of beets at the LAK Ranch. The workers came to Sheridan directly from Mexico City, Mexico.

Chris Velos, who has been in partnership with Chris Panos in the local Castle

Café for the past several years, has purchased the Goings Café in Gillette from its owner, & will move from Newcastle, within the next week to open the new enterprise.

State Game Warden Lester Bagley announced recently that a count of antelope by airplane has placed the number in Wyoming at 53,940.

Secretary of State, Mart T. Christensen announced Friday that compressed wood fiber license plates with numbers painted rather than stamped in relief will replace metal plates in Wyoming next year.

Mrs. Fletcher received word last week that her son, Kermit, has been transferred to New Port News, Virginia. He was formerly at Camp Belvoir, VA.

Mrs. Vincent Fischbach, & her two youngest children, Tommy & Mary Kay, returned from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they spent the last two months. They arrived home on the 10th.

The Girl Scouts held their regular meeting May 11th. They plan to work in their victory garden Saturday & collect magazines during the week to take up to the USO room.

Should have seen it in color



This photo shows a butcher's shop in Cambria, circa 1890's. The men in the photo are unidentified. (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

WHAT'S UP May 2018

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 17	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting Masons #13 Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room Masonic Lodge
Fri 18	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Cinnamon Rolls Bingo	WC Senior Center VFW Hall
Sat 20	5:00 p.m.	Dawson Gray Benefit	Pizza Barn
Mon 21	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting AA Meeting	Council Chambers WC Senior Center, Family Room
Tues 22	12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Alzheimers/Dementia Support Group Job Fair WC Health Services Chamber Mixer Eastern Star #30 Meeting Newcastle Elem. Talent Show	WC Senior Center Newcastle Lodge WC Health Services Masonic Lodge Crouch Auditorium
Wed 23	1:00 p.m.	Creative Handicraft Group	WC Senior Center
Thurs 24	11:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WC Library Board Meeting WC Health Service Foundation Mtg. WC Health Services Board Meeting AA Meeting	Newcastle Library WC Health Services Board Room WC Health Services Board Room WC Senior Center, Family Room
Fri 25	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Cinnamon Rolls Bingo	WC Senior Center VFW Hall

Calendar Sponsored by Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce

For a complete listing of events, for more information on these events, or to list your own event, visit the Chamber website at newcastlewyo.com

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 17
Lacy Amdahl
May 18
Eileen Vickers
Mark Townsend
May 20
Diesel Bloom
Ty Christensen
May 21
Andy Rasmussen
Joe Miglia
May 22
Jim & Kathryn Dixon
May 23
Brayden Derifield
Sharon Hieb
Stacy Banks
Tonya Messmer

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Phase I of the Port of Entry Intersection on Highway 16 is complete. Traffic will be switched over onto the new pavement on 5/18 and work will begin on the east side of that intersection.

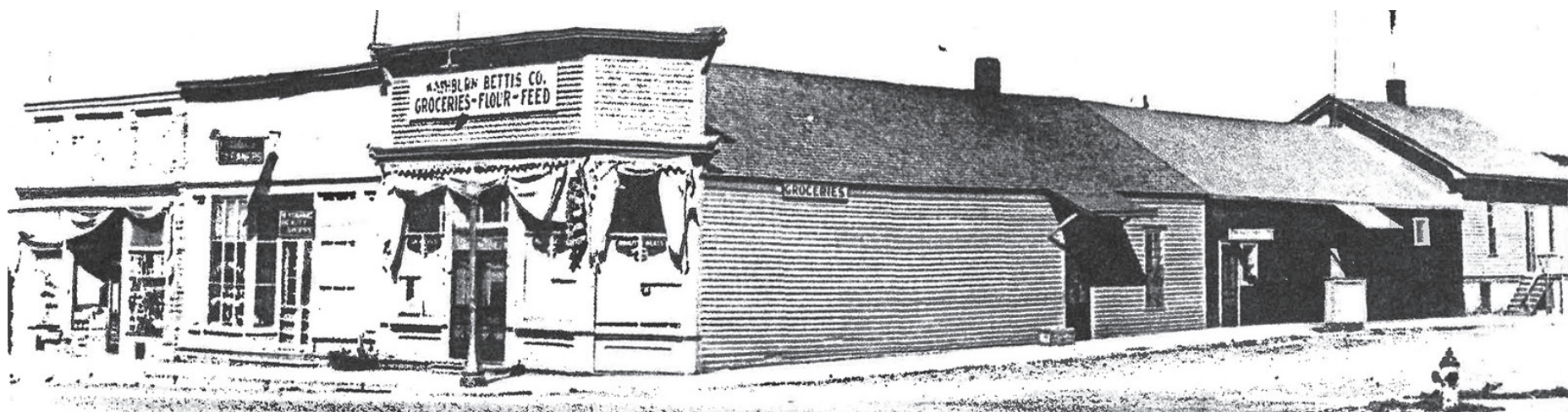
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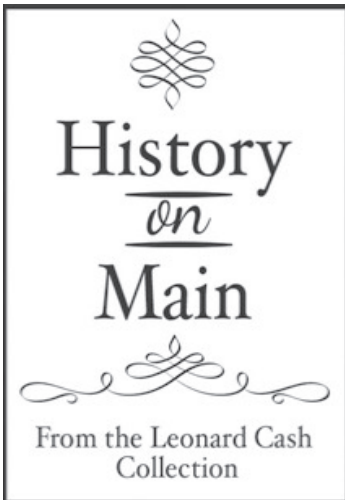
For the Ages

News Letter Journal



Washburn-Bettis Co. was a local grocery that took up residence on Main Street for 30 years. The Berry Hotel then took over the property. (Submitted Photo)

The days of Washburn-Bettis and later the Berry Hotel



By Bri Brasher
with Leonard Cash
NLJ Reporter

Leonard Cash told the story of the early days of block 7, lot 21, in last week's issue of the News Letter Journal with particular emphasis on the Washburn-Bettis store, a local grocery. This week, we continue with the timeline of the property with the end of the Washburn-Bettis era and the

start of the Berry Hotel. Washburn-Bettis was open for business in the fall of 1917, and a concrete sidewalk was soon put in outside of the store, along with a cellar behind the building, according to the News Letter Journal. A house was also located on the lot to the rear of the store and warehouse—Cash thinks there were three buildings behind the larger grocery, which all must have been small structures to fit in such a tight space. Cash also said the house was later moved out by Newcastle Motors.

When Washburn-Bettis initially opened, S.V. Washburn continued to sell coal and ice for several months through his new grocery venture. He soon sold that part of his business to Ira S. Bowker so that Washburn could focus solely on Washburn-Bettis, according to Cash's records.

Also in December 1917, the News Letter reported that the Bettis children were playing

at Washburn-Bettis, and Bettis' daughter accidentally put her finger in the meat grinder, and the grinder took the top of her first finger on her right hand down below the nail. The article stated that it was a very painful event but that the young girl recovered well.

A lease was then recorded in Weston County Courthouse records as of Oct. 10, 1918, when W.E. Holwell leased to the Washburn-Bettis Co. from Aug. 1, 1917 to Aug. 1, 1920. Then, in 1920, a man by the name of Joe Klodt bought stock in the store, and a few days later, Bettis sold interest in Washburn-Bettis on Jan. 29, 1920, to Joseph Klodt, whose family is still in Newcastle today, according to Cash. Despite the change in the partnership, the name of the grocery stayed the same.

Interestingly enough, Ray Bettis' grandfather was David L. Fakler, whose building we discussed last week in lot 20,

block 7. Cash thinks Ray may have been a nickname or a brother of H.A. Bettis, though records are a bit unclear.

On July 29, 1920, the courthouse records show that William E. Holwell sold block 7, lot 21, to the Washburn-Bettis Co. The company then installed a ladies' restroom in the store a few years into ownership, as referenced in the Nov. 6, 1924, issue of the News Letter Journal. The article states that "... the public are invited to use, especially those from out of town, having business in the city. The room is fair size, has been nicely furnished, and modern convenience provided."

Washburn-Bettis installed a sprinkler system in the spring of 1926 to keep the vegetables fresh and crisp at the grocery. Cash said he remembers going to the store as a kid. His recalled a time when his mom asked him to grab a head of lettuce, and the sprinkler soaked his arm. Cash said that the water system was "just like a lawn sprinkler."

On June 13, 1929, the News Letter Journal featured an article that detailed a car crashing into the Washburn-Bettis store. The article stated that a car attempted to come to a stop on the street to the east side of the store, though faulty brakes led to the car crashing into the side of the frame building, which shoved the car's bumper partially through the wall, spilling a considerable quantity of bottled and canned goods. The damage was estimated at \$15.

William Schoonmaker bought an interest in Washburn-Bettis Co. according to an Oct. 16, 1930, issue of the paper, which reported that S.V. Washburn retained his holdings in the company and planned to continue active management of the business. The article also said that Schoonmaker held many previous positions in business around town.

"He (Schoonmaker) is one of Newcastle's best known young businessmen and word of his association with Washburn-Bettis Company will

be gratifying to his host of friends both in town and in the country," reported the News Letter Journal.

The store was remodeled and expanded in 1931 to increase shelving and display case space, and the office was moved into the space formerly used as the ladies' restroom.

"Boy, they didn't have a ladies room in there very long, did they?" Cash remarked.

More notable events occurred at Washburn-Bettis in 1932 when the Phelpe Drake Co., the construction company building the post office at the time, refused to pay a bill one of its employees charged at the grocery. Washburn-Bettis sued for the charges and won the case. Also in 1932, the Sheridan Creamery contracted with Washburn-Bettis, and the grocery became a place where farmers could bring milk and cream to be sold. The creamery then bought from Washburn-Bettis, and in turn, the local grocery sold ice cream and butter from the creamery, according to Cash.

S.V. Washburn's death was reported in the News Letter Journal on Aug. 16, 1934. He died at age 62 from an illness that lasted over a month. The article stated that Washburn was a well-known business man in the community after coming to Newcastle in 1902. He was originally from Missouri.

"His untimely death leaves a vacancy in the business and social life of the vicinity which will be difficult to fill," the News Letter Journal reported. "Friends and business associates who often came to him for advice and were guided by his keen judgement will miss his friendly counsel."

Walter Schoonmaker, who Cash thinks was William's father, was then elected president of the Washburn-Bettis store by the stockholders. Cash speculated that Walter took over leadership responsibilities after Washburn's death.

In 1935, P.H. McHugh joined Washburn-Bettis by purchasing an interest. Cash said McHugh also had his own

Senior Happenings	
WC Senior Services	
May 18	
Rolls	9 a.m.
Bridge Ladies	1 p.m.
May 21	
Osteo Exercise	9 a.m.
Visually Impaired Support	1 p.m.
May 22	
Dominoes	1:00 p.m.
Dementia Support	3:30 p.m.
May 23	
Osteo Exercise	9 a.m.
Manor Here For Lunch	
Creative Handcrafts After Lunch	
May 24	
Dominoes	1:00 p.m.
Bridge	
Manor	
May 18	
Greedy	10:30 a.m.
Party! Games	2 p.m.
Movie	6 p.m.
May 19	
Tell It	11 a.m.
Preakness	3 p.m.
Bingo	6 p.m.
May 20	
Trivia	11 a.m.
Church	2 p.m.
May 21	
Resident Council	10:30 a.m.
Garden Group	2 p.m.
Bingo	6 p.m.
May 22	
Ceramics	10:30 a.m.
Keepsake Crafters	2 p.m.
Kid's Talent	6:15 p.m.
May 23	
Catholic Study	10 a.m.
Kickball	10:30 a.m.
Senior Center	11:30 a.m.
Bingo	2 p.m.
Yahtzee	6:15 p.m.
May 24	
Shuffleboard	10:30 a.m.
Manicures	2 p.m.
Dominoes	6:15 p.m.

The best gift of all



On April 28, a surprise 87th birthday party was held at Kitty Moats School in Osage for Helen Knipp, with 36 relatives attending from throughout Wyoming. Others were from Montana, South Dakota, Colorado, and a grandson from South Carolina. Attending also was Helen's sister, Joyce from Evansville, Wyo., and a brother, Bill, from Newcastle. A carry-in was enjoyed and many photos were taken. The five Knipp and two grandchildren all attended Kitty Moats School 1st thru 8th grade, and graduated from Upton. This was the first time all had been together since they lost Dick in February 2015. Pictured from left to right: Jim, Linda, Bonnie, Helen, Shirley and Patty. (Submitted Photo)

grocery store in town, known as the Basketaria. A year later, fire burned the Washburn-Bettis building to the rear of the store, which then housed around 30 tons of hay. The fire was believed to have started from combustible or defective wiring, and the building was completely burned.

Business went on as usual at the grocery, however, and in 1938, Washburn-Bettis took most of their charge accounts out, switching to cash as payment. Cash said they also took away their delivery service, with the exception of orders of \$2.50 or more.

"It used to be that people would just write it down on a ticket and pay the bill at the end of the month," Cash explained.

Jumping ahead to 1947 (due to lack of information for the next several years), courthouse records indicate that Washburn-Bettis Co. by Roscoe Michaels, president, turned the property over to William C. Fletcher and Mildred L. Fletcher, husband and wife, on July 14.

Stay tuned! There is more to come on block 7, lot 21.

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National EMS Week 2018
May 20-26

Newcastle Ambulance is hosting a community appreciation breakfast in celebration of National EMS week.

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Fruit for the future



Carole Mark, Norma Shelton, Pat Morgan and Nancy Darnell, representing the Flowering Fingers Garden Club, planted six new fruit trees at Centennial Park May 7. According to the group, there are a total of 16 fruit trees in the park, including: apricots, plums, cherry, pear and peach. The first 10 were planted in 2015, and the group added another six this year. "We call it you pick it community grove," said Norma Shelton, president of the group. She noted that they hope to spark the interest of children, showing them they can grow their own food while encouraging healthy eating. (Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ)

Parking

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an issue," Martinson said.

He noted that there is little room for dedicated parking for the church. The building is also landlocked, he said, so no additional parking can be added. Martinson said that the church has been in that location for 65 years. He asked that the council reconsider the ordinance and suggested that the city make the restrictions clearer. He also asked that "no parking" notices be added on the streets affected. City Attorney Jim Peck explained that the ordinance was created because the city was receiving complaints about individuals parking campers, boats, and trailers in front of adjacent properties. City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James confirmed this for the News Letter Journal and reported that the ordinance went into affect in 2008.

"I think our city ordinance is a good one. I think it is clear, and I think it's the homeowners' responsibility if they don't want people parking there to have it clearly marked," Mayor Deb Piana said.

Peck added that placing a "no parking" sign in front of an individual's home would make it clear that anyone who is parked there does not have permission to do so. He noted that unless a complaint is made about the parking, officers and others will assume it is consensual.

"I will have to talk to the police department about how this is enforced. You can ask people to move their cars or put up signs in front of your home," Peck said.

He noted that he hopes homeowners or renters will try to contact the church, in this situation, to get the vehicle moved before

City Beats

Notes from the May 7 Newcastle City Council Meeting

• Councilman Tom Voss reported that with the help of Jessica Bettorf, director of community recreation, bike enthusiasts in town have come together with plans to host different biking events. He said that the group hopes to host races downtown, as well as a more challenging race at the Flying V trail. "They (the bike group) think they can put Newcastle on the map for that race. They are planning it for around Oct. 13 or 14," Voss said.

• The council approved a proposed lease agreement with Collins Communication for space near the orange water tank south of town.

• City Attorney Jim Peck reported that the planning and zoning commission had put together several recommendations for approval by the council, including allowing property zoned as C1 to have an electricians' shop and making the council the one to hold the hearing for zoning changes. He noted that he would put together the recommendations and a public hearing on them would be held in the future.

• City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James reported that the candidate filing period for the primary election is May 17 through June 1.

• Mayor Deb Piana asked why Wyoming Refining Co. has never been annexed to the city. She said that she would like to continue the conversation in the future.

contacting the police. Peck also suggested that the council consider advertising a reminder that people parking in front of someone's home should have permission before they do so.

Hamilton

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Hamilton conducted interviews with landowners about how they are good stewards of their land to create video stories that would be viewed by the public for the benefit of general educational knowledge. During college, Hamilton also taught a few workshops to stay connected to 4-H.

Hamilton said she always enjoyed working in extension because it is a great resource for the community. After applying for different positions around the state — and a somewhat lengthy selection process, including a public forum meet and greet with the county — Hamilton said she is pleased to have been offered the position.

In her position, Hamilton will work with 4-H and youth development on implementing educational programming in the county, coordinate 4-H events — such as county fair, 4-H camo, project workshops, state and national contests — and

mediate between the state and county level for 4-H. Hamilton is also tasked with recruiting, retaining and training leaders in the 4-H program.

"I really enjoy educating people and learning all kinds of different things and then sharing that knowledge with people, especially if it helps them in life in general," Hamilton said.

Hamilton started in her position on May 1. She is busy filling out initial paperwork, completing trainings, and learning protocols while also trying to narrow in on what responsibilities need first priority. She said both UW and those in the local office have been exceptionally helpful in settling her into the 4-H educator position.

"I foresee this first year as being a year where I really just dive in and learn how things are run — lots and lots of learning!" Hamilton said. "I'm just getting my feet wet

and seeing which areas need improvement. Then I can start implementing new ideas and working on those improvements in certain areas."

Hamilton added that she plans to conduct community research and go to as many project and club meetings as she can to meet everyone and learn as much as she can. She also wants to reach out more to Upton. She'd also like to see if she can set up a border war or a collaboration with the South Dakota 4-H program.

She said that enrollment for 4-H includes anyone between the ages of eight and 18, and there is also the Tumbleweeds peewee program for those under eight years of age. Weston County has about 112 members currently enrolled and 40+ leaders. Hamilton said 4-H has been present in Weston County since about 1917, but the first clubs were established in 1949.

Sample

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been preparing her message to the students every day since being invited to speak in March. She's working on tailoring her speech to this year's graduating class. Sample said she will highlight the many memories she and the students have collected over time.

"Once a student catches fire, regardless of the subject, I feel a sense of joy that is hard to describe. Whether a student is observing an insect, solving a math problem, reading a book they love, or writing a story of an adventure, the door to life opens, and the child enters a new world beyond themselves," said Sample.

Sample said that one of her greatest pleasures in life is watching her students grow up

to become parents. Over the years, Sample has taught her students' children, and even some of their grandchildren. Sample is known for her ability to remember each and every student, and she said she works hard to associate students with their parents and siblings or a special memory they share.

Always quick to say hello and with a kind word at the ready, Sample is sure to send the Newcastle High School Class of 2018 off with an inspiring and heartfelt message. Sample continues to make teaching her life's work. While she admits she is excited and a little scared about speaking at graduation, Sample said the opportunity truly touches her heart.

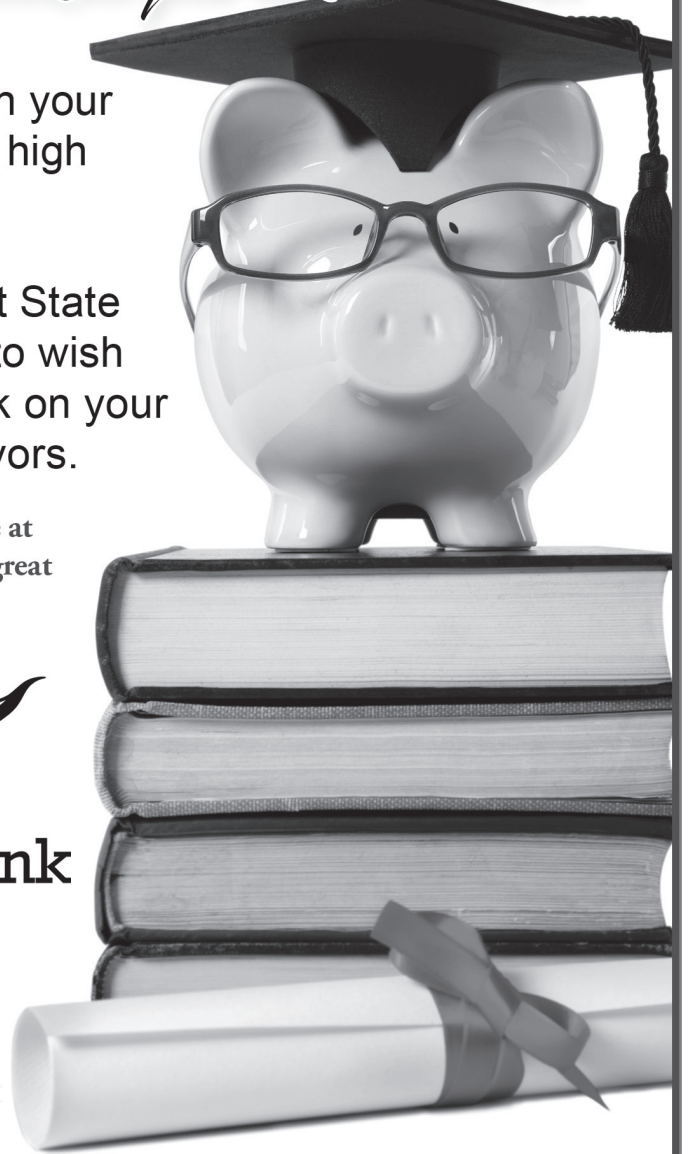
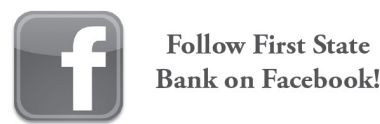
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Taking root: *Children help plant for the future*

Story & Photos by
Jen Kocher
NLJ Correspondent

Children scrambled with their hands in dirt to help Newcastle Arborist Travis Peterson fill the hole around the recently planted Ginkgo biloba last Thursday morning. The annual tree planting is part of the city's Arbor Day celebration, which celebrates the city's effort to stay green and its prominent on the state's Tree City list.

Arbor Day was officially enacted as a national holiday on April 10, 1872, when J. Sterling Morton proposed a day be set aside for tree planting in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Since then, it is celebrated throughout the country on April 27, though that date varies in Newcastle, which plans its event a week later for the sake of weather.

After Mayor Deb Piana read the official declaration, attendees signed it and it was buried in a time capsule with the tree. This year, former Tree Board members Bob Hartley and Carol Nicholls were also honored for their work over the years on the board. Then, the dozens of children on hand from the Children's Center got busy helping Peterson and Tree Board members get the new tree in the ground, as they labored under the chill of the cool, sunny morning.

Today's tree planting in the arboretum along Stampede Street is just a ceremonial representation of what the city does all year long, according to Weston County Natural Resource District (WCNRD) Manager Lacey Sloan, who points out the new trees along the bike path and other projects in the works to keep the city green.

Newcastle is unique among other Wyoming towns its size, according to Sloan, because they employ an arborist, whose duties revolve around the maintenance and upkeep of the city's trees. Looking around, Sloan added, it's obvious that the city's trees are well kept and that there's



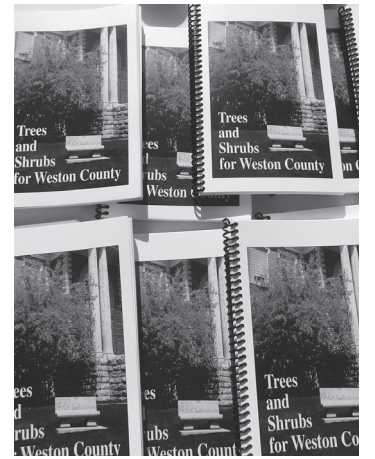
Newcastle Arborist Travis Peterson plants the new Ginkgo biloba tree as part of the annual Arbor Day celebration on May 3.

a concerted effort to continue planting.

The efforts have earned Newcastle the distinction of being a Wyoming Tree City, as the sign coming into the city proudly declares. Every year, the city has to earn the 10 required points to remain on the list, which once again it has achieved. For the second year in a row, Newcastle has also won a growth award, which is an honorarium indicating that a city has gone one step beyond what is necessary to keep its standing. Newcastle is one of the longer running cities on the list, having

maintained the distinction for the past 23 years.

Current and future projects include adding two weeping willows in Dow Park later this month as well as planting more evergreens around the public ballfield, according to Sloan, with many more to come.



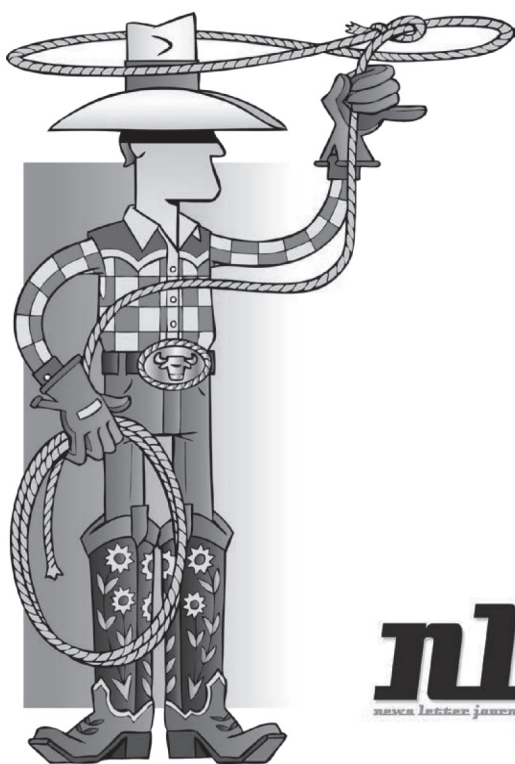
Above, James McGill (at right) and classmates shake their leaves as they pretend to be trees at the celebration. At left, Bristol Boylan helps Weston County Natural Resource District Manager Lacey Sloan fill the hole around a new Ginkgo biloba tree. Below, The city's Tree Board Bernie Terry (from left), Lacey Sloan, Darshan Patel, Arborist Travis Peterson, Mayor Deb Piana and City Engineer Mike Moore.



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Upton graduate headed to West Point

The United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., has accepted Upton's Josie Olson into the class of 2022. Olson will join approximately 1,100 other future cadets from around the nation at the world's foremost leadership academy.

West Point has been named the nation's number one public college by Forbes Magazine in 2017, and boasts one of the lowest acceptance rates of any college or university in the country.

Olson is a 2018 graduate of Upton High School. During her time in high school she was a member of the volleyball, basketball and track teams (Gillette), and has a strong record of performance as both an individual and as member of these teams, displaying distinct leadership ability throughout her sports career. Josie is also a member of the National Honor Society and has interest in being an engineer.

She is one of only four students across the entire state of Wyoming who will join the West Point class of 2022 this summer.

The U.S. Military Academy is located on the banks of the Hudson River in New York, about 50 miles north of New York City. The location of the Academy was originally selected as a site of major fortifications during Revolutionary War against the British in 1778. The construction was commissioned by George Washington himself, who dubbed the location "the key to the continent." After the war, in 1801, President Thomas Jefferson directed the creation of the Academy, to educate and train the nation's officer corps, and there have been students at the Academy ever since.

West Point students pay no tuition or living costs, but the education, which includes military training, overseas studies, internships, and athletics, is valued at \$240,000. Each year,



Josie Olson, a 2018 graduate of Upton High School, has been accepted to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. (Submitted photo)

some 10,000 young men and women apply for admission to West Point; about 1,100 are accepted.

West Point cadets also undergo rigorous mandatory physical training, leadership development, and moral-ethical training to develop those attributes necessary to become a commissioned "leader of character" as an Active Duty Army officer serving our Soldiers, our Army and our Nation.

USMA counts among its alumni Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and Ulysses S. Grant, along with military leaders such as General George Patton, General Douglas MacArthur, General Robert E. Lee, and General Norman Schwarzkopf. Other notable alumni include Duke Coach Mike Krzyzewski, Astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Ann McClain, who is scheduled for launch to the International Space Station in November 2018.

Often referred to as the "47-month experience," Olson will

join the "long gray line," which is a reference to the tradition of young American men and women who have joined the Corps of Cadets since 1801 and have led soldiers into battle during every combat theater fought in by the United States since.

Cadets will graduate and commission as second lieutenants in the United States Army. They will join one of 17 branches, ranging in career fields from flying helicopters, to driving tanks, to computer programming, to medical fields. The U.S. Army currently has forces stationed in 103 countries worldwide, and USMA graduates are stationed across the globe to lead the nation's premier fighting force wherever they are called to serve.

Olson will be presented with her certificate of acceptance on May 20, at the Upton High School graduation ceremony, by LTC Beth Merrigan, USMA admissions representative.

UW president wants to increase in-state enrollment

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

For the first time in her two years as the 26th president of the University of Wyoming, Laurie Nichols visited Newcastle on May 2 to discuss the school's five-year plan and answer questions from those who attended.

"We are breaking through four broad goals with several items that fall under each goal," Nichols said in her presentation. "Anyone at the university can attest to how focused we are on these goals that will take us to 2022."

One major focus of the five-year plan, Nichols said, is growing the enrollment of the only university in the state. She noted that the school has a current enrollment of about 12,400. About 10,000 of those students are on campus in Laramie.

"Our goal is to grow that number by around 1,100 to 1,200 students or to be at about 13,500 students in five years. We would really like to hit the 14,000 mark, but we will be happy with 13,500," Nichols said.

According to Nichols, a major part of that plan is to have school employees do a better job of recruiting students from Wyoming. She said that while students starting their college years at their local community college "is great," she wants to make sure they transfer to the University of Wyoming and complete a full degree.

"More bachelor-prepared individuals are the number one thing that will drive the economy," Nichols said, adding that to achieve this the university must increase enrollment.

She noted that although outreach and recruitment will still take place in other states, the university's main focus is recruiting Wyoming's high school students to remain in the state.

"We are working hard in Wyoming before going out of state. We are committed to our own kids right here," Nichols said.

A number of students go to schools in communities around the perimeter of Wyoming, Nichols said. While there is nothing wrong with that, she said, students who go to college within the state will receive a more affordable education and are more likely to continue their careers in Wyoming.

"Beyond the more affordable education, if



Laurie Nichols, the 26th president of the University of Wyoming, spoke to Newcastle and Weston County residents last Wednesday about the university's five year plan and the need to increase enrollment at Wyoming's only university. (Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ)

we educate them here, we have a better chance of keeping them here long term. We at the university are committed to working to increase enrollment right now," Nichols said.

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RODEO: WAITING IN THE WINGS

Jen Kocher
NLJ Correspondent

The fourth-graders in Alaina Liggett's class watched attentively the afternoon of May 4, as the high school rodeo teams lassoed, tied and raced in the Weston County Fairgrounds arena and casually lounged on fences in between events. Sitting among her classmates, Laynie Sears only had to look one row in front of her to find her true rodeo hero.

Pate Tavegie turned around with a shy smile. He tipped his straw cowboy hat back and wiped his forehead. He's okay, he admitted, but his older brother Tell is much better.

For kids like Laynie, 12-year-old Pate and his brother are rock stars.

Apart from watching the older rodeo kids in action, Laynie and her classmates had other business at hand. Fastened under a clipboard, Laynie studied a worksheet as she peered underneath the lid of her ball

cap. She's on the lookout for three types of triangles and every object she sees now takes on new meaning.

The point where the man's suspender's cross on the back of his shirt looks a lot like an acute angle to her. As does the intersection where the bridle meets the rein on the horses' jaw. And the broadcast booth across the arena is teeming with angles. Even the horse's rump looks suspiciously obtuse.

She scrawls her observations on the paper. Then she turns her attention to the map of Wyoming counties where her next task is to tally up the participants hailing from the various counties. She studies her rodeo program with a squint. Campbell County is the big winner today, but overall the map of Wyoming seems to be fairly well represented.

Down a half dozen rows in front, classmate Cort Perino is also counting counties in between events. Like Laynie, his hero is Pate, who he

says is probably the best bull rider and roper he's ever seen. Cort isn't old enough to ride broncs yet, but he loves team roping and watching rodeos when his dad lets him. He's taking the season off, however, as he gets ready to move to Iowa with his mom, where he hopes to pick up where he left off last season.

For now, he's just enjoying the afternoon in the sun with his friends as he watches the older kids perform.

"I just like to see the horses and what they (the high school rodeo participants) can do better," he said with a shrug. As far as he's concerned, he's still got a lot to learn.

Pate Tavegie with his cousin, Tavern Liggett, watch the rodeo action May 4, at the Weston County Fairgrounds in Newcastle. Pate is among a group of up-and-coming rodeo contestants in the county who is revered by younger rodeo enthusiasts.



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Jr. High Round 1
Rachel Sweet – Barrel racing 9th place
Tiernan Stanton – Girls goat tying 8th place
Brook Martell – Pole bending 10th place
Tell Tavegie – Team roping 13th place
Pate Tavegie – Team roping 14th place
Joshua Womack – Tie down calf roping 5th place
Jr. High Round 2
Lakacee Lipp – Girls goat tying 7th place
Jayde Harrington – Girls goat tying 10th place, Pole bending 10th place
Joshua Womack – Ribbon roping 3rd place



Above left: Scotlyn Flitner of Greybull was among the many rodeo contestants that enjoyed Newcastle's hospitality the weekend of May 5 to participate in high school rodeo competition. Above right, Newcastle's Cooper Deveraux falls head first off of his bronc during the saddle bronc portion of the high school rodeo, which was held at the Weston County Fairgrounds. At left, David Kline signals a rider for the goat tying competition. Below left, Newcastle High School senior Teigen Marchant takes down his steer during the steer wrestling. Below right, Emalee Sweet, a Newcastle High School senior, weaves her horse through the poles during the pole bending portion of the rodeo two-day event.



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Taking the 'cheer' out of cheerleading

I'm not sure that any high school activity is as polarizing as cheerleading. So many opinions exist regarding its legitimacy and even what to classify it as... is it a sport or is it something else?

As an organization, it is often ridiculed and not taken seriously, which is understandably offensive to those who love it.

If you're talking about the kind of cheerleading you see in cheer competitions and on TV, no one can deny the athleticism of those who are competing, and so by that standard I would say that it is indeed a sport.

Those are elite athletes performing those stunts, plus you have to possess some rhythm and coordination to mix in the dance moves with the jumps, the throws, and the acrobatics.

I think where the issue with cheerleading comes in is the reputation it has earned over the years of squads being made up of drama-filled mean girls who are more of an annoyance than a benefit to the teams for which they are cheering.

In my opinion, in order for cheerleading to become the respected sport it could be, it needs to be treated as any other sport. Those who are the best should be chosen to make up the cheer teams, and generally, that is how it works. Girls and guys who are interested have to try out to make the team. If you can't perform at the level of expectations for the squad, you don't get to wear the uniform. This process is very similar to all other sports as only the top athletes get to perform at the highest level.

Last week, a school in New Jersey set the "sport" back by leaps and bounds when they changed the policy of who makes the squad because one parent complained that her daughter had not made the cut.

The new policy is that either everyone makes the team, or no one does.

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The best of times and... the best of times!

Dogies excel at Regionals

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Dogies blew out of the gates with a couple of championships to start the 3A East Regional Track meet last Friday in Douglas, and finished strong with two more championships to close it out on Saturday. In between, they managed to clinch one other title, and send 11 new qualifiers to State in 15 additional events.

"I think this is the best Regionals we've had since I've been coaching, and in talking with others I don't know the last time that we have had both the boys and girls win the 4x400," grinned head coach Chad Ostenson. "It was awesome that we bookended the meet by winning the first and last events, and we ended up with 10 kids earning All-Conference honors!"

The ten athletes who were named to the post-season list were those who finished first in their events. The list includes seniors Cam Quigley and Sarah Henkle, juniors Lexus Voelker, Cade Ostenson and Jake Lacey, sophomores Grace Coy and Hailey McGuire, and freshmen Carson Quigley, Grayson Ramsey and Zach Purviance.

Cade Ostenson and Carson Quigley stepped into the spotlight first on Friday in the long jump and triple jump respectively. Going into their last jumps, Ostenson was sitting in second place while Quigley was back in third, however each athlete stepped up on their third and final attempt to win their events.

"They both gutted it out on the last jump, which put them ahead and added pressure with one more jumper to go," Ostenson began. "It was fun to see them compete like that and when we get down to state, if they hit their marks better, they could both do well there."

Though he had prequalified for the State Meet in all four of his events,



The Lady Dogies brought home hardware at the Regional meet, winning both the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relays. Here Carson Quigley exchanges with Sarah Henkle, both of whom are members of each winning team. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

Ostenson solidified his seeding by finishing second in the 300 Meter and third in the 110 Meter Hurdles. In addition, he picked up fourth place in the triple jump with a leap of 40-00.50.

Going into the meet, Quigley

had yet to punch her ticket to State. However, by the end of the day on Saturday she filled her slate with four events of her own. Joining these two in representing the Dogies in four events are Henkle, Voelker and Coy,

while Cam Quigley will be competing in three.

"I couldn't be more proud of the whole team," Ostenson nodded. "The weather was not good, but that probably worked out in our favor because we've been competing in those kinds of conditions all year."

Indeed, the weather threw all of the competitors just a little more adversity, with cold temperatures and rain dominating the weekend. Late in the afternoon on Friday, heavy rain and lightning caused the day of competition to come to an early end with the postponement of the 4x100 Meter Relay and the cancellation of the prelims of the open 400 Meter race. As such, the relay was moved to Saturday morning, and only the finals of the 400 took place.

The 4x100 Meter Relay was the first event to take place on Saturday and the Dogies were ready for it. The men's team of Lacey, Quigley, Gunnar and Grayson Ramsey finished third, clinching a spot at the State Meet. The ladies secured the top seed from the East Conference at the culminating event by winning the race in 52.02 seconds. Henkle led off the race, Coy and Quigley ran legs two and three, and Voelker brought her team home a full two seconds ahead of second place.

"All four of the girls ran so strong," Ostenson nodded. "The handoffs were right on the money as well, so that helped them win it pretty decisively."

The final event of the Regional Meet was the 4x400 Meter Relay. Going in, Ostenson felt confident in both his teams, but for the ladies it was the first time they had run it all season, so there was a little bit of a question.

It didn't take long for any questions to be answered, as first the ladies and then the men cruised to decisive victories. Voelker, Quigley, McGuire and Henkle finished four seconds ahead of their nearest competitor, while Lacey, Purviance, Grayson Ramsey and Cam Quigley left the rest of the pack behind by three seconds.

"I've known all year that we would run the girls' 4x4, but we've just never had a meet where all four girls were in a position to run it," Ostenson explained. "Carson was the second

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Ladies' season ends in play-in game

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Lady Warriors offensive speed proved too much for the Lady Dogies last Saturday, as they fell 0-6 to Worland in the Regional Play-in game. Head coach Bryce Hoffman knew the challenges that lay before his squad, given their opponent enjoyed the number two ranking in the state going into the contest.

"Worland is very skilled,

they have a lot of speed, and they move off the ball very well," he began. "That presented challenges for us defensively because we were moving out of our zones to cover them, and when we'd gain possession we didn't have anyone available for an outlet."

The Lady Warriors were able to score on Newcastle early in the contest, after which they kept the Lady Dogies on their heels for most of the first half. Unfortunately

Hoffman's team was unable to answer Worland's offensive push, so they headed into the break under the cloud of a 0-4 deficit.

"We were unable to connect the ball through the mid-field, and that led to us defending for extended periods of time," Hoffman frowned.

"But, it wasn't an effort problem we had. Our girls were working very hard. We just weren't playing team soccer, and that made it difficult for us

to create any type of an attack in the first half," he reasoned.

During half-time Hoffman discussed with his team proper spacing on the field, and reminded them of the need to trust their teammates to do their jobs. Despite being scored on two more times in the remaining 40 minutes Hoffman felt as if the game flowed more back and forth, and his team was able to string together some positive play.

"Unfortunately we were

unable to crack the scoreboard, but I felt as if we played a better second half than the first," he determined. "Although we didn't reach our goal of punching a ticket to the State Tournament, I believe this was a great season for our returning players to learn what varsity soccer is all about."

As the book closes on the 2018 season, the Lady Dogies say goodbye to five seniors

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Babe Ruth ball starts title defense

Bob Bonnar
NLJ Editor

The Newcastle Longhorns began defense of their back-to-back Senior Babe Ruth state championships in Gillette on April 25, and in the first game of a double-header showcased some of the newly-minted Longhorns who had moved up from the Junior Babe Ruth ranks in the off-season.

According to team spokesman Jay Whitney, a pair of those newcomers — Peyton Tystad and Grant Darrow — split duties on the pitcher's mound in the season opener, and benefitted from defensive contributions by Luke Harris and Cameron Williams to earn a 6-5 victory.

In a press release announcing the start of the 2018 campaign, Whitney said that the Longhorn veterans took the field in game two of the twin bill and cruised to a 6-0 win behind pitchers Ryan Oliver, Cam Quigley and Sawyer Roberson. Whitney told the News Letter Journal that only one Gillette base runner made it to second base in the entire contest.

The Longhorns followed the opening contests with a weekend trip to Buffalo, and on Sunday sent the same trio to the mound to face the Bison in the opening game of the double-header.

"The first game saw the Longhorns jump out to an early lead and coast to a win with convincing pitching perfor-

mances," Whitney wrote in the release, noting that the 10-6 Longhorn win was marred by a 30-minute rain delay and "rapid dipping temperatures."

Whitney said the temperature continued to drop in game two, and fierce winds began to come into play when Jake Lacey took the mound to start the contest.

According to Whitney, Buffalo rallied to tie the game 4-4 in the fourth inning after Newcastle scored the first runs of the contest. He said that Lacey would go on to twirl a complete game, however, and Newcastle would use aggressive base-running to tack ten more tallies on the board and cruise to a 14-4 victory.

"The games were well

attended by the Longhorn faithful, who actually outnumbered the Buffalo fans," Whitney said.

He indicated that the team's schedule is "still evolving," but that multiple tournaments and some home games are planned in the next weeks. Whitney also said the 4-0 start matches the beginning of last year's successful campaign.

"Coaches John Lacey and Ron Behnke expressed comfort with the good start," Whitney said.

The coaches probably felt even better a few days later when the team welcomed Gillette to the field in Newcastle on May 2 for their home opener.

Whitney reported that Gillette's pitchers struggled

to find the strike zone in the first game of the evening, and Newcastle rolled to a 16-1 win in a game called in the fourth inning for the mercy rule.

"The second game proved to be a different matter, with Gillette using more seasoned pitchers," Whitney wrote in a press release.

He said Newcastle jumped out to an early lead in the contest, but Gillette came back to tie the game at 4-4 in the third inning.

"In the fifth inning, the Longhorns again took what appeared to be a commanding lead," Whitney said, noting that the Newcastle team scored four more runs in that frame.

The Longhorns spokesman said Gillette fought back to

take a 10-8 lead with a six-run rally in the final inning, but Newcastle's offensive prowess would prove too much for the visiting team in the end.

Whitney reported that Isaac Prell, Lyle Whitney and Ryan Oliver led off the final inning by all getting on base, and then used aggressive base running to take the contest at 10.

"Gillette purposely loaded the bases to try to generate some easy outs, but the strategy backfired as veteran player Cam Quigley hit a walk-off single," Whitney announced.

The 6-0 Longhorns were set to welcome Belle Fourche to Newcastle on Monday for double-header action, but results weren't yet available at press time.

Dogie men fall short to close out season

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Newcastle Dogies closed the book on their season, which head coach Josh Peterson admitted was a rebuilding year, with a 0-3 loss in the State Play-in game against Cody last Saturday in Worland.

Though the Dogies were held scoreless for the duration, there was no question the young squad competed hard as the score remained at 0-1 through the 65th minute of play.

"I really can't complain about how the guys played," Peterson declared. "We had a couple of chances early in the second half but were unable to finish, and then we just made a couple of little mistakes that they were able to capitalize on to score their three goals."

Defensively, the Dogies played what Peterson described as their best game of the year, aside from the small mistakes which allowed the Broncos to score. However, the offensive issues that have plagued the team all season kept them from putting any balls into the back of the net.

"We have struggled all year with creating chances on goal in the final third of the field," Peterson explained. "We just couldn't seem to put an attack together, and had some problems with our decision making and creating enough space to get a

good shot off."

During the contest, the Dogies did manage to fire six shots on goal, but compared to the Broncos' 34 shots, the offensive story was pretty lopsided.

Peterson cautioned that the offensive end of the game didn't necessarily tell the whole story of how things played out.

"They had a lot more shots on goal than we did, but it really didn't feel like they were pushing the ball down our throats," he emphasized. "I thought we played pretty even in the midfield, matching them with runs, but I think with our youth we just didn't have the experience to put it together in the end."

After losing their goal keeper and front line to graduation several young athletes were thrust into those pivotal roles, so Peterson was aware there would be a learning curve that would have to be met.

"Creating those chances for a shot is probably the hardest part of the game, so with more experience that area of the game will improve," he nodded. "We had some really young guys who have never played those positions at the varsity level, but we should definitely take some steps forward next year after they have

this season of experience under their belts."

Rookie keeper Bradyn Frye faced a trial by fire this year as he stepped into the goal with the responsibility of keeping the ball out, and over the course of the season showed marked improvement. "Bradyn did a really nice job on Saturday, making 31 saves," Peterson nodded. "He had probably his best game of the year making some pretty amazing saves, and it was exciting and fun to watch him."

With the season behind them, Peterson reflected on his team's progress, and despite a less than stellar record determined that the future looks bright for his squad.

"Our record wasn't great, but that was to be expected with how young we were, and when you look at the teams we played throughout the season most of our losses came against really good teams who have a lot of experience," he declared. "Most of those teams are at the State Tournament this weekend, so I think the level of competition we had was really high."

In looking toward next spring, the Dogies will be returning all but one starter to the pitch, which also bodes well.

Newcastle Boys Soccer

3A East Regional Play-in Game

Newcastle v. Cody 5/12/18: 0-3

Jacob Rhoades: 3 shots on goal
Kyle Haslam: 2 shots on goal
Carson Bock: 1 shot on goal
Bradyn Frye: 31 saves



Collin Dudzinski beat a Cody Bronc to the ball in the Dogies' Regional play-in game last Saturday. Newcastle battled hard, but ended their season with a 0-3 loss. (Photo courtesy of Alex Kuhn)

"Returning 10 starters helps us out so much," he exclaimed. "Our freshmen came into varsity level play this year and made some major contributions, and as a team I think we progressed nicely through the year and showed a great deal of improvement."

Ladies from page 11

— Emily Pearson, Tayler Ford, Halle McCoy, Erika Schultz and Riley Coburn.

"I want to thank our five seniors," Hoffman smiled. "Halle, Erika, and Riley joined us late as juniors, but each was able to contribute at the varsity level over the course of two years. Tayler competed with us for three seasons, sitting out as a sophomore with an ACL injury. Emily Pearson was a solid contributor for four years and was an important piece of our defense in 2016, which made a run to the state semifinals before finishing fourth at the State Tournament. As a coaching staff we will miss them, and we are thankful for

Newcastle Girls Soccer

3A East Regional Play-in Game

Newcastle v. Worland 5/12/18: 0-6

Caitlyn Pehringer: 2 shots on goal
Lara Lopez: 1 shot on goal
Halley Wehri - 1 shot on goal
Shelby Davis: 7 saves
Erika Schultz: 1 save

their contributions to Dogie soccer."


In looking toward next season Hoffman is excited about who is returning to the pitch, and their chances at making a run for the State Tournament, but admitted that in order to make that a reality he had work to do.

"I believe we had a team that was talented enough to reach the State Tournament

this year, but I did not do a good enough job preparing them in a manner that allowed for consistent play on the field," he sighed. "In 2019 I need to do a better job to develop that consistency, so we can put ourselves into a better spot to qualify for the State Tournament."

Senior Taylor Ford ended her career as a Lady Dogie last Saturday, but she will moving on to the collegiate ranks next year. Pictured here, Ford lines up for a corner kick in last week's senior night matchup against Lander. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)





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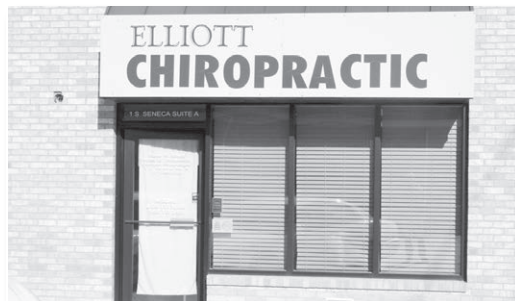
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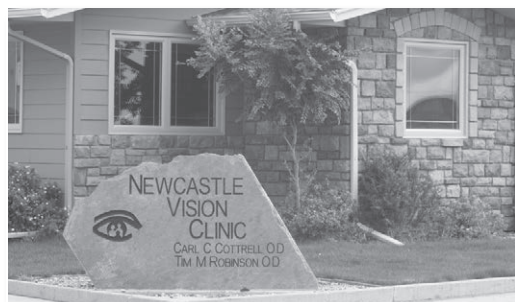
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Newcastle City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018

Mayor Debra Piana called this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Piana; Council members Roger Hesse, Don Steveson, Michael Alexander, Tom Voss and Todd Quigley. Also present were Department heads City Engineer Mike Moore, City Attorney Jim Peck and City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James. City Police Chief Jim Owens, Councilman Steve Ladwig and Councilman Todd Quigley were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Don Steveson moved, seconded Michael Alexander to approve the agenda as amended, adding John Larsen reference personnel, sewer forgiveness for Don Thorson under Citizen's Business in Writing, and removing executive session. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Roger Hesse moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday April 16, 2018 and the Executive Session minutes of Monday, April 16, 2018 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: None CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION:

- 1. Presented to Elizabeth Heberling for her new business, D&E Take N Bake Pizza
2. Mailed to Amanda Bench and Ginger Fields for their Sweet Country Angels cat rescue.
3. Mailed to Justin Liggett for his new business, Minuteman Lube Center.
4. Mailed to Corey Pillen for his business, Corey's Barber Shop.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—IN WRITING:

1. Mr. Don Thorson presented a letter requesting forgiveness for a portion of his sewer bill in the amount of One Hundred-five dollars and 99 cents (\$105.99) because of a large water leak. Michael Alexander moved, seconded Roger Hesse to approve this request. MOTION CARRIED.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—VERBAL:

1. Father Tim Martensen and Joe Sandrini were present to discuss the parking situation around the Catholic Church. They said they wished to be neighborly, and did not want to cause problems, but how are they to know where the parishioners may correctly park. There had been several tickets for parking violations issued. Two home owners from the neighborhood were present to speak about the parking issues and it was acknowledged that two emails from other adjacent property owners were also received. After discussion, the property owners were instructed to post clear signs prohibiting parking in front of their homes. Mr. Peck stated he would discuss the matter with Police Chief Jim Owens.

2. Mr. John Larsen was present to offer complaints about how he believes the City of Newcastle, and specifically current Clerk/Treasurer Greg James previously miss-handled City business relating to the second railroad track laid by Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad. Mr. Larsen claims the pile driving for the added bridge support and the increased rail traffic damaged his house. Most recently he claims the City was responsible for the sewer backup that flooded his garage. After listening to Mr. Larsen, the Mayor and City Council advised him to file a claim for damages.

PUBLIC HEARING: as advertised at 7:15 p.m. to consider the sale of vacant city lots. The hearing was held in conjunction with the requirements of Wyoming Statute 15-1-112(b) (iii). Mayor Piana opened the hearing and called for public comment. The record reflects there was no public comment. Roger Hesse moved, seconded Don Steveson to pass Resolution #6, Series 2018. The heading reads: RESOLUTION TO SELL LOT 2, BLOCK 3, AND LOTS 1, 4 AND 5, BLOCK 2 WASHINGTON PARK RESUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WYOMING. MOTION CARRIED. Tom Voss moved, seconded Michael Alexander

to authorize the Mayor to sign the sales contracts with four local realtors. MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:

1. Councilman Tom Voss reported on the efforts to organize a bicycle group in Newcastle and their efforts to sponsor events to bring people to our area. Jessica Bettorf, Community Recreation Director has been offering assistance. There is a bicycle challenge race on the Flying V trail tentatively scheduled for October 13 and 14, 2018.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

1. City Attorney Jim Peck noted the lease agreement between the City of Newcastle and Collin Communications was completed and signed by Collins. Roger Hesse moved, seconded Michael Alexander to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. MOTION CARRIED. The lease agreement is for Collins to place a telecommunications tower on City property by the orange water tank.

2. City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James presented a written report from Chief Owens. Roger Hesse moved, seconded Michael Alexander to approve a \$.50 per hour raise for Sergeant Richard Hillhouse for completing his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. MOTION CARRIED. Mr. James noted the candidate filing period was May 17, 2018 through June 1, 2018. He also noted WAM needed the voting delegate selection by Friday, May 11, 2018. Michael Alexander moved, seconded Tom Voss to appoint Senior Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Deb Mills as Newcastle's official voting delegate. MOTION CARRIED.

3. City Police Chief Jim Owens was absent, but presented a written report. He noted the monthly statistics, Mr. John Cummings had resigned as custodian and he was searching for a replacement, and the Drug Take Back netted 33.8 pounds turned over to the DEA.

4. City Engineer Mike Moore recommended appointing Doug Sankey to the Newcastle Tree Board. Michael Alexander moved, seconded Roger Hesse to approve this recommendation. MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Moore reported the Newcastle Lodge had been issued a conditional occupancy permit allowing them to open for business. Wyoming Wyolink inquired about putting a radio tower up near the orange water tank. By consensus, the City Council okayed further review and surveying. Mr. Moore recommended hiring Gideon Dixon as a part-time gate attendant at the landfill at the rate of \$11.00 per hour. Tom Voss moved, seconded Roger Hesse to approve this request. MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Moore recommended adding three members to the Newcastle Plumbing Board; Brian Olsen, Luke Dowdy and David Hopkins. Roger Hesse moved, seconded Michael Alexander to approve this request. MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Moore reported he had received the drainage report for the City lots on Salem, said he made some suggestions and was waiting the return. The Newcastle Little League had submitted a project request to purchase and install some playground equipment for little children in the ball field area. The Little League would pay for purchase and installation. Michael Alexander moved, seconded Tom Voss to approve the request, working through the City Engineer's office. MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Moore brought for consideration Resolution #7, Series 2018. The heading reads: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ACCEPTANCE FROM THE WYOMING WATER DEVELOPEMNT COMMISSION (WWDC) OF LEVEL III CONSTRUCTION FUNDING ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, FOR THE PRUPOSE OF: DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION TO CONNECT WELL NO. 5 INTO THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM AND OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS. Roger Hesse moved, seconded Michael Alexander to pass Resolution #7, Series 2018. MOTION CARRIED.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: Brief report on the Sanitation Committee meeting with

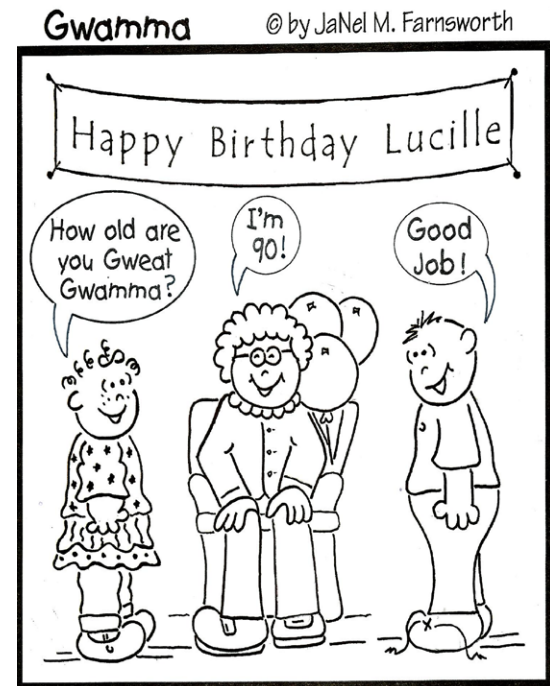
Meeting Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the Wyoming Community Development Authority (WCDA) will hold a Board work session beginning at 1:00 pm, Tuesday, May 29, 2018, and a Board meeting beginning at 8:30 am, Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at the offices of WCDA, 155 N. Beech, Casper, WY.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss general business of the Authority. An agenda is available at the offices of WCDA at 155 N. Beech, Casper, WY 82601.

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new Landfill District Board member Bob Hartley. A work meeting with the full Council will need to be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Roger Hesse moved, seconded Don Steveson to pay the claims against the City dated May 7, 2018. MOTION CARRIED. Tom Voss moved, seconded Michael Alexander to adjourn this meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 9:13 p.m. MEETING ADJOURNED.

Claims: American Business Solutions, website work, \$62.58; Jillian Armstrong, water deposit refund, \$12.10; BCN Telecom, Inc., long distance, \$152.99; Bearlodge Engineering & Surveying, surveying/drafting, \$8155.00; Black Hills Energy, electric/natural gas service, \$12,225.26; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming, employee medical insurance, \$36,673.63; Blue Star Police Supply, LLC, uniforms, \$171.92; Butler Machinery Co., parts, \$551.33; Cambria Supply, supplies/materials, \$1645.66; Century Link, E-911 data service, \$1001.81; City of Newcastle, WA/SW/GA—office/recreation/ fire hall, \$472.41; Cami Clarke, water deposit refund, \$65.10; Croell, Inc., concrete, \$187.50; Culligan Water Conditioning, bottled water, \$91.00; Deckers Food Center, housekeeping supplies, \$203.46; Derek's Field Service, landfill machinery repair, \$556.50; Jolene Dietrich, water deposit refund, \$76.77; R. Douglas Dumbrell, May 2018 municipal judge, \$1074.90; Farnsworth Services Co., Inc., portable sanitation, \$500.00; Ferguson Waterworks, meters, \$9017.11; Fired Up Rescue, carry handle/rubber foot, \$207.16; Fisher Sand & Gravel, gravel, \$778.86; Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, supplies/materials, \$767.74; Hansen Equipment, trimmer line/oil/ parts, \$949.00; Sharyl Huntington, water deposit refund, \$133.12; Local Government Liability Pool, claim settlements, \$3158.67; Mastercard, supplies/travel/training/fuel, \$4236.56; Mitchell Services, culvert/meter pit \$962.00; Marsha Moon, water deposit refund, \$189.82; Mountain

View Plumbing & Contracting, ball field water heater, \$421.00; Newcastle Ambulance Service, May 2018 ambulance, \$8333.33; Newcastle Police Dept., reimburse postage, \$37.24; Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept., pensions, \$4500.00; News Letter Journal, legals/office supplies/advertising, \$3362.60; James M. Peck, May 2018 attorney fees, \$2800.00; Pepsi of Gillette, fire dept., \$194.00; Postmaster, stamps, \$350.00; Public Agency Training Co., fire/ arson training, \$495.00; Rapid Delivery, Inc., parts delivery, \$52.91; Rocking Tree Garden, trees/shrubs, \$900.67; RT Communications, Inc., county share, \$328.20; RT Communications, Inc., phones/E911 service, \$2588.56; Russell Industries, Inc., pump controls, \$1080.00; Shopko Stores Operating Co., Inc., computer equipment/housekeeping, \$256.41; Bryand Streeter, May 2018 airport wages, \$1158.75; Mary I. Taylor, water deposit refund, \$14.15; Top Office Products, Inc., PD copy charge, \$122.49; Transource, parts, \$221.92; Verizon, cell phones, \$613.21; Becky Vodopich, office cleaning, \$360.50; Voelker's Autobody/Glass, vehicle alignment, \$75.00; WEBT, employee life insurance, \$106.25; Weston County Health Services, emergency services, \$21.00; Weston County Treasurer, county handling charge/ law enf. ctr. utilities, \$979.76; Weston County Humane Society, food fee, \$27.00; Weston County School District #1, April 2018 recreation director, \$2393.48; Weston County True Value, propane & cleaner, \$18.37; Wyoming Automotive Co., parts, \$2426.57; Wyoming Department of Transportation, license plates, \$5.00; Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy, training, \$1290.00; Wyoming Office of State Lands & Investments, SFR loan payment, \$9736.20.

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

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Election Notice

WESTON COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION PROCLAMATION

August 21, 2018 Primary Election Day

The last day to register to vote with County Clerk or City Clerk is August 6, 2018. Voter Registration is permitted at the polls on Primary Election Day. Proof of identity is required to register to vote.

If you require assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write, you may be given assistance by a person of your choice. Also, if you have any questions regarding the accessibility of your polling place please contact your County Clerk.

Polling Places in Weston County

- 1-1, 1-2, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3 — State Forestry Building, 431 Delaware Ave., Newcastle, WY 82701
2-1 — Osage Fire Department, 463 Nefsy Ave, Osage, WY 82723
3-1, 4-1 — Upton Community Center, 917 N. Hwy 116, Upton, WY 82730

Filing Dates and Office

File Applications for Election with the: Secretary of State: May 17, 2018 through June 1, 2018 for Federal and State Offices, including State Legislature,

County Clerk: May 17 through June 1, 2018 for County Offices, Precinct Committeemen and Precinct Committeewomen and August 8 through August 28, 2018 School Board Trustee filing. City Clerk: May 17 through June 1, 2018 for Municipal Offices.

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AT PRIMARY

Table with 3 columns: No., Title, Term. Lists officers for Precincts 1-1 & 5-3 and All other precincts 1-2, 2-1, 3-1, 4-1, 5-1, & 5-2.

PARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED BY EACH PARTY AT THE PRIMARY

Table with 3 columns: No., Title, Term. Lists partisan officers such as United States Senator, Governor, Secretary of State, etc.

NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED AT THE PRIMARY

(The number of officers to be nominated at the Primary Election and brought forward to the General Election is equal to twice the number to be elected at the General Election.) The numbers given below are the number of officials that will be elected at the General Election.

Table with 3 columns: CITY OF NEWCASTLE (Precincts 5-1, 5-2, 5-3), TOWN OF UPTON (Precinct 4-1), SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 2-1, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3), SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (Precincts 3-1, 4-1).

Filing Dates for School District Trustees to be voted on at the General Election are: August 8, 2018 through August 28, 2018.

CAMPAIGN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All Candidates, Committees and Political Action Committees, except precinct committeemen and committeewomen must file a statement of receipts by August 14, 2018.

All Candidates, Committees, and Political Action Committees, except precinct committeemen and committeewomen, whether successful or not, must file a statement of receipts and expenditures by August 31, 2018. Candidates for county and municipal offices file with the County Clerk; State or legislative candidates file with the Secretary of State.

The Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. Absentee ballots will be available from July 6, 2018 through Election Day. Polling places are: Upton Community Center, Osage Fire Hall, and Newcastle State Forestry Building. Registration is permissible on Election Day. ID is required to register.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2018.

Jill Sellers Weston County Clerk

(Publish May 17, 2018)

Legal Notice

DISTRICT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF TIERNAN ELIZABETH-ANN DETIENNE

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that Candi Stanton has on the 11th day of April, 2018 filed an Amended Petition with the District Court of Weston County, Wyoming, requesting that her minor child's name be changed from Tiernan Elizabeth-Ann DeTienne to Tiernan Elizabeth-Ann Stanton. Any objections to the Amended Petition for Change of Name must be filed in writing in said court, with a copy to Petitioner's Attorney, DaNece Day, PO Box 2270, Gillette, Wyoming 82717, on or before (30) days from the last date of publication of this notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my official seal of office of the Clerk of District Court, Weston County, Wyoming, the 1st day of May, 2018.

By the Court: Gidget Macke Clerk of the District Court

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Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the Application of Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE or the Company), for authority to revise the Fuel, Lost and Unaccounted for Gas Percentages (FL&U) in all of its Divisions, as more fully described below.

BHE is a natural gas public utility as defined by Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

On March 1, 2018, BHE filed its annual application requesting approval to revise its FL&U gas percentages as directed by the Commission. The Company seeks to [i] decrease the percentage applicable to the mainline customers in BHE's Casper Division; [ii] increase the increase the percentage applicable to the distribution transportation customers in BHE's Casper Division; [iii] increase the percentage applicable to the Choice Gas Program customers in BHE's Casper Division; [iv] increase the percentage applicable to Storage Injection in BHE's Casper Division; [v] decrease the percentage applicable to the distribution transportation customers in BHE's Gillette Division; [vi] increase the percentage for the reconciliation process applicable to the Choice Gas Program Suppliers in BHE's Gillette Division; [vii] increase the percentage applicable to the distribution transportation customers in BHE's Torrington Division; and [viii] increase the percentage for the reconciliation process applicable to the Choice Gas Program Suppliers in BHE's Torrington Division. Each increased or decreased FL&U percentage would apply to BHE's Casper, Gillette or Torrington Divisions for the current Choice Gas program year, June 1, 2018, through May 31, 2019.

The Company's proposed FL&U percentages for the Casper Division are [i] 0.351% for mainline system interconnect and mainline system end-users, [ii] 1.743% for Distribution End-Users, [iii] 0.351% for Mainline Transportation - Choice Gas Program, [iv] 3.763% for Storage Injection - Choice Gas Program and [v] 1.488% for Choice Gas Program Supplier FL&U Reconciliation process. The Company's proposed FL&U percentages for the Gillette Division are 2.979%, for Distribution System End-Users and 4.543%, for Choice Gas Program Supplier FL&U Reconciliation Process. The Company's proposed FL&U percentages for the Torrington Division are 0.414%, for Distribution System End-Users and 1.512% for Choice Gas Program Supplier FL&U Reconciliation Process. These figures would replace the current FL&U percentages approved in Docket No. 30022-286-GA-17.

This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect the Application at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at any BHE office located in Casper, Gillette or Torrington, Wyoming. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours or online at: <http://psc.state.wy.us/>.

Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before May 24, 2018. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 30022-305-GA-18 (Record No. 14952) in all correspondence with the Commission.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Dated: May 2, 2017.

(Publish May 10 and 17, 2018)

Foreclosure Notice

FOURTH FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated 08/18/2015 executed and delivered by Mary M. Wood to Premier Home Mortgage, Inc., a Corporation and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by Mary M. Wood, A Married Woman (the "Mortgagors"), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Premier Home Mortgage, Inc., a Corporation, and which Mortgage was recorded on 08/25/2015, as Reception No. 759889, Book 361, Page 416 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Assignment dated: 07/24/2017
Assignment recorded: 07/27/2017
Assignment recording information: Reception No. 763455, Book 373, Page 1023
763455 Book 373 of Photos, Page 1023
All in the records of the County clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, Wyoming.

WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagee declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$ 175,119.75 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$166,221.93 plus Interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$5,638.42 plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid;

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(Publish April 26, May 3, 10 and 17, 2018)

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(Publish May 17, 2018)

Fun and Games

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- Meat jelly dish
- *Sierra Nevada country
- Cut the crop
- Bake an egg
- Cattle prod
- Notre-Dame sounds
- Orange type of tea
- Hula dancer's necklace
- Door fasteners
- *North American Cordillera's highest peak
- *Himalayan peak
- *Type of resort
- Monetary unit of Xi Jinping's country
- Nothing alternative
- Big rig
- Bloody Mary juice
- Byproduct of combing wool
- Hermes and Apollo
- Whitman's famous flower reference
- Small European freshwater fish
- "This _____" on a box
- Country dance formation
- _____ vs. pathos
- Swing seat?
- Long adventure story
- Japanese warriors' religion
- Red Cross supplies
- Duke of Cambridge to Prince of Wales
- Foot curve
- Boiling blood
- *Highest mountain in Cascade Range
- *Highest peak in Russia
- "_____ a high note"
- Increase
- Shrek and Fiona
- Deals
- Just one of #61 Down
- Ann Oakley's show
- What Simon does
- "Swan Lake" steps
- Lumberjack's leftover

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Jake Lacey tried his hand at the discus this season, and though his season is over in that event, Lacey will be representing the Dogies at the State meet this week as a member of two qualifying relay teams. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

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runner, and when she took the handoff we were a ways behind. She went out hot, so I was a little concerned, but she made up ground early and held it all the way through! That was fun for a freshman to step up and compete like that.”

In addition to the relays, Henkle will be competing in the 100 and 400 Meter races, Voelker in the 100 and 200 Meter dashes, Coy in the 200 Meter, the long jump and the high jump, Carson Quigley in

the long jump and triple jump and McGuire in the 1600 Meter run. Other Lady Dogies who made the cut include Makenzie Wagoner in the discus and Lauren Steveson in both the discus and the shot put.

For the men, Cam Quigley will man both relays and compete in the 800 Meter run, Grayson Ramsey will also be running in the relays and the 110 Meter hurdles while his twin, Gunnar, will be a part of the 4x100 relay and compete

on his own in the high jump.

The State Meet takes place this Thursday through Saturday in Casper. It will open with Ostenson in the long jump at 11:00 on Thursday, and will finish with the two 4x400 Meter relay teams in action on Saturday. See the schedule of events that Dogies will be participating in, and if you cannot make it to Casper, the NFHS network will be covering the meet live for a minimal fee.

Newcastle Dogie Track
3A East Regional Track Meet @ Douglas 5/10-11/2018

<p>Women's Team Results:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Douglas 156.50 Buffalo 126 Torrington 89 Thermopolis 81 Newcastle 80 Rawlins 57 Worland 56.50 Wheatland 37 <p>Women's Individual Results:</p> <p>100M: Prelims</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Henkle 13.53 Q Lexus Voelker 13.80 Q <p>Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Henkle 13.47 Lexus Voelker 13.89 <p>200M: Prelims</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lexus Voelker 27.64 Q Grace Coy 29.35 Q <p>Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lexus Voelker 27.90 Grace Coy 30.30 <p>400M:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Henkle 1:01.74 PR Q <p>1600M:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hailey McGuire 6:13.83 Q <p>4x100M Relay: 52.02 Q</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Henkle, Grace Coy, Carson Quigley, Lexus Voelker 	<p>4x400M Relay 4:21.66 Q</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lexus Voelker, Carson Quigley, Hailey McGuire, Sarah Henkle <p>Shot Put:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lauren Steveson 28-05.50 PR Q Laurey Sweet 26-01 Makenzie Wagoner 25-00 Honesty Olson 22-07.50 <p>Discus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Makenzie Wagoner 88-04 PR Q Lauren Steveson 88-01 PR Q Honesty Olson 77-08 Lauren Steveson 62-01 <p>High Jump:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Grace Coy 4-07 Q <p>Long Jump:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Grace Coy 15-05 Q <p>Carson Quigley 15-02.50 Q</p> <p>Triple Jump:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Carson Quigley 31-10-50 Q <p>Men's Team Results:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Buffalo 157.50 Torrington 122.50 Worland 122 Douglas 119 Newcastle 58.25 Wheatland 49 Rawlins 37 Thermopolis 30.75 	<p>Men's Individual Results:</p> <p>100M: Prelims</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dylan Drost 12.29 Chauncey Jenerou 13.34 Skylar Jenkins 13.79 Luke Harris 14.48 <p>200M: Prelims</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jake Lacey 24.93 Dillon Kenney 27.19 Dylan Drost 27.19 Isaac Prell 27.60 <p>400M:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dillon Kenney 57.33 <p>800M:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cam Quigley 2:03.08 PR Q Zach Purviance 2:11.27 PR <p>1600M:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Peyton Purviance 5:50.32 Carson Quigley 5:51.29 <p>3200M:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Peyton Purviance 12:53.56 <p>110M Hurdles: Prelims</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cade Ostenson 16.38 Q Grayson Ramsey 17.30 Q <p>Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cade Ostenson 16.58 Grayson Ramsey 18.64 <p>300M Hurdles: Prelims</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cade Ostenson 42.81 Q <p>Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cade Ostenson 43.09 	<p>4x100M Relay: 45.57 Q</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jake Lacey, Cam Quigley, Gunnar Ramsey, Grayson Ramsey <p>4x400M Relay: 3:37.86 Q</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jake Lacey, Zach Purviance, Grayson Ramsey, Cam Quigley <p>4x800M Relay: 9:16.59</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Zach Purviance, Gunnar Ramsey, Isaac Prell, Cam Quigley <p>SMR 200-200-400-800M Relay: 4:12.73</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gunnar Ramsey, Dillon Kenney, Grayson Ramsey, Zach Purviance <p>Shot Put Final:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sawyer Roberson 38-00 Chauncey Jenerou 34-04.50 Alex Peterson 34-00 <p>Discus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dayton Williams 109-10 Skylar Jenkins 91-09 Isaiah Brooks 62-10 James Cox 59-01 <p>High Jump Final:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gunnar Ramsey 5-04 Q NH Christian Santos <p>Long Jump Final:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cade Ostenson 20-11.75 Q Luke Harris 14-04.50 Isaac Prell 14.01.75 <p>Triple Jump Final:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cade Ostenson 41-00.50 Q
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I've seen what results when this kind of action is taken, and I have to say that it usually isn't very pretty.

Understandably, there has been some pretty vocal backlash at the board's decision from cheerleaders who made the squad as well as their parents.

I was happy to see that one cheerleader went to the board and made the statement that some might be afraid to voice. She said that she hadn't worked hard for 18 months to make the squad, only to find out that anyone who wanted to could also be a part of it.

Her talent and hard work had put her in a position to be part of a sport, but now that those who neither had the requisite skills, nor had put in the work to acquire them could just sashay their way into a uniform, the quality of the team as a whole was bound to suffer.

The decision was justified by the school, who claimed that the move was intended to make cheerleading more inclusive, but my question is should it be?

Though it is true that other high school sports may also allow any who are interested to be part of the team, those sports also only allow the top athletes to compete at the varsity level, and those who cannot make the cut at any level often do not see playing time at all.

I wonder if the school will apply that same principle to the cheer squad.

At any rate, the policy change is apparently under review at this time and there is a possibility to reverse it, but who knows what will happen in this society where participation medals are handed out like candy at a parade.

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