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It's time to get out and vote!

Alexis Barker NLJ Reporter

Wyoming residents will join voters in 36 other states casting ballots for their governors in the 2018 general election on Nov. 6. Wyoming voters have four gubernatorial candidates to

choose from in this year's top-ticket race.

Republican Mark Gordon beat out several heavy-hitting competitors in a newsworthy primary gubernatorial race that takes the current state treasurer to favorite position for the governor's seat. Gordon faces Democrat Mary

Throne, who according to governing. com, is "moderate enough to be a credible candidate." but any Democrat faces "long odds" in Wyoming.

Constitutional candidate for governor Rex "T-Rex" Rammell has run local campaigns through newspaper advertising and has several signs scatGerard Struempf rounds out the gubernatorial race for Wyoming as the Libertarian Party candidate.

Other state races are not nearly as contested as the gubernatorial race, with three candidates for secretary of state: Republican incumbent Edward

tered throughout Newcastle. Lawrence Buchanan, Democrat James W. Byrd and Libertarian Kit Carson III. Voters have two candidates to choose from for state auditor: Republican Kristi Racines and Democrat Jeff Dockter.

Both Republican Curt Meier

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Here comes the jester



Community story told with calendar

Hannah Gross NLJ Correspondent

The community calendar has been around longer than most people can remember, and after a brief hiatus the tradition was continued last year when the Lion's Club partnered with the News Letter Journal to create this calendar for the community.

"It's always been a fundraiser for the Lions Club," said club member Leonard Nack.

The calendar depicts the daily life of the local community by marking birthdays and anniversaries for community members, and last year began displaying pictures that "celebrate living in Newcastle and Weston County," according to Bob Bonnar, publisher/editor of News Letter Journal.

"One of the jobs of the

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Re-learning the rules of the road

Jen Kocher NLJ Correspondent

Court jester Westin Stevenson, from Miss Kiyoe's Bert and Ernie classroom at Weston County Children's Center, was among the many little ones that visited downtown businesses on Monday and Tuesday for trick-or-treating. (Pam Penfield/NLJ)

The students leaned over their handbooks as instructor Jane Capps helped them fill out registration cards and explained the layout for the day. Water, snacks and coffee had been provided by Weston County Senior Services, she explained to the nearly dozen students in the AARP-sponsored senior driver's safety class Oct. 23. The students ranged in age from 65 to upwards of 90.

Most of the class, if not all, were there mainly to get a discount in their insurance. But other students, such as 67-year-old Ann McColley, were there for the dual benefit of retooling their own knowledge. Having worked for Shell Pipeline for 44 years, now Bridger Pipeline, McColley had taken defensive driving

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Beaver Creek watershed study identifies 79 projects

Jen Kocher

NLJ Correspondent

The Weston County Natural Resource District wrapped up its Beaver Creek watershed study with 79 identified projects at a final public meeting. The study paves the way for area landowners to apply for funding for watershed projects. A handful of area ranchers and landowners attended the meeting on Oct. 16 at the USDA office in Newcastle.

funded by the Wyoming Water Development Office and conducted by Lincolnbased Olsson Associates, evaluated watershed conditions, needs, and opportunities on rangelands, irrigated lands, wetlands and streams to assess local watershed function and to identify resource concerns and opportunities for improvements.

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predominately private land, with the remainder federal and state land, and includes the primary streams of Beaver Creek, Stockade Beaver Creek, Parmalee Creek, Bear Creek, Salt Creek, Sweetwater Creek, Freshwater Creek, Oil Creek, West Plum Creek, Big Plum Creek and Skull Creek and tributaries in the Cheyenne watershed, Spencer (LAK) and Klodt reservoirs.

One of the primary reasons The study, which was for the study was to establish eligibility for state funding for watershed projects through the WWDO's Small Water Project Program, which offers grants up to \$35,000 for approved projects.

Engineers from Olsson spent the past year visiting more than 40 ranches and privately owned land throughout the county and came up with 79 projects for the report, The Beaver Creek watershed ranging from livestock/wildlife watering projects, water

acres, of which 74 percent is supply storage and irrigation systems. Some of these projects were specifically requested by landowners, while others serve as prototypes from which landowners can base their own applications.

For each proposed project, Olsson provided an assessment with project description, conceptual site map and cost estimate, as well as help identifying various programs and funding sources.

"This study was a long time coming," said Jodee Pring, a WWDO supervisor, who explained that it was one of eight conducted statewide.

As one source of funding for watershed projects, the state water development office, as of Sept. 12, has \$139,866 budgeted for new development projects and plans to request an additional budget increase of \$2,000,000 at its November commission meeting. If granted, this will bring the account up to \$2,139,866.

The agency also has an additional \$130,551 budgeted for rehabilitation projects, and the group will also request a budget increase of \$700,000 for those projects for a total of \$830,551.

The money is there for watershed improvement projects, Pring said.

"Typically, no project is turned away due to lack of funding," she said. "It's usually because the project didn't meet the scope of necessary requirements.'

The state agency is only one of the available sources of funding, according to Pring,

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Weston County Natural **Resource District wrapped up** its Beaver Creek watershed study with 79 identified projects, paving the way for area landowners to apply for funding for watershed projects.







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Gearing up for the holidays



Jolene Olseson, above, tries on one of the shawls with the help of Shelly Degroat at the Weston County Manor Bazaar on Oct. 20. The bazaar was one of many sure to be held in the coming months as the holiday season begins. Below, Bunny Carro rummages through the many handcrafted garments at the bazaar. (Photos by Alexis Barker/NLJ)



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and Democrat Chris Lowry will appear on Brian Pischke, Rachel Blumenthal, Dana Gordon the general election ballot as candidates for state treasurer. Republican and incumbent Jillian Balow is running unopposed for superintendent of public instruction.

southern Weston County have two candidates No. 7. The 10 candidates vying for those spots to choose from: Republican Cheri E. Steinmetz are Woodrow Gaughenbaugh (incumbent), Jaki

(incumbent), Mathew Gorman, Regg Hagge and Jason Jenkins. Voters will choose four candidates.

Three seats on the board of trustees are in Those living in Senate District No. 3 in contention in Weston County School District



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and Democrat Marci Shaver. Current state representative for House Dist. No. 2, Hans Hunt, is running unopposed in the general election, as is Senate Dist. No. 1 Sen. Ogden Driskill, a Republican, and House Dist. 1 State Rep. Tyler Lindholm, a Republican.

Three Republicans fill the ballot for Weston County commissioners: Tony Barton, Marty Ertman, and Nathan Todd. They are unopposed.

Republicans running unopposed for county offices are incumbents Cynthia Crabtree for coroner, Bryan Colvard for sheriff, Susan Overman for treasurer, Tina Conklin for assessor and Gidget Macke for clerk of district court. Also running unopposed are Republicans Alex Berger for county attorney and Becky Hadlock for clerk.

In the Newcastle City Council nonpartisan race, a total of six candidates are running for three seats. Karl Lacey, Ann McColley, Donald Steveson, Thomas Voss, Daren L. Downs and Pam Gualtieri all sealed their spots on the general election ballot during the 2018 primary election, the top three vote-getters will take seats on the Newcastle City Council.

In Upton, Travis Beck and Jenifer Hicks both received enough write-in votes during the primary election to appear on the ballot as the two candidates for mayor. Running for the two open town council seats in Upton are Russell Gray, Jenifer Hicks, Dennis Stirmel and Joe Watt.

Nine candidates' names are on the ballot for the Weston County School District No. 1 board of trustees: Robert "Dean" Johnson (incumbent), Kasey Keeler, Marcia Lambert (incumbent),

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who noted that the proposed projects also help identify additional funding sources for which landowners may apply.

According to the study, 39 of the proposed projects fall under livestock and wildlife. Some of the projects had been identified in the past and range from developing springs, windmill conversion, groundwater wells, solar powered pumps, stock tanks, pipeline and fencing. Cost estimates range from \$5,000 for well conversion to up to \$700,000 for the installation of a piped water supply.

Gustaf, Donna Kennedy, Gene Knapp (incumbent), Ty Miller, Mark Mitchell, Julie Sindlinger, Toni Watt, Patrick Williams and Kayla Caylor.

Voters will also be asked to approve Proposition No. 1, which states, "Shall Weston County, Wyoming continue to impose a sales and use tax at the rate of one percent (1%) upon retail sales of tangible personal property, admissions and services made within the county to raise funds for general revenue."

"Polling places are all in the general election proclamation that we published," said County Clerk Jill Sellers, who oversees elections. "We have not changed the locations, and voters in Newcastle will vote at the old armory. Upton voters will vote at the Upton Community Center, and Osage voters will vote at the Osage Fire Hall.

Special districts are also scheduling elections for November. Sellers said that these elections are run not by the clerk's office but by the boards in charge of the districts.

Having elections on Nov. 6, the same day as the general election, are the Salt Creek Water District, with candidates' positions being accepted through Oct. 31, and the Sweetwater Improvement and Service District.

The Canyon Improvement and Service District will hold its elections on Nov. 13 at 372 Salt Creek Road from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trustee candidates are Karen Drost, Robert Humes and William Lunney.

Other special districts in Weston County may be holding elections this month as well, but they did not provide public notice of those elections in the News Letter Journal.

breached dams, locating 47 throughout the region.

Twenty-three water supply and storage projects were identified, with project costs ranging from \$15,000 for one pond to \$350,000 for excavation and embankment on new dams. Additionally, 10 irrigation system improvement projects were identified, as well seven other management projects. These projects included vegetation restoration, habitat enhancements and other conservation, with cost estimates ranging from \$1,000 for reveg-

The study also looked for etation to \$150,000 for erosion and sedimentation.

> These projects were not the only ones identified, according to Deb Ohlinger. The senior engineer for Olsson clarified that the proposed projects simply illustrate the types of general projects for which landowners may apply.

> Funding applications can be submitted by the end of November to Lacey Sloan, the district manager for the Weston County Natural Resource District. For more information, contact Sloan at the district office at 746-3264.



DIMION News Letter Journal

Our View Voting made easy

You will notice in the second section of this week's newspaper that we changed our format for the voter primer that we provided for you in preparation for next week's general election. Instead of asking each of the candidates a series of questions - as we have done for decades — we simply gave them a word limit and asked them to tell you about themselves and what they hope to accomplish if they are elected.

We simplified the format for a couple of reasons. The first was to allow candidates to provide information about themselves to voters with as little filter as possible. No 'fake news' here!

The second reason we changed the format was to encourage more candidates to respond and help residents make informed decisions on election day. That is, after all, the reason we offer comprehensive election guides to residents and readers every two years - to give busy voters a single resource where they can find as much information as possible about the election they are about to participate in.

Unfortunately, the number of candidates who chose to participate (at no charge) in the election guide in this issue didn't increase substantially because of our new format. Every effort was made to provide our brief survey to candidates and remind them of deadlines through the contact information they provided when they filed for election locally or at the state level. We apologize if there is no information in this edition about a candidate you hoped to learn more about, but assure you that significant efforts were made to collect responses from every candidate and all of them were given an equal opportunity to participate.

We are proud to say that what you find in the second section of this newspaper is still the most comprehensive and informative resource about the general election in Weston County that exists, and we hope it serves you well.

Please read the responses provided in the General Election Preview before you enjoy the privilege of voting next Tuesday, and be proud of the fact that you made the effort to learn as much about the choices in front of you as we could offer you.

Sweets for soldiers

The average trick-or-treating kid can consume around three cups of sugar or about 7,000 calories worth of candy on or around Halloween, according to fortune.com. For context, that is 675 grams of sugar, the same as chomping down 169 standard sugar cubes.

In an effort to combat the overzealous candy consumption that occurs this time of year, Black Hills Dental, owned by Kristine and Seth Rhoades, will be hosting a candy buyback in the days

excess and candy they may not like. "It is a way for parents to get

candy out of their house," Seth said. "And we are only paying in chamber bucks, so the money will stay in town."

Seth noted that a fellow dentist from Buffalo informed the couple that he receives roughly 100 pounds of candy every year doing the candy buyback.

Rhoades admitted that they don't have an estimate of the amount of candy they will collect

Try going with the grain!

Whole grains and legumes are powerhouses when it comes to building plantstrong, nutrient-dense meals. Trying to eat more whole grains? Keep trying!

Whole grains are good for you. They provide a healthy boost of vitamins, minerals, fiber, antioxidants, and phytonutrients. In addition, they are also rich in carbohydrates, the body's main fuel supply. In fact, the current USDA Dietary Guidelines recommend that we consume grains daily, and that we make half of the grains eaten whole grains.

If you would like to enjoy delicious whole grains at home as a side dish, here are some guidelines for cooking them from scratch. Cooking most grains is very similar to cooking rice. First, you put the dry grain in a pan with water or broth; bring it to a boil, then simmer until the liquid is absorbed. Pasta is generally cooked in a larger amount of water; the excess is drained away after cooking. Do not be intimidated!

Whole grains are filling and nutritious, but they have a reputation for making you wait. Here is the key to handling these kitchen divas: know

the cooking times. There are quick-cooking grains (under 10 minutes), medium-cooking grains (10-40 minutes) and long-cooking grains (over 40 minutes). Count on quickcooking grains for fast-and-easy dishes.

Grains can vary in cooking time depending on the age of the grain, the variety, and the pans you are using to cook. When you decide they are

tender and tasty, they are done. If the grain is not as tender as you like when "time is up," just add more water and continue cooking. On the other hand, if the grains seem tender before the liquid is all absorbed, simply drain the excess.

quickly, let them sit in the allotted amount of water for a few hours before cooking. Just before a meal, add extra water if necessary, then cook. You will find that cooking time is much shorter with a little pre-soaking.

Save long-cooking grains for leisurely meals. Another shortcut is to cook whole grains in big batches and store in the fridge or freezer, so they are ready when

cooked so you only need to cook them briefly or simply warm them through in the microwave. These ready-to-eat classics will not disappoint in recipes. Granola bars and popcorn also make quick snacks, while whole-grain crackers with cheese or fruit can be an easy snack.

Try one of these quick-cooking whole grains:

Bulgur: Bring 1 cup bulgur and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups water or broth to a boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer, covered, until tender and most of the liquid has been absorbed, 12-15 minutes. Makes 2 1/2 -3 cups. Per 1/2 -cup serving: 76 calories; 17 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 3 g protein. Bulgur works well in warm sides and pilafs, or chilled salads, like tabbouleh.

Couscous (Whole-wheat): Bring 1 ³/₄ cups water or broth to a boil; stir in 1 cup couscous. Remove from heat and let stand, covered, for 5 minutes. Fluff it with a fork. Makes 3-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups. Per $\frac{1}{2}$ -cup serving: 88 calories; 18 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 3 g protein. Couscous is wonderful in salads, soups and stews, stuffing, and as a fish coating.

Polenta (Cornmeal): Bring 4 ¹/₃ cups cold water and 1 teaspoon salt to a boil. Slowly whisk in 1 cup cornmeal until smooth. Reduce heat to low, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until very thick and creamy, 10-20 minutes. Makes 4-4 ¹/₃ cups. Per ¹/₂ -cup serving: 73 calories; 16 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 2 g protein. Top polenta with cooked veggies, stew, meats, fish, pasta sauce, pizza toppings, or sautéed greens.

Quinoa: Rinse 1 cup quinoa in several changes of cold water. Bring quinoa and 2 cups water or broth to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer, covered, until tender and most of the liquid has been absorbed, 15-20 minutes. Fluff with a fork. Makes 3 cups. Per 1/2 -cup serving: 111 calories; 20 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 4 g protein. Quinoa is a great substitute for rice in most stir-fries, curries, pilafs, and side dishes, as this versatile grain can take on any number of flavors.

Old-Fashioned Oats: Bring 2 cups of water to a boil, and add 1 cup oats. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 10 minutes or until tender and most of the liquid has been absorbed. Makes 2 cups. Per 1/2 -cup serving: 83 calories; 14 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 3 g protein. Use leftover oatmeal in bars, cookies, muffins, bread, pancakes, or smoothies.

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after Halloween. Trick or treaters will be able to sell up to five pounds of candy to the dentists for \$1 a pound.

"We had talked about it for a couple years and we finally bit the bullet and are going to do it," dentist Kristine Rhoades said of

the buyback. "We wanted to provide something for the community at the same time, so we will be using chamber bucks to help other local businesses."

She noted that it is common for households to have leftover Halloween candy, and this gives them the opportunity to get rid of



lexis Barker Worse than her bite

The candy collected will then be redistributed to troops from Wyoming who are overseas,

this year.

according to Rhoades. "We plan to have the candy go to Wyoming troops," Seth said. "It

will be put together into care packages for troops who are deployed."

Trick or treaters, or parents, can sell their unwanted candy to Black Hills Dental from Nov. 1 through Nov. 9 during normal office hours. Candy sellers will receive \$1 per pound in chamber bucks, up to five pounds per person.

you need them. Grains keep up to four days in your fridge and take just minutes to warm up with a little added water or broth. You can also use the leftovers for cold grain salads (just toss with chopped veggies, dressing, and anything else that you like), or toss a few handfuls into some soup.

There are a number of products to help you get whole grains on the table quickly. At the grocery store, look for fully cooked frozen whole grains in the freezer aisle. In the grain aisle, you can find parboiled brown rice. With 90-second grains, they have been pre-

One of the best things about whole grains is that there are so many wonderful kinds and many are interchangeable, which makes it easy to mix things up with different varieties, plus put a new spin on recipes you love. With a little bit of creativity, you can get many of these great grains on the table in half the time it takes to bake potatoes.

(Source: foodandhealth.com, nutritionix.com, wholegrainscouncil.org)

Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

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Staggering to the finish line after a long campaign

By now, Mark Gordon has managed to do a perfect eye roll, shoulder shrug, wry smile and deliberate head shake when other Wyoming gubernatorial candidates accuse him of all sorts of omissions — including being a RINO (Republican in Name Only).

Gordon, a rancher from Buffalo and the current State Treasurer, is the Republican nominee and is a lead pipe cinch to be our next governor.

Although just about everyone calls Gordon a moderate, he relentlessly calls himself a conservative. And it must be noted that Gordon is a gentleman and has run a first-rate campaign.

These kinds of accusations against Gordon came out often in the most expensive and craziest primary election in Wyoming history. It ended on Aug. 21, with Gordon topping Foster Friess, Harriet Hageman, Sam Galeotos, Taylor Haynes, and Bill Dahlin.

A recent disclosure by the Secretary of State's office showed that more than 10,000 voters in the GOP primary changed their affiliation from Democrat or Independent over to Republican. This confirmed what a lot of conservatives had suspected. They believed there was an organized effort by non-Republicans to cross over and vote for Gordon and against Friess. Gordon was viewed as more moderate on abortion than Friess. Also Friess was endorsed by President Donald Trump, which brought out Anti-Trumpers.

In the general election, Gordon is dealing with Democrat Mary Throne of Cheyenne (a former legislator), Rex "T-Rex" Rammell of the Constitution Party, and Libertarian Lawrence Struempf.

Rammell took one look at the crowded Republican primary and wisely decided to run as an independent for an obscure party. He has the best - or worst — nickname for a candidate since Hugh "Bigfoot" Binford ran back in 1978 against U.S. Senator Al Simpson.

As for all those crossover votes in the primary, Rammell got off one of the nastiest jabs of the campaign during a PBS debate filmed in Casper. He answered a lightning round question on supporting a law preventing election day crossovers when he

> looked over at Gordon and said: "You should not be here. Foster Friess won the majority of the Republican votes!" Gordon just rolled his eyes.

Throne has been aggressive and has support among the liberals and moderates in the state. She has worked hard and likes to tout her childhood in Gillette as giving her the chops to be a pro-energy governor.

Her biggest issue is Medicaid expansion, which she says would bring millions of dollars into Wyoming, help rural hospitals and provide health care to thousands of people. Wyoming conservatives in the

legislature have never supported it because they fear federal over-reach. This means that it might work well at first, but pretty soon the feds start cutting their contribution and the state ends up paying a lot more money than they originally bargained.

A Medicaid expansion program was supported by just about everybody a couple of years ago, including Gov. Matt Mead, but the vote was not even close in the Legislature.

Meanwhile Wyoming Republican conservatives are still grousing about how that gubernatorial primary turned out. Rather than vote for Gordon, many may write in the names of their favorite candidates or vote T-Rex. He is a conservative but many of his ideas are off-the-wall.

On Oct. 23, I tuned in to a town hall meeting hosted by Gordon and State Auditor candidate Kristi Racines. Both talked a lot about transparency, which was a big issue during the primary.

Gordon and Racines have appointed a fourmember committee to work on transparency, which includes John Masters of Cheyenne, Sen. Cale Case of Lander, State Rep. Tom Walters of Casper, and Gail Symons of Sheridan. Gordon and Racines are serving as co-chairs of the working group.

According to their campaigns, "the working group will identify and develop specific solutions to improve transparency and accessibility to state financial data that can be implemented efficiently and expediently.'

That is a mouthful of gobbledygook. Hope these good folks really take this seriously.

I also hope they also get OpentheBooks.com involved. This outfit has done a magnificent job of opening the books all across the country. Wyoming is one of only three states that has yet to open its books completely.

To their credit, Gordon and Gov. Mead have opened the books in their offices.

Budget shortfalls may still be a big problem for parts of Wyoming state government when the Legislature meets next year. A healthy dose of transparency would show where all the money that the state is already collecting is being spent.

Bill Sniffin is a retired newspaper publisher who has penned a number of books about Wyoming. He appeared for author's receptions at both the Weston County Library and News Letter Journal in December. 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.





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Down Under Bowl Series. The Fall Guys Wrestling Club will have a meeting on Thursday Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. in Myron Hoffman's classroom at the Gertrude Burns school.

The vocal music students in Mrs. Daum's sixth, seventh

and eighth grade classes and high school mixed ensemble will present a program of patriotic music in honor of Veteran's Day, on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 2:45 p.m. in the Crouch Auditorium.

The George Kennedys drove to Spearfish Tuesday for Mrs. Kennedy's optical checkup. Mavis Kennedy joined Donna Kennedy in Gillette Wednesday for the Christian Women's luncheon and auction. Betty Ann Honey shopped and attended a church meeting in Upton Tuesday and visited with Dorothy Dickey.

The Blotter- Oct 26- A young male on a bicycle ran into a car by a bank. No one was hurt, but the car had a good-sized dent. Oct. 28- A pickup was abandoned on someone's property in the county.

October 31, 1968

Weston County voters will join voters throughout the United States in casting their ballots Tuesday for presidential electors, state and county officials. Newcastle will also be electing a mayor and five councilman.

Letters of commendation honoring them for their high performance in the 1968 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) have been awarded to two students at Newcastle High School, Principal Glenn Gregson has announced. Those named Commended students are Erma Gaskill and Mary Kirkpatrick.

Should have seen it in color



This post card from Leonard Cash's collection shows a portion of Needles Road back in the day. (Photo Courtesy of Leonard Cash)

Force's newest band, the 695th Air Force Band of the Black Hills will present an afternoon concert in the Newcastle High School gymnasium Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 2:30 p.m.

The U.N. Day assembly was held at NHS Thursday, Oct. 24, to tell the students about the U.N. contest and Girls' and Boys' States. Newcastle was the scene last week for the filming of a series of National Advertisement for the Ken-L Ration dog food. Representatives from J. Walter and America Graphic's Corporation, Chicago, Ill., worked with local citizens The United States Air taking pictures of "dogs in

action" as they worked cattle at the Kenneth Adkins ranch.

Charles Robert Hutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hutt of south of Newcastle has been named to WHO'S WHO in the American University of Colleges for 1969. Terry L. Rich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rich of Newcastle, and Dennis G. Niemcyk, son of Mrs. Hazel Niemcyk of Newcastle, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Reserve on Sept. 17, 1968 at Denver. They will report for active duty on Dec. 13, 1968.

Donna Barton was hostess

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Newcastle Lodge No. 13, A.F. & A.M. Meetings are held the First and Third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend meetings







Daily Devotional Reading

November 1	November 5
Psalm 8	Deuteronomy 30:1-20
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Psalm 30	Deuteronomy 31:9-29
November 3	November 7
Psalm 40:1-11	Deuteronomy 31:30-32:27

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• CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL: Deacon Wendy Owens, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. haydishall@hotmail.com. Service times: Sunday 10 a.m.

· CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH: Pastor Tsena Dinssa, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9:00 am.

 CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS: Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am.

• 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.

· CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Tim Martinson, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5:00 pm; Sunday Mass 5:00 pm; Weekday Mass 8:00 am.

· COUNTRY CHURCH: Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712, Worship 10:00 am.

• FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm; AWANA Clubs 6:30 pm.

 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Pastor Brenda Torrie, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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• KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES: 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting. Sunday Public Talk 10:00 am; Watchtower 11:00 am.

• NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH: Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10:00 am; Wed. Night Prayer.

• OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH: 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship 11:00 am and 6:00 pm

• OUR SAVIOR CHURCH: Pastors Doug and Frezil Westerlund, Weston County Fairgrounds, Service Sundays 9:30 am. 605-515-3058.

• SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST: Pastor Chuck Gadway 303-229-3103, 78 Old Hwy 85 and Pastoral Assistant Matt Dooley 949-0831. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:00 am.

• ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Tim Martinson, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 am.

• UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Bible Study and Sunday School 9:00 am; Worship 10:00 am; Fellowship 11:00 am; Last Sunday of August no church in Upton; Worship at 11:00 am at Rev. Johnson's home in Custer.

· VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH: Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.

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Obituaries

DARREN BENCH Dec. 31, 1961-Oct. 8, 2018 A Celebration of Life for Darren



Darren

Bench

Bench will be held on Friday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m. at The Church on the Hill, 301 Delaware Ave., in Newcastle, Wyo.

donations can be made to Sweet Country Angels Cat Rescue via the account at Pinnacle Bank, or to Salt Creek

Veterinary Clinic.

EVELYN P. CARR July 6, 1921–Oct. 25, 2018

Funeral Mass for longtime Weston County resident Evelyn Carr, 97, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 31 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Casper, Wyo., with Father Gary Ruzicka as celebrant. A graveside service will be held at Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle,



Carr

a reception to follow at the Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Newcastle. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. on , Oct. 30 at Newcomer Casper Chapel, with visitation starting at 5 p.m. Mrs. Carr died

Wyo., on Thursday,

Nov. 1, at 11 a.m., with

peacefully of natural causes, surrounded by her loving family, on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018, at Central Wyoming Hospice.

Evelyn was born July 6, 1921, at her Aunt Maggie's residence in Gillette, Wyo., the daughter of Lawrence D. and Clara A. (Weckwerth) Brennan. She was raised at the family ranch at Rozet, Wyo., and attended high school in Newcastle.

In 1939, Evelyn married Myron Carr at the Catholic Church in Newcastle. To this union six children were born. Evelyn and Myron resided in the Osage oil field

for many years. In 1978, they moved to Newcastle and lived there until Myron's passing in 1998.

Evelyn continued to live in Newcastle until 2010 when she chose to move to Casper to be closer to family. Evelyn was a devoted homemaker who enjoyed sewing, gardening, and collecting artifacts. She was a member of the Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Newcastle and St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Casper. Evelyn took great joy in the time she could spend with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two daughters, Betty Jo and Jean, one son, James, four sisters, and two brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Myra Galligan (Dick), Elaine Burns; one son, Kenneth Carr (Cheryl); and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made in Evelyn's name to Central Wyoming Hospice.

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to a slumber party at the home to smile. Keefs bought a ton of of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barton Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McIntosh hosted a taco dinner Saturday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Grimm and children.

On Monday Melvin Pollat, Don Kokesh, Lawrence and Rick Popham, Joe and Lee Ondriezek, all of Upton, returned from a successful elk hunt in Jackson Hole. Mr. and Mrs. Art Williams bought some ewes at the livestock sale at Belle Fourche Tuesday.

October 31, 1918

to the coal bank Monday morning. Election on the 5th and then some faces will cease enter the veterinary corps.

potatoes from Mrs. Ekstrand Sunday.

Mrs. Ekstrand raised a lot of fine potatoes. Mrs. Lawrence Sproul, who several weeks ago was using a corn remedy on her corn, is still confined to her bed with an infection therefrom. However, as soon as the inflammation can be reduced the infected toe will be amputated.

There will be another farewell dance given Saturday evening at the George Lee place at Hampshire November Frank Cummings went 2 in honor of Mack Barbour, who will leave Monday evening for Camp Lee, Va., to

Moorcroft Monday morning to work on the Moorcroft grain elevator which is being erected in that town. Sunday while Mrs. Cornwell was returning home, Alice, their four-year-old daughter, fell from the wagon, crushing her leg just above the knee. She was immediately taken to town where she is receiving medical treatment.

The ground was covered with a light layer of snow yesterday morning, but it remained only a few hours.

Howard Slocum and August Dux went out to the XA ranch for a duck hunt Tuesday. They got one duck,

J.A. Henderson went to we understand. L.C. Thoeming dug a cave back of his city residence whereby he can store his winter vegetables.

> Mrs. S.V. Washburn is assisting with the books at the Washburn-Bettis store during the illness of A.G. Bettis with Spanish influenza. Mrs. Pete Crowell, who was quite ill with an attack of appendicitis, is much improved.

According to careful compiled statistics it is an indisputable fact that the Spanish Influenza Epidemic which is now sweeping all parts of the country is daily claiming far more victims than German bullets on the battle fronts of Europe.



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



Thank You

The best thing about running for office is the great Wyoming people I got to meet as I traveled the state this summer. I enjoyed hearing your thoughts and ideas, and I'm excited to go to work for you.

Curt Meier

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WHAT'S UP November 2018 Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar LOCATION TIME **EVENT**

Thurs 1 VFW Auxiliarv 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. Champagne Evening 6:30 p.m. Ladies Night Out **ΔΔ Meeting** 7.00 n m

WC Senior Center Flowers and Things Frontier Home, Ranch & Hardware WC Senior Center Family Roo

	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting Salt Creek Water District Meeting WC Museum District Meeting Masons #13	Salt Creek Water District Office Anna Miller Museum Masonic Lodge
Fri 2	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. TBA	Cinnamon Roll Friday Heart and Homes Holiday Gift Premier Judy King Book Signing Ladies PJ Party	WC Senior Center Flowers and Things WC Library Blackstone Lodge
Sat 3	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Heart and Homes Holiday Gift Premier Skull Creek Boutique Grand Opening Bingo	Flowers and Things Skull Creek Boutique VFW Hall
Sun 4	2:00 p.m.	WC Historical Society Awards supper	WC Senior Center
Mon 5	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WC Friends of Fair American Legion Auxiliary City Council Meeting AA Meeting	WC Fairgrounds WY State Forestry/Armory City Council Chambers WC Senior Center Family Room
Tues 6	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Election Day! WC Commissioners Meeting NACoC Board Meeting WC Travel Commission	Armory Courthouse Annex WC Library Upton Food Bank
Wed 7	12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lions Club Creative Handicraft Group WCSD #1 Board Meeting	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center WCSD#1
Thurs 8	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Newcastle Planning and Zoning Meeting AA Meeting Masons #13	City Council Chambers WC Senior Center Family Room Masonic Lodge

Nov 1 David Crow Lisa Hancock Shawna Stensaas Nov 2 Kazen Barker Nov 3 Amber Townsend Brookless Braeden Ullery Nov 4 Easton Wammen Mary Gray 🕆 Stacy Hartley Nov 5 Maizy Mitchell Nov 7 Bill & Louis Boulden **Birklee Reece** Pam Gualtieri Tyce Mills Nov 8 Andrew McKay Lacey Johnson Michael Morrison Tammy Cleverdor

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JOY Décor "Family Photo" Display REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, November 12 Date: Monday, November 26 • Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm Cost: \$15 + supply fee • Location: NHS Rm 130

Stuffy Ball Sewing Class REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, November 27 Date: Tuesday, December 4 • Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm Cost: \$24 + \$10 • Location: NHS Rm 223

Welding for Fun

Horseshoe Christmas Tree REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, November 26 Date: December 5 -13 • Wed/Thurs Time: 6:15 - 7:45 pm • Cost: \$50 + \$10 Location: NHS Industrial Arts Building

Cooking

Fix n Freeze REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, November 27 Date: Monday, December 3 • Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm Cost: \$120 • Location: NHS Rm 223

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FOR the Ages If only the walls could talk: The history of the Jenney Stockade Part II Cash, the Jenney Stockade was



By Bri Brasher with Leonard Cash NLJ Reporter

After the Jenney Stockade was moved and reconstructed behind the Weston County Library, the structure served several purposes in the Newcastle community. Cash uncovered additional information on the restoration printed in the News Letter Journal on April 12, 1928: "Among the curios which will be exhibited in the building when it has been restored are the andirons, taken from the fireplace, and which were fashioned from wagon tires by the muleshoers of the Twenty-third Infantry. Another article of more than passing interest is the first shotgun to be brought to the Hills. In addition to these, will be rifles, guns, pistols, arrow heads, Indian baskets and clothing and Western curios of every description." Cash said he is not certain where the contents originally displayed in the Jenney Stockade went after the display was dismantled.

Dating back even further, Cash added a story printed in the News Letter Journal on July 14, 1927 that explained why the Jenney Stockade was moved to town. The paper reported that when the days Famous Jenney Stockade." The of the stage coach passed, the stockade was used as a dwelling house. It was the home of J.C. Spencer and his family for many years at the LAK ranch until he sold the April of the year 1875-femiranch and moved away. At the time of the Jenney Stockade's relocation, the ranch belonged to C.E. Ferguson, and it was used as a home. The News Letter Journal wrote that the (Twentieth Century) club fought to "see that the building was erected in its original form and to be used as a Memorial for housing relics of the old time west, there being many very fine specimens among the old timers in this part of the country." The same article ended with the following statement: "The county commissioners are heartily in sympathy with the move and have given the site north of the library for the building to be erected on." According to

moved to make room for a new home at the LAK.

In January 1929, the restoration of the Jenney Stockade was in the planning stages. According to the News Letter Journal, Mrs. Baird of California donated \$50 to the committee in charge of the restoration, and the library club donated another \$15. The restoration planned to be completed by spring, and the article called for any other pledges from the community so the project's committee could plan its budget accordingly.

May 12, 1932, is the next date noted in Cash's records, referencing the stockade's historical marker. According to D.A.R. notes of the time, "motion made by Mrs. Babbage, seconded by Mrs. Durkee, the marker for the Jenny Stockade be ordered. Mr. Coyle kindly accompanied the ladies to the LAK to locate for them some of the locations of the stockade as remembered by him in 1876. It was decided to let Mr. Coyle and Mr. Meek of Upton decide on the most suitable location for the marker." Cash said the marker still stands on U.S. Highway 16 in a little pullout near the LAK ranch. However, Cash noted that the Jenney Stockade actually stood where the ranch houses are now.

Cash's records then skip to 1940, when the stockade building itself was dedicated as a historical landmark. An article printed on March 28, 1949, mentioned that the Jenney Stockade would be dedicated by the governor and Wyoming historical landmark commission. The full article on the dedication was printed in the News Letter Journal on April 18, 1940, and is titled "To Place Monument of Site of article includes an excerpt from John C. Thompson's column, 'In Old Wyoming,' printed in the Cheyenne Tribune: "Sixty-five years ago-in nine hearts went pit-a-pat when a handsome blond stranger, with a leonine mane, luxuriant eyebrows, dropping mustache, appeared on the streets of crude little Cheyenne. The ladies heard that Prof. Walter P. Jenney had been commissioned by the government of the United States to make an expedition into the Indian country north of the Platte and there determine whether reports of the Black Hills were lousy with gold were, or were not, dependable. The professor, they were informed, was an eminent geologist, and they had visualized him in their mind's eye – as doubtless have the most of those who since have read concerning him – as



The Chamber of Commerce in Newcastle was once housed in the historic Jenney Stockade building. The chamber and the stockade were located behind the Weston County Library at this time. (Submitted Photo) The markers that stand in a pull out near the LAK ranch describe the history of the Stockade and commemorate its original site on the National **Register of Historic Places** (Bri Brasher/NLJ).

a crusty, cranky old scientist with neglected whiskers and a total indifference concerning whether there was egg on his vest and no creases in his pants. They weren't prepared, therefore, for the 'Prof' as he was in flesh and blood. He was around 30 years old - a nifty dresser, and one of the handsomest men that ever set foot in Cheyenne."

Cash provided more information on Dr. Walter Proctor Jenney, based on his research on findagrave.com. He said Jenney was a man of many talents, working as a U.S. geologist, writer, mineralogist and leader of the Jenney-Newton Expedition. The expedition was an effort to confirm or refute George A. Custer's reported discovery of gold. Jenney's verification caused an influx in miners and settlers to the Black Hills. Cash added that Jenney was born in 1849 in Massachusetts, married Mary Patience Hopperton at the age of 42 and died in 1921 in Maryland. His influence on the Black Hills and the Jenney Stockade live on. The article printed in the News Letter Journal in April 1875 also said that the first permanent camp of the Jenney party in Weston County was to be marked with a monument the same year by the cooperative enterprise of the people of Newcastle and the Wyoming Historical Landmarks Commission. Cash clarified that the marker that sat with the Jenney Stockade behind the library and now sits at the Anna



Miller Museum is a leftover marker of the tributaries of the Cheyenne river. The markers around the original site are separate dedications.

Next, on June 29, 1950, in an article titled "Women Agree to Staff New Tourist Information Booth," the News Letter Journal reported that women's organizations around Weston County enthusiastically agreed to staff the tourist information center to be located in the Jenney Stockade behind the library. The building was being readied for the change with painted signs, as well as folders and stickers with information on Newcastle. The Fair Parade. The News Letter Journal published that article noted that a supply of Wyoming literature was to be available as folders were being prepared, and 12 organizations were responsible for staffing the center one week of the 12 that made up the 1950 tourist season. Cash recalls using the Jenny Stockade as a meeting place for the local Boy Scouts when he was a kid around this time as well. A few years later, the Jenney Stockade transitioned vet again to house the local of Commerce. Chamber On March 26, 1953, it was announced that the chamber office was to be located in the Jenney Stockade, which would be remodeled inside. Work had started on the cement floor -Cash explained there was no floor in the stockade before it became the chamber's headquarters, and a wood floor is in the stockade now at the Anna Miller Museum. The roof was reshingled and wall board put

Senior Happenings

WC Senior Servi	ices	
November 2		
Rolls	9	a.m.
Bridge Ladies	1	p.m.
November 4		-
Daylight Savings Tim	e Ends	5
November 5		
Exercise	9	a.m.
November 6		
Dominoes	1	p.m.
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Senior Day at SHOP	ко	
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Happy Hour		p.m.
Bingo	6	p.m. p.m.
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Music	2	p.m.
Bingo	6	p.m.
November 6		
Ceramics		a.m.
Keepsake Krafters	2	p.m.
November 7		
Riddles	10:30	
Senior Center	11:30	a.m.
Bingo		p.m.
Dice		p.m.
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and Black Hills history has been preserved for the second time, largely through the efforts of the community that treasures its heritage."

Other interesting snippets of the article are as follows:

Wyoming Secretary of State Thyra Thomson was to be the guest speaker. Thomson's appearance was all the more special because her husband. Keith Thomson, lived on Beaver Creek. Cash said Keith Thomson's grandparents were among the earliest settlers in the area. The next reports on the Jenney Stockade cover its second relocation

which has since been taken

off to put the building back to

its original state. The Jenney

Stockade was used as the

Chamber of Commerce behind

brought yet another recogni-

tion to the Jenney Stockade.

Milt Pimpell was the manager

of the chamber at the time

when the stockade was being

considered for the National

Next, on Aug. 5, 1982,

a dedication of the Jenney

Stockade immediately fol-

lowed the Weston County

Register of Historical Sites.

The summer of 1969

the library for many years

An October 1982 article written by Penny Bonnar in the Wyoming Horizons publication titled "Tales of robberies, murders, pillage and plunder" explained the relocation to the Anna Miller Museum. The article opened with, "The Jenney Stockade cabin no longer sits on the Weston County Library lawn in Newcastle. Its ghosts have relocated with the cabin to the Anna Miller Museum complex on Highway 16. The small but imposing piece of Wyoming

"The oldest standing building in the Black Hills, the stockade was built in 1875 by members of the Jenney Expedition. The expedition set out from Ft. Laramie May 25, 1875 under direction of geologist Walter P. Jenney and Henry Newton and escorted by 400 soldiers under the command of Colonel Richard Irving Dodge.

"... Ownership of the cabin was transferred to the Weston County Chapter of the Wyoming State Historical Society in 1980. The society made plans to move the cabin once again because logs were deteriorating from constant moisture produced by library lawn sprinklers. The move became urgent this year when plans were made to expand and remodel the library."

Stay tuned for the last of the Jenney Stockade's timeline in next week's issue.



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Calendar

newspaper is to tell the community's story," said Bonnar.

been done to modernize the calendar orders is Nov. 8, calendar, it still holds on to the traditional feel by being printed on glossy pages in an age when birthday and anniversary greetings have become less tangible as they are digitized through Facebook and other social media, Bonnar said.

Birthdays and anniversaries listed in the calendar are also printed in the News Letter Journal and read aloud on KASL radio.

The calendars can be purchased at the News Letter Journal office for \$10 each. The price drops to \$8 if the calendar is purchased from a Lions Club member. Birthday

from Page 1 \$1 each, but six free listings come with the pre-order of While some work has a calendar. The deadline for and Bonnar hopes calendars will be ready for distribution around Thanksgiving.

> According to Bonnar, the calendars are of a high quality, with similar-quality calendars costing twice as much - calendars that he believes lack the Lions Club calendar's unique, localized touch. The cost was kept low so more people could participate and enjoy them, he said.

> While the community calendar may be a simple project, it's something that many people have enjoyed, and when it was not produced for a year, Bonnar said it was missed.

The calendar is a fun tradiand anniversary listings cost tion for the community and

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classes every five years. The office employees to see or hear. were held to the same driving standards as the field men, and she'd always found it useful, and continues to today, even though it's no longer a work requirement.

"There's always something to relearn," McColley said.

Next to her sat Mike Ratigan, who was there because his wife told him he had to attend. It's for the insurance reduction, he insisted, with a smile, and not because of his driving.

For the most part, these drivers had more than 50 years of experience, and Capps was drivers and rules for pedestrians and learned

respectful of this roomful of accumulative knowledge. For many seniors, losing the privilege to drive is the last The fatal crash rate bastion of freedom and one of the hardest things to do - to surrender their keys.

AARP recommends that seniors take the class every three years, and Capps explained that they'll need to do it again in 2021.

The world is changing, she said, as she booted up a 1970's circa film of a crowded New older, your bones Jersey turnpike with figureeights of lanes pouring on and off the main corridor as the and your chances drivers inched toward a fourlane toll booth.

in '57," whispered a tall, white-haired man to his wife. you get." "Remember that?"



begins to increase noticeably at age 70. Drivers 85 and older have the highest risk rate per mile three years. driven. As you get are more brittle, of dying in a crash "I remember driving there are higher the older

provides a way for people to better know their neighbors, he said.

"My kids, when they were little, thought it was fun to hear their names on the radio," said Kelly Arp, whose family has participated by purchasing listings on the calendar for years. "It makes everyone feel a little closer."

Nack also noted how the calendar contributed to community bonding because it offers "a sense of community," and Bonnar agreed.

"Community is about being a part of something bigger than ourselves," Bonnar said, as he compared being a community member to being a team member. The community calendar, he said, provides another outlet for people to be active members of the community.

The class silently bent over their books to take a written assessment and tabulate the results. Scores of 0-5 are of no concern, but 6-16 points means they should do assessments regularly. Drivers with 17-26 points should consider taking a formal assessment, which to Capps' knowledge you can't do locally, and at 27 and above, they should look for other means of travel.

The class continued for another few hours as teacher and students went over rules for

> that roundabouts are considerably safer than four-way stops, but bikers and pedestrians may pose significant danger. It was a lot of information to absorb in one session, but the class concluded just over an hour ahead of schedule after everyone successfully passed the final assessment.

They are cleared for another

Margaret and Homer Dejmek took their time loading up their booklets and thanking Capps for an informative session. At ages 87 and 88, respectively, the Dejmeks have been through this course several times. Their last class was four years ago, and on top of brushing up on a few new rules, Homer was hoping the certificate will help bring down his insurance premium, — Jane Capps which has ramped up nearly AARP-Sponsored Safe 70 percent over the past three Driving Instructor years, in 22-24 percent increments. As a veteran, Homer receives his insurance from USAA and gets a bit testy when one of the top brass sends him letters thanking him for his service.



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She shook her head and looked up at the teacher.

"The fatal crash rate begins to increase noticeably at age 70," Capps told the class.

"Drivers 85 and older have the highest risk rate per mile driven. As you get older, your bones are more brittle, and your chances of dying in a crash are higher the older you get."

Along with retooling their skills regarding the rules of the road, Capps also warned them, they would need to be aware that medications, including herbal remedies and over-the-counters, can affect driving. One drink is enough to falsely boost a person's confidence and all the high-tech gadgetries of new cars can throw most anyone - including herself - for a loop, Capps said.

The leading cause of death in Wyoming are one-crash rollovers, she continued. The leading cause of crashes are failure to yield the right of way.

She asked if anyone in class had trouble driving. An audible murmur erupted from the group as a few volunteered answers. Vision and night vision were among the most popular complaints, followed by busy traffic in cities like Rapid City or being oppressively tailgated.

As older drivers, they need to take an honest assessment of their abilities, Capps explained, and potentially make some hard decisions, which she acknowledges is not an easy thing to do, particularly in Newcastle and Weston County, where apart from a senior taxi, there's no other resources except for family and friends.

"Things are changing," she said, cautioning the class that it's important to look ahead to what might be next. They're to watch for deficiencies in their skills and the skills of others. Watch for such things as wandering in a lane, driving slowly or too quickly. Not being able

"Where's the discount?" he wondered. He hasn't had an accident in more than 60 years and has never put in a claim, and yet his rates continue to ratchet up.

"I know I'm not a kid," he said. "I'm not 28; I'm 88. But, still. I've been with them since the late '50s and never put in a claim."

At this rate, he said, he's not sure how long they can afford to drive, which truthfully, they do very little of except around Newcastle for groceries and church. Occasionally, they'll drive over to Rapid for Homer's doctor's appointment, at which point Margaret drives.

"She drives and I pray," he said, as Margaret batted him on the arm.

Along with the certificate that will hopefully bring Homer a slight reprieve in his premium, the couple thought the course was a good use of their time. Homer, for one, learned that when driving on a four-way freeway, you no longer have to slow down to 20 miles an hour when you see a police cruiser pulled over on the side.

"I had no idea you could get into the left lane and not have to slow down," he said, wonderment in his voice.

Margaret equally walked away with a few new rules that she hadn't known.

This new information will make her think more when she drives, she admitted, and in four more years they'll hopefully be back to retool and do it all again.

"When you get to be our age," she said, "you learn adopt to the changes and go on.









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Netters miss out

Sonja Karp NLJ Sports Reporter

As the four seed heading into last weekend's 3A East Regional Volleyball Tournament in Torrington, the Lady Dogies knew they were in for an uphill climb in order to extend their season another week.

However, having played pretty competitively with teams on their side of the bracket recently, head coach Ashley Reed and her team felt confident in their potential to upset a higher seed in their quest to qualify for the state tournament.

While the squad did just that, they still came up just one win shy of going to the Big Dance.

The ladies started the tournament on Friday afternoon with a daunting opponent in the number one seeded Rawlins Lady Outlaws from the Southeast Quadrant. As action got underway, Newcastle put pressure on the higher ranked team, making them work for every point they earned. In the long run, however, the weapons and the talent of the Carbon County squad proved too much for Lady Dogies and they dropped the match in three straight sets.

"Our first set against Rawlins went phenomenally well," Reed exclaimed. "We went point for point with them until about 13, and then they started getting some runs on us and that's how it ended. But I couldn't have imagined coming out with a better start than that."

The loss against the eventual 3A East champions put the Lady Dogies into the loserout game on Saturday morning against Burns. This is a team that Newcastle had seen twice this season, and against whom they had not won a set.

Despite the head-to-head record, the Lady Dogies felt confident facing off against the but if we lose we're done." Lady Brones because in both of their previous meetings,



Alyson Louderback extends above the net to shut down an outside hit from Hanna-Elk Mountain in the Upton Bobcats first round contest at the 1A East Regional Tournament in the **Dogie Dome on Friday.** (Photo by Summer Bonnar/NLJ)

kept their season alive as they advanced to the next loser-out contest against the Torrington Lady Trailblazers.

Unfortunately, the Lady Dogies made too many unforced errors on their own side of the net, handing the Lady Blazers points. Serving percentage for the team dropped from the tournament average of 92 percent to 85 percent and uncharacteristic mistakes, given how they had played in the first two sets,

added to the problem. "We just made silly mistakes like sending tipped or free balls into the net, or just letting balls drop without making a play for them," Reed explained. "I think it was tough playing against the home team, and I think it dawned on the girls that this was it. If we win we go to state,

Once again, the match was over in three sets, but this time

Dogie Volleyball

3A East Regional **Tournament Results:** Newcastle v. Rawlins 10/26/18: 16-25, 7-25, 9-25

Individual stats: Lauren Steveson: 3-4 serves, 3 kills, 1

stuff block, 2 digs Grace Coy: 4 kills, 1 dig

Madi Pearson: 8-8 serves, 2 set assists, 7 digs Johnna Dawson: 7-7 serves, 1 ace, 13

Claire Beastrom: 5-6 serves, 10 digs Shelby Davis: 1 kill. 1 set assist Christina Hadlock: 3-3 serves, 4 digs Isabel Frank: 4-5 serves, 5 set assists, 6 dias

Caitlyn Pehringer: 1 kill, 3 digs

Newcastle v Burns 10/27/18: 25-23, 25--27, 25-21

Individual stats: Lauren Steveson: 10-10 serves, 2 aces, 4 kills, 6 digs Grace Coy: 3 kills, 3 stuff blocks, 1 block assist Madi Pearson: 9-10 serves, 6 kills, 1 stuff block, 4 set assists, 7 digs Johnna Dawson: 9-10 serves, 2 aces,

23 dias Claire Beastrom: 0-1 serves, 3 kills, 1 block assist, 4 digs Shelby Davis: 5 kills 2 set assists 2 digs Christina Hadlock: 9-9 serves, 7 digs

Isabel Frank: 9-9 serves, 1 ace, 10 set assists. 7 digs Caitlyn Pehringer: 1 kill, 1 set assist 6 digs Honesty Olson: 23-25 serves, 6 aces. 7 digs Newcastle v. Torrington 10/27/18: 15-25, 13-25, 9-25 Individual stats: Lauren Steveson: 4-4 serves, 3 kills, 1 set assist, 3 digs Grace Coy: 5 kills, 2 stuff blocks, 1 dig Madi Pearson: 3-4 serves, 2 kills, 1 set assist, 8 digs Johnna Dawson: 5-6 serves, 13 digs Claire Beastrom: 2 kills, 1 dig Shelby Davis: 1 kill, 1 stuff block, 1 set assist Christina Hadlock: 7-8 serves, 6 digs Isabel Frank: 7-8 serves, 2 aces, 8 set assists, 6 digs Caitlyn Pehringer: 2 kills, 1 set assist,



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Newcastle had been without a vital member of their starting squad.

"When we played them early in the season we were without Isabel [Frank], one of our setters, and last time we didn't have Claire [Beastrom]," Reed began. "Even though we had yet to beat them, the girls were stoked and feeling good going in to Saturday morning's game."

The Lady Dogies started out behind in all three sets of the match, but came roaring back in each to take the win 25-23, 25-17 and 25-21. In set three, Honesty Olson served 25 times, which included a 10 point run where her prowess behind the line dug her team out of an eight point deficit to move ahead two.

"Once we got two points ahead in each set, it was as if the girls knew they had the win and went on to claim it," Reed smiled. "They all stayed together and stayed positive and executed like they needed to. They just pulled everything together and played some pretty good volleyball."

With the win, the Lady Dogies not only exacted revenge on the Lady Broncs for the two earlier losses, but

with Newcastle on the losing end and their 2018 season came to a close.

"Though we didn't make it to the state tournament, we played some really good volleyball at Regionals," Reed declared. "I really don't think they understood how much they could accomplish as a team, but they started to figure that out in the first set against Rawlins and the whole match against Burns. We can do some great things when we play together, and we can be a really good team."

Looking back on the season, Reed pointed out that her team had come a long way from when they started and had grown through adversity throughout.

"Man, they've been through a lot," she sighed. "We've had so many changes with girls moving into different positions, sometimes on the fly, and I've been proud how they all stepped into new roles when I've asked it of them. They all just accepted and embraced their role on the team, and I'm so proud of them for that."

One bright spot Reed identified from the unusual demands made of her squad is a lot of kids saw varsity time this also pulled off the upset and year. Thirteen girls played

throughout the year, which doesn't happen often.

Honesty Olson: 6-7 serves, 1 ace, 5 digs

Jayme Cass: 1-2 serves, 1 dig

"Usually it's only about your top seven or eight girls that see time on the varsity floor, but not this year," Reed nodded. "That also helped the girls to be flexible in what they are playing, and it will be great for us going forward."

Another positive for the team is that they will only lose middle hitter/blocker Lauren Steveson from this year's squad.

"Lauren was a huge part of our team this year, and she will leave some pretty big shoes to fill," Reed admitted. "She will certainly be missed, but we have so much to build on for next season."

All warm and fuzzy

t seems like there has been a lot of negativity surrounding sports lately, so I'm sure I'm not the only one who has been hungry for some happy news. Well, we got that and more

a couple of weeks ago when a story that embodies what sports are all about, and that should serve to inspire even the most cynical of us, blew up the internet.

Ironically, this story

Karpe Dogie

comes on the heels of the controversy Nike started by naming Colin Kaepernick as the face of this year's Just Do It campaign. The company certainly redeemed itself in my eyes

> as they warmed the heart of the nation by giving the University of Oregon's Justin Gallegos a contract, making him the first athlete with cerebral palsy to sign with them.

Gallegos is a junior at Oregon, where he runs on the school's club track and cross country team. His disorder is one that affects movement, motor skills, posture and muscle tone which makes what he does, and the contract he was awarded, even more amazing.

Gallegos embodies what it means to be an athlete. He has had to work harder than most

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Last chance pays off

Sonja Karp NLJ Sports Reporter

It came down to the wire, but the Newcastle Lady Dogie swim team added another individual qualifier for the State Meet this weekend at the Last Chance Qualifier Meet in Gillette last Thursday.

Madi Townsend was close in both the 200 Freestyle and the 100 Backstroke a few weeks ago. However, she did not compete from then until last Thursday, so there was some urgency going into this final meet.

Having had a little rest from competition prior to the Last Chance Qualifier, coupled with the high stakes riding on her performance on the day, Townsend rose to the challenge and carved an impressive 3.87 seconds off her 200 Free time to come in almost two seconds under the 3A qualifying time. Not only did her 2:21.51 finish punch her ticket to the season's culminating event, it was also a personal best for Townsend's career.

"Madi's time is a pretty good one because it's under the 3A time," head coach Doug Scribner began. "If she can have another good drop at state, hopefully we can get her in the top 12 to advance her to the finals on Saturday."

Though she shaved 2.89 seconds off her 100 Backstroke time, also a personal best, Townsend touched the wall just a mere .69 seconds shy of the 3A qualifying time in that race.

"It was exciting and definitely a highlight of the meet to see Madi qualify in the 200 Free," Scribner exclaimed. "And though she didn't quite make it in the Backstroke, she wasn't too disappointed since she did in her other event."

With the qualification, Townsend joined teammate Hannah Gross as the second Lady Dogie who will be competing in an individual event in Laramie.

It wasn't just Townsend who landed personal bests at this final regular season meet. Gross, who raced in only one individual event on the day, took two seconds off her time in the 100 Breaststroke to pick up a PR and a 4A qualifying time in that event.

"It was Hannah's goal to qualify for state in all her events with a 4A time, and she had accomplished that in all but the breaststroke," Scribner smiled. "She was only about a second away before Thursday, so she was pretty excited to have made

it happen.'

Though there were no other individual qualifiers, Scribner was pleased with how all of his swimmers performed and the time drops he saw from almost everyone.

Autumn Mills put up two personal bests on the day. The first was a half-second drop in the 50 Freestyle and the second was in the 100 Free, where she cut 1.79 seconds from her fastest time of the season.

Becca Henkle was 3.74 seconds faster than her previous best finish in the 100 Butterfly, and Paige Liggett dropped 3.37 seconds from her 100 Free for a PR in that event.

The squad will head to Laramie for the State Meet this Friday and Saturday with the two individual qualifiers and the three relay teams set to vie for top honors.

"We swam in Laramie at an invite just a couple of weeks ago and we did pretty well, so I wouldn't expect anything different this weekend," Scribner predicted. "We will put our best relays together for the prelims because with 13 teams, one will get cut for finals and we don't want to be that one."

As of Monday, it was determined that Gross will race the 100 Backstroke, and had narrowed down her second choice to either the 50 or 100 Freestyle. Scribner noted that he has until Friday morning to submit his final lineup, though he added that they will likely make the decision before that deadline.

The meet will begin on Friday with warmups at 1:30 p.m. Diving starts at 3:30 with swimming to follow, and the team will be back at it at 7:45 a.m. for warmups on Saturday with competition starting at 10 a.m.

Dogie Girls Last Chance Qualifier Meet in Gillette 10/25/18 Individual Results: 200 Medley Relay: 2:31.12 2. Hannah Gross, Kassidee Jeppe- sen, Becca Henkle, Paige Liggett 200 Free: 1. Madi Townsend 2:21.51 PR 3AQ 200 IM: 3. Emily Beastrom 3:14.27 50 Free: 12. Autumn Mills 31.86 14. Kassidee Jeppesen 35.71 100 Butterfly:	100 Free: 4. Autumn Mills 1:12.75 8. Paige Liggett 1:31.61 200 Free Relay: 2:20.10 2. Paige Liggett, Hannah Gross, Emily Beastrom, Autumn Mills 100 Backstroke: 5. Madi Townsend 1:13.69 7. Becca Henkle 1:24.76 100 Breast Stroke: 1. Hannah Gross 1:18.68 4AQ 6. Kasside Jeppesen 1:38.82 8. Paige Liggett 1:51.77 400 Free Relay: 5:30.03

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can imagine to achieve even small milestones.

He began running cross country when he was in high school because he wanted to get involved, become strong and improve his quality of life. He wasn't aiming to become a collegiate athlete, let alone a professional.

It was not easy

Athletes should envision him when they think it hurts too much, or they are being pushed too hard, or the demands of their sport are too much.

Everyone faces adversity, but it's attitudes like Gallegos' that make nothing impossible to overcome.

After Nike presented him the contract, Gallegos wrote the following post on Instagram. "This was perhaps the most emotional moment in my seven years of running! Growing up with a disability, the thought of becoming a professional athlete is as I have said before like the thought of climbing Mt. Everest! It is definitely possible, but the odds are most definitely not in your favor! Hard work pays off! Hundreds of miles, blood, sweat, and tears has led me here along with a few permanent scars!' He also wrote that "you don't realize how realistic and emotional your dreams are until they play out before your very eyes!" By acknowledging Justin Gallegos' monumental accomplishments in this way, Nike has given me back the warm and fuzzy feelings that sports has always provided. I hope I'm not the only one who will

remember his story whenever faced with something that seems too overwhelming to accomplish.



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THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES Private Vinton E. Farley, former high school student stated in a letter to his English class, "Army life isn't so bad if you keep smiling." Vinton, who left Newcastle with his brother

Lloyd for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on December 10, was a prominent athlete while in school

Writing from Wichita Falls, Texas in a letter here. which conveyed true army humor, Vinton commented that his clothes were of two sizestoo small and too large. Said he, "My coat is too small, and my shoes too big; in fact, I have to take several steps before my shoes move."

He remarked that there are several different ways of doing things and added: "It's a bit confusing; consequently, for the last week I've been scrubbing floors until I get the "hang" of it." In closing he said, "When I came here to Texas, I thought it would be warm. My mistake! But Lloyd and I won't mind the cold weather if we get some nice warm letters from you folks at home." ---N.H.S.--



Farley writes of Army Life

From the January 22, 1942 News Letter Journal Newcastle School Dogie News

He fell frequently and bears the scars of those falls. When he started out as a freshman, he was running the 5K in 29 minutes. By the time he was a senior, he had cut that time to 25 minutes.

At Oregon, he runs 5K on the track, 8K in cross country and half marathons on the road. He set a goal of finishing the half in under two hours, and last year at the Eugene Half Marathon he just missed achieving that goal by crossing the finish line in 2:03.

Given the mountains of adversity Gallegos has had to overcome, and that he continues to face every day, it seems like it would be easy for him to give up. But he doesn't.

I can only imagine the pain and struggle he goes through every time he laces up his shoes and hits the trail.

He is the kind of athlete that should be the role model of young people who aspire to be great, because his strength and determination surpasses that of any of those who are among the elite in their field.



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We would like to share old letters from local veterans in our November 8 issue. If you're willing to share any you've saved, please email them to editor@newsli.com or drop them by our office at 14 W. Main St. You can also mail them to the same address, but get them here before our November 2 deadline!





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First thri

team was rising off the still-warm heart as he held it in his hand. Shivering in the steely morning Wind and rain, 12-year-old A.J. Evick tried to muster the nerve — and stomach — for the task at hand. He'd just killed his first antelope on his first shot and hunt of his life on the first weekend of November. Now came the time to pay his respects by taking a bite of the bloody heart in honor of the Lakota traditions of his mother, Kyra.

By Jen Kocher/NLJ Correspondent

It was chewy and weird, but he did it. And despite the gag reflex, he said that he felt the sacred connection with the animal whose life he'd just taken.

"It was kinda unexplainable," the teen said, scrunching up his face and admitting that it'd taken everything he'd had to take that first bite.

That would be his first taste of the day. Later that afternoon, he would swallow the second chunk of heart after filling his deer tag. The second bite was much easier.

He was still reeling from his first kills after waiting for this chance for more than half of his life.

That morning, A.J. had gone out with his dad, Jared, and his dad's friend to public land in Area 7 in Weston County. Jared had opted out of applying for tags this year, wanting to focus all his attention on his son and his first hunt. It was his son's chance to fill the freezer this winter, and A.J. was eager for the opportunity.

After waking up at 5 a.m., they'd driven around for a couple of hours until they spotted a cluster of antelope off in the distance. They got down on their bellies and crawled to the edge of a cliff where the animals clustered, grazing in a tight pack.

A.J. propped his Ruger 6.5 Creedmoor, a birthday gift from his dad, on a tripod and aimed. The shaking in his arms give his son the same talk, A.J.'s gun echoed in his ears, surprising his dad.

The pair watched as the herd took off and the antelope took a few steps before collapsing on its side. A.J. had shot a bull'seve right in the center of the animal's heart. Later, he'd do the same to the deer. One shot. Straight through the heart.

As proud as Jared is of his son, he can't help being a little jealous of his A.J.'s sniper-like aim. He'd known A.J. was ready for the hunt after shooting six bull's-eyes on his past six visits to the shooting range.

Still, he hadn't hit his first two marks quite as well, let alone in the same day.

A.J. shrugged. He'd had a lot of practice playing "Fortnight" and "Call of Duty" video games, just like his buddy Colter Christensen, who'd also filled two tags on opening day.

There's something to be said for the hand-eye coordination these young guys learn from these video games, Jared admitted, and Colter agreed.

Like A.J., Colter had headed out the first weekend of November with his dad, uncle and granddad on opening day. Unlike A.J, however, Colter was hunting on his family's ranch off U.S. Highway 16 west of town when he spotted his prey.

And, like his buddy, Colter had a hard time keeping his on his first shot on his first turn to fill his tag, though he



12-year-old Colter Christensen bags a deer and antelope during his first hunt on opening day Oct. 6 on his family's ranch off of U.S. Highway 116.

instructions to Colter on where to shoot.

Colter tried to steady his nerves as he sighted his new rifle on the target. A lot was at stake for this first shot on this, his first hunt. He'd been waiting for this chance, after years of tagging along behind his father.

He worried about what would happen if he missed, not wanting the animal to suffer, and knew that a clean shot was the only option.

The pressure mounted as he squeezed the trigger.

He let out a breath as the deer wobbled in the grass like a shaky ice skater before slumping over on its side. He'd missed the heart, but the bullet went straight through the liver for a clean kill.

out and see about finding an antelope.

It wasn't long before they drove up on a herd about 100 yards away. This time, Colter propped his rifle and didn't pause nearly as long. He squeezed the trigger and felt the recoil in his teeth.

The pronghorn dropped with a thud. Colter had shot it straight through the heart.

Colter was a bit surprised at how good his aim was, though after years of shooting cans and recently sighting his rifle at the range, he had been feeling pretty good. After years of competing against A.J. on video games, he now thinks that practice probably was even more helpful than taking live shots.

After helping his son fill Watching Colter fill his tag both of his tags, it was Wade's rifle in line. It was hard to tell day out made Wade prouder would not be as lucky. The small to shoot, so Wade packed up his gear and opened the truck door to go home.

0 Judy A. King "Yellow Star and The Yellowstone"



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competed with his shivering teeth as he pressed his belly into the still-frozen ground. His dad whispered directions and tried to calm his son, as A.J. gave himself a pep talk.

"Come on. dude," he'd said inside his head. "You can do this."

Before Jared had time to

who was shaking more, Colter or his father, Wade. A gust of blustery wind rustled the back of his collar as Colter steadied the tip of his rifle on his dad's shoulder as Wade knelt on the ground in front of him. About 100 yards away, a cluster of deer grazed unaware in the distance while Wade whispered

than he'd ever been of the next antelope they saw was too youngster.

"I think I was more excited than he was," Wade said. He described how he then showed his son how to dress the deer. They took it back to the shop to skin and hang it. After about an hour and a half of work, the guys were ready to go back

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From the back seat, Colter sighed and wondered what was taking his dad so long.

"It's not that hard, Dad," he said, with the impatient sigh of a teen full of victory.

Kaycee wins 1A East Regional Tourney

Alexis Barker NLJ Reporter

Eight teams met at Newcastle High School this past weekend to face off in the 1A East Regional Volleyball tournament. The tournament was actually hosted by Upton High School, but Newcastle High School acted as the host site.

Coming in number one ranked for the northeast region, Kaycee High School was able to clinch the tournament title by beating Lingle-Ft. Laramie, No. 1 in the southeast

region, in three sets to claim victory in the in regional play, and will not be moving championship game.

Both teams will compete in the 1A State Tournament in Casper beginning on Thursday, Nov. 1.

Hanna-Elk Mountain and Arvada-Clearmont will join Kaycee and Lingle-Ft. Laramie at the state tournament. Hanna-Elk Mountain was able to beat Arvada-Clearmont three sets to zero, cinching their spot as the third place finishers in the tournament.

Upton High School didn't fare so well

on to the state tournament. Upton lost in the first round of play to Hanna-Elk Mountain three sets to one, but were able to turn around in consolation play and beat Guernsey-Sunrise three sets to zero. Upton came back for the second day of play, and played for their spot in the third and fourth place game against Arvada-Clearmont, but lost that game three sets to zero and were eliminated from the tournament, a win away from qualifying for the state tournament.





City of Newcastle Officials City Council

Six Candidates Three 4-year Terms

Thomas Voss

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NLJ: Please tell us why you want to hold this office, and what you intend to accomplish if elected. Please be specific about your goals and objectives, so our readers can measure your progress over the course of the term. Also tell us what qualifications and characteristics you possess that will help ensure that your stated goals can be achieved. (The same question was posed to all candidates for the **General Election.)**

Thomas Voss

I'm a graduate of Newcastle High School and the University of Wyoming. I bring



to the Newcastle City Council 30 years of experience in hospitality and tourism. While being a general

attitude for our city. I will work for the development of teams such as joint ventures, improvement districts, and partnerships with citizen organizations for the development of core business plans to create credible business models for our area.

• The city council needs to lead the efforts in reorganizing and revamping the industrial park to prepare it for 21st century business. New businesses need places to work.

• We must research and develop new uses for present resources to gain revenue. One idea is to process sewage and food garbage to make gas then burn the bio-gas to generate electricity. The city can sell or use the electricity, either way we win.

I ask readers to please help me keep my seat on the city council because in being there for the last 10 months I've learned how much there is to do and I am committed to doing one of our economic development manager for Best it for you, for me, for our city. Your vote is greatly appreciated, T. A. Voss.

cific goal in mind to complete and we are done. We have so many projects and goals, but we are also limited in resources such as, the money to spend on these projects. We have street repairs and maintenance to complete and, I believe, us as a council has done a good job at addressing these issues in the past several years as we have completed sections throughout town in the past several years. I know this will take time to get to all that needs repaired, but we need to address each as we have the money to complete these projects. We must remember when I look at projects I am one vote and need the majority of the other council members to be on board to move a project along. I need to be sure this is in the best interest of

I also have a goal in mind for downtown that was discussed with meetings and would really like to persue getting this off the ground. I have made the first steps in the development process and need to put the other steps in place to see what we can do to help beautify our Main Street appearances.

the city residents also.

Ann McColley

Hi, my name is Ann McColley and I am running for a position on the Newcastle City Council. I am a lifelong resident of Newcastle and I love my hometown. I am married to Rick McColley and we have three children that we raised here. I have worked for Butte/Bridger Pipeline for the past 44 years, and am



toying with the idea of finally retiring, which will give me more time to devote to the issues of the council. The main reason

that I am running for this office is that I believe I could be an asset to the board. I have previous experience, as I was a member of the Northern Wyoming Mental Health board for four vears.

me and your vote in the Nov. 6 election. Thank you.

■ *Karl Lacey*

I am running for a seat on the Newcastle City Council because I believe it's time for a change in way the council operates. I have lived in Newcastle for 38 years and in that time we still have the same problems with our streets, sewers and other issues. There are council members with multiple terms and we get the same results. We need new ideas



instead of doing things the way they have always been done. Instead of looking to other towns our size in Wyoming to see what they do and

adopt it here, we need to find what fits Newcastle and use it. I would bring



Western and Sheraton Hotels, I was also a partner in an oil and gas production firm. For six years my construction company built single-family homes, multiplex apartments, hotel/ motel rooms and industrial buildings in Douglas, Gillette, and Newcastle. I have served on the Weston County Zoning and Planning Commission. I was a precinct committeeman and vice-chairman of the Weston County Republican Party.

Along with working to maintain efficient daily operations, I will spend my four-year term using the experience I gained as an "appointed" councilman to address the ideas below.

• I will continue to maintain my contact with citizens gathering your views and ideas regarding the city, much like we did with the mixer on Oct. 20, "Your Voice - Your City." I will be encouraging participation from the people to be a part of what we do.

• I will promote a "pro-business"

Donald Steveson

I currently hold the office of city council and would like to continue to serve on the city council offering my time and commitment to the city council position. I believe I have been able to learn more about the city



does provide may services to the city residences and each service must pay for each and balance for each account.

When you ask what specific goals and objectives I intend to accomplish, I needed to think on this awhile as this question is not an easy one to answer. I look at this office as not a one spe-

My qualifications and experience for this council position would be that I have been involved with the community in one way or another for the past 47 years. I understand what it takes when designing projects from the implementation to the completion. This could be from our street projects to water projects. I look at everything that comes before the council with an open mind and I do not have an agenda or axe to grind while I am holding this seat. I have been on the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department for 34 years and held the fire chief's position for two terms, and dealt with budgets within. I am currently the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) chairman and have held this position since 2008.

I would like to see the whole city working together to make it better so that it will survive and thrive. I believe that I could help our town to become more presentable to those either passing through or wishing to relocate here — first impression is always a lasting impression. I will encourage everyone to take pride in their property and our community, and to help make Newcastle a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

I have been a very positive supporter of Newcastle for many years, bringing to our town the beautiful planted coal cars, hanging flower baskets, Main Street mural project, and trying to attend and encourage all new ideas from those trying to help our town.

I do not have an axe to grind or an agenda to make. I will always be open to suggestions and questions from the citizens of Newcastle, and would be willing to have a get-together once in awhile to discuss different ideas. I would appreciate your confidence in

fresh ideas and much-needed changes.

I have talked with people in town about the cost of water and sewer, building permits, city ordinances and how they are positively or negatively affected by them. Most say it is cost and sometimes interferes with their private property rights. When there is a rate increase and the reason is because they haven't been raised in years is not reason enough, the council should list what cost and expenditures there are to justify the increase. Raising rates or taxes to support spending is not fiscally responsible. I would like to see a reasonable budget and control of needless spending. I am a conservative and believe we should have no more government than we absolutely need.

We have seen streets blocked off for weeks without work being done. City projects should be better planned so all the need money, materials and

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County Coroner Officials

Cynthia Crabtree

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• Cynthia Crabtree

1. Why I want to hold the office of the Weston County Coroner and my intentions:

a. To continue giving the residents of Weston County closure to the loss of their loved one by making the process as quick and easy as possible.

b. Helping with the legal work required in a wrongful death investigation.

c. Having equipment required for the safe moving of the loved one - eliminate any injuries to the officers attending with the move.

d. Serving the county with the integrity,

Susan Overman

honestly, and conviction as I have to the other districts and positions that I have served in the past years. My experience speaks to these qualifications.

2. Qualifications are:

One Candidate

One 4-year Term

a. 32 years in the medical field as an emergency medical technician

b. Degree in business accounting

c. WLEA Coroner Basic #26 completion

d. EMS leadership academy

- e. International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners
- f. ABMDI course
- g. Continued post hours

One Candidate One 4-year Term

One Candidate

🖬 Susie Overman I enjoy my job and working

with the public. Helping them register their vehicles and pay their taxes in a friendly, caring and professional atmosphere is my goal.

I have been in the Weston County Treasurer's Office since

County Clerk

Becky Hadlock

I want to hold the office of Weston

Commissioner meetings are posted prior to



County Treasurer Officials

2000. I was first elected into 6, and would appreciate your

My staff and I are very well County cross-trained, and knowledgetreasurer in able of the Wyoming State in the very early thought stage Statues and the Rules and Regulations of the State of a satellite office of the Weston Wyoming that we must follow County Treasurer's Office in when doing our jobs. If we do

not have an answer to a question or problem, we will diligently research and find a solution.

My long-term goal — that is — is the possibility of opening Upton.

One 4-year Term

Becky Hadlock

revenue to the surrounding counties, when the taxpayers choose to go elsewhere for their titles/license plates. I will work with the other elected officials to see how we can get this lost revenue back.

The opportunity to hold the office of Weston County Clerk appeals to me on many levels. First and foremost, I have spent the past 20 years of my professional career as the office manager with Weston County Road and Bridge, so the type of work I will be



doing will be very comfortable to me and I plan on hitting the ground running! I love dealing with the public, which allows me to operate efficiently in a fastpaced environment. Throughout my career, I have developed excellent customer service and

organizational skills and I am excited for the opportunity to apply those skills in the clerk's office.

Thank you for your continued support, I would appreciate your vote on Nov. 6.

One Candidate

re-election Nov. **County Officials**

of Weston

the position support.

your vote for Weston County Commissioner on November 6

I would

appreciate

"Thank you for your support!" -Marty Ertman

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County Attorney

One 4-year Term

Alex Berger

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■ Alex Berger

I hope to be the next county and prosecuting attorney to help make Weston County a safe and prosperous community by providing sound legal advice to officials and supporting a strong criminal justice system. I would immediately

appoint Saige Smith, an associate attorney with my privatepractice firm, as deputy county and prosecuting attorney. She will live in Newcastle. She was admitted to practice law this year and was the director of the prosecutor's assistance clinic in Laramie while at the University of Wyoming. She will be a great fit for the position and a wonderful addition to Newcastle.

Second, I will work toward digitizing all files and case management. My goal is to be able to tell the commissioners and the public exactly what the office statistics are and how the office is doing. I will have conviction, dismissal, and deferral statistics at my fingertips. Better use of this kind of technology will also help the office better communicate and work with other governmental agencies. In my



Third, the office budget will need adjustment. As a small business owner, I know the importance of keeping a budget trim. I am going to take a hard look at the office budget and, with the consent of the commissioners, make changes. I am open to moving the office to another space if it is more cost effective.

to be both

low-cost and

effective.

Fourth, I will make manufacture and distribution of illegal drugs, specifically methamphetamine, a top law-enforcement priority. I will provide the state investigators, city police depart-

ment, and sheriff's office with private pracsupport, education, and guidtice, I have made similar ance in ridding Weston County of harmful drugs. changes that have proven

When I take office, I will turn my focus and energy to making the County Attorney's Office the best office possible. I will be available 24/7 to county agencies and law enforcement. I took over a law practice of a retiring lawyer in 2016. I had to make huge changes to the office and staff to incorporate technology, be cost effective, and become more efficient. I will use the lessons I learned building my practice and apply them to the Weston County Attorney's Office. Thank you for your votes in the primary and I would greatly appreciate your vote in the upcoming general election so I can make these goals a reality.

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contractors will be ready to work until the lead man and shop supervisor at Jacobs job can completed without interruptions. I understand unforeseen problems come up, but they need to be taken care of as soon as possible. Making sure all city projects are necessary and completed properly is one of my priorities.

A few of my qualifications are: As a

Ranch Mine for four years I was involved in planning equipment maintenance and the use of available manpower requirements to get the job done. My duties included scheduling times to do the repairs and ordering needed parts, and following up the orders to ensure what was ordered

would be delivered on time. I supervised employees and addressed any issues that came up during the shift. I have a common sense approach to problems and ideas that work.

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I would appreciate your vote Tuesday, Nov. 6, and will work hard for the citizens of Newcastle. Thank you.



Please note not all candidates responded to our questionnaire.

Despite repeated calls and emails to candidates, their campaign managers and media directors, some running for office apparently did not believe that the opportunity to carry their messages to the people of Weston County was worth their time and effort.

The News Letter Journal regrets those choices. For the absence of information denies us the ability to fully and accurately depict the choices available to you, our readers. We nonetheless believe that a non-answer remains an answer. You should decide what it means.

Weston County School District #1 Nine Candidates Four 4-year Term **Board of Trustees**

Brian Pischke	Marcia Lambert	Kasey Keeler	Robert "Dean" Johnson	
Jason Jenkins	Regg Hagge	Matthew Gorman	Dana Gordon	Rachel Blumenthal

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Brian Pischke

Hello. My name is Brian Pischke and I am running for a seat on the Weston County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees. Why? Simply put, "Children are our Business." This is the motto of the Board, and I believe this should be the credo of our community as well. After all, our children are our future and they will one day run and shape that future in which we and they will live. As such, setting our children out on the right path through our school system is of utmost importance. I believe that the school board is an integral part of establishing that path, guiding our young people along it, and I look forward to helping them along their way.

With a child in grade school, I am well aware that the school system raises our children just as much as we do ourselves as parents, helping to shape them into the people that they will be as adults. While they are away from us at school, it becomes the task of our educators to guide our children for us, seeing to it that they have the knowledge and skills to become ethical, responsible, productive citizens and life-long learners. With this great burden that we lay upon them, I feel it is imperative that we do everything that we can to provide our educators with the devices, training, and facilities that they need in order to successfully mold our students. I believe that fostering an atmosphere of learning for not only academics but also industrial arts, agricultural sciences, visual and performing arts, and extracurricular activities helps to broaden our children's horizons. In a day in which many school districts feel that cutting these non-academic programs is a justifiable way to save money, I am resolved that they are an indispensable part of our educational system and should continue indefinitely. While I hold a degree from the University of Wyoming in mechanical engineering, I truly believe that not every student's path will lead them to a university degree. Many of our students endeavor to enter the workforce in a trade such as a welder, rancher, mechanic, or artist. Continuing to offer curriculum which supports these undertakings is essential to their future. I am not running for a seat on the school board because I feel that the board or district necessarily need to be changed or reformed in any specific way, but rather because I want to see that our school district continues to succeed and move

forward progressively while still maintaining the ideals and traditions that make communities such as ours a great place to live and raise a child. I am excited about the possibility of serving our children, parents, educators, and community with a seat on the Weston County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees, and ask for your support in the upcoming election. Thank you.

■ Marcia Lambert

My name is Marcia Lambert and I am running for reelection to the Weston County School District #1 board. I am married to Bill Lambert and we ranch just outside of Newcastle. We two



I like to think that I have an influence on students, the board and future leaders by being a person that has morals, ethics and by thinking things through carefully. I am an approachable person and a very good listener. I also have time to devote. I love our community and our schools and my history at WCSD#1 goes way back. I will always have the district's best interest in my heart and when making a decision I will always take the time to think it through and make sure it is the best for children, our district and our community.

Kasey Keeler

I believe that with my education, background and life experiences I can offer a new perspective to the school board. I have been blessed with a good family, a solid education which began here in Newcastle and a strong work ethic. It seems to me that I have an obligation to give something back to the community that raised me. Serving on the school board and supporting our teachers, staff, parents and students is the best way for me to do that.

My primary goal is simply to pay attention, identify the areas where I can help, and then work with the rest of the board to develop practical policies. I am not running because I have an axe to grind or a personal agenda. I do intend, however, to be a strong advocate for classes and activities that teach kids how to use their hands, such as industrial technology, art, music, home economics, etc. Right now we are doing a great job teaching the core subjects, and recent test scores show big improvements in these areas. This is great! It proves that the extra time and energy being put in by teachers and students is paying off. However, I believe that some people learn with their brains and some people learn with their hands, and that a standardized test score is only one indicator of how well we've prepared our students for success. I'm also planning on spending extra time working with the board to figure out how to get us through the latest budget-related obstacles. I'm especially interested in how the Special Ed, school lunch, and athletics programs will be affected.

the Flying V. It's important to me that people know I am trustworthy and that they can talk to me. I can listen and think before I speak. I try to be fair and look at the big picture before I make decisions. I'm open-minded and good at thinking outside of the box to solve a problem.

Robert "Dean" Johnson

I run as a candidate for Weston County School District #1 to serve the community that my grandparents and greatgrandparents chose as a homestead location. A community that my parents continued to occupy and decided to raise a family in. Here, they raised six children and became a complimentary addition to a small but growing town. I, as part of that was raised here, educated here,

> and eventually started my own family with wife, my Tammy. Our three sons were all edu-

cated in Newcastle. This community has given me my past, present, and future. Newcastle is and always will be my home. It is impossible to list all it has given me. To repay my community in some way is why I offer to serve.

My goals as a board member are to continue to listen, be fair and just, and provide a safe and friendly environment for students and staff to learn, grow, and expand their education. I would hope that all new and present members of this board would continue to offer as many academic and extracurricular activities as is "financially responsible." We must also maintain a constant line of communication with leaders in state government. They control

vocational studies. Due to my current and past employment, I have a unique perspective of these types of students. With the rise of these issues at our school, I feel I can help improve the school district in these areas.

An at-risk student is one who is in danger of failing academically, could drop out of school or is struggling with disciplinary issues. My goal is to give the school the resources it needs to help these students succeed. This could include an at-risk counselor and in-school or after-school programs. It is important that we make innovative changes to classroom instruction and school environments to include bringing support personnel into the classroom rather than taking the student out of class.

With the ongoing issue of bullying and school violence, it is imperative that all students have a safe learning environment. When violence is a part of the school environment, all students are affected in some way. As a school board member, I would like to meet with teachers, parents, and students to listen to their concerns and suggested solutions to any problems our community is facing.

Not all students will attend a college or university. One of the advantages of vocational training is that it focuses on practical skills that students can put to use in a job immediately. Some students are able to learn easily through reading, discussion, and lecture; while others may excel at learning through hands-on training. I would like to see our students have an opportunity to achieve a degree in Applied Science through Eastern Wyoming College. I would like to expand on our high school programs and a program through EWC where students can work toward those vocational degrees.

As a school board member, I feel one of the most important jobs is to support school staff. Meeting teachers' needs can only increase student performance in our schools. Remembering that data is only one indicator of how our schools are performing and to look at the whole system and what it is providing our children to be successful adults is imperative. Providing quality training, funding for rigorous curriculum, and appropriate technology is a great way to support our teachers in meeting school/district goals. These are aspects that I will uphold as a

budget) might be useful.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions 307-746-2039.

Dana Gordon

I have held a position on the Weston County School Board for four years. Both my husband and I have graduated from Newcastle High School, as have all three of our children. I grew up here in Newcastle, work, live here, and I love our community.

It is my belief that we should all contribute to our community in any way that we can. I hope that this is a way I can give



back to mine. I believe that those that teach, serve on the board, and work in our schools really want

what is best for our children. I have seen so many times when people in our schools go the extra mile and more for a child.

What I hope is accomplished is that all our children receive what they need to succeed in their life. Our schools and our teachers are being asked to do more with less funding. The Weston County School Board has been faced with many difficult decisions over the last four years. I would like to continue to serve on the board to support our children, teachers and staff.

■ Rachel Blumenthal

My name is Rachel Blumenthal and I am running for a seat on the WCSD #1 School Board.

My passion for our schools and dedication to guide our children are the reasons I am running for the School Board of WCSD #1. My ultimate goal in becoming a school board member is to serve the students, parents, school staff, and community. I want to work together as part of a team with the teachers and staff within the school to seek new ideas and



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ment for our community.

I would like the opportunity to serve another term because I

feel like I have barely gotten my feet wet. As a board member, I have participated in numerous trainings including board governance through the Wyoming School Board Association. There is a definite learning curve with the different terminology that is used in the education field, (way different from ranch lingo) and it takes time to learn.

There are some very important issues that concern me and I would like to help see them through (school safety, school funding formula, personnel and student achievement). School safety is a major concern — we must continue to train our staff, students and community to be aware and vigilant of their surroundings.

Weston County School District #1 is one of Newcastle's largest employers, so personnel issues are always there. We must continue to support the personal and professional growth of all staff. The uncertainty of the state school funding makes it a challenge to plan for the future of students and staff. The political issues always need to be addressed, we have to keep our focus on what is best. Student achievement is among the top issues dependent on the above.

Tell us what qualifications and characteristics you possess that will help ensure that your stated goals can be achieved:

After graduating from NHS, I worked in the oil field with my dad. I later attended Northwest Community College, then earned my cosmetology license and worked in a salon to help pay for my undergraduate degree at Montana State-Billings. I went to graduate school at the Art Institute of Boston and became a teacher and non-profit arts administrator. I have also worked as a licensed orthotic and prosthetic technician where I designed and fabricated custom devices to help patients with mobility handicaps. I have helped on my mom's family ranch for many years, and I currently work at our funding levels! If elected, I will continue to do my best for this "Great Community"! Thank you.

■ Jason Jenkins

I am a Newcastle native who graduated from Newcastle High School and I am now raising my three children with my wife, Kim.

I am always looking for opportunities to serve my community, either through my service in the military, the fire and sheriff's department, correctional officer and drill instructor at the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp.

I have a vested interest in the direction of this school district, as I have children of my own

> enrolled in this system. My interests are not only for the future of my children, but others well. as Children make up 20

percent of our population, but are 100 percent of our future.

My goals are finding ways to assist at-risk students, improve school safety, and expand our

Regg Hagge

school board member.

My intention in running for the board of Weston County School District #1 is simply to serve the children of our community. Being new to town, I have no specific goals or hidden agenda. I offer a newcomer's prospective of the school district

The only other think I can offer is my three years of experience as a school board member in South Dakota. Given the fact it sounds like Wyoming is going to have to "tighten its belt" on a few things financially, my experience in South Dakota (which operates its schools on a lean



programs. The focus must remain on our children and what can be done to improve the

school environment so each individual can achieve their goals. I'm excited to expand my volunteer time and skills by serving on the school board.

As a member of the school board I feel I can bring fresh ideas and a positive attitude to the meetings. I want to hear the concerns of parents, teachers, staff, and students and bring those issues before the board. I am looking forward to helping find solutions to any problems that arise. With having two children in the school, I have a front row seat to what our children face in their school years. Our schools need to be a place where each individual can gain knowledge and feel safe in the process. I am committed to investing my time and energy into helping our school system thrive.

County Officials County Sheriff

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candidates for the General Election.)

Bryan Colvard

I am asking for your continued support for Weston County Sheriff. I have served in Wyoming Law Enforcement for over 20 years, and I have done so with honesty, integrity and respect for the people I serve. Over the past eight years as your sheriff, we have worked hard to streamline our spending while providing the best possible service we can.

Bryan Colvard

As sheriff I have identified and utilized both resources outside and within our county to more effectively serve our citizens. In the next term, if elected, I want to continue streamlining our operation. With the recent loss of the state's livestock investigators, I will develop training for our deputies and cooperation with sur-

rounding counties to investigate livestock crimes. I am working on upgraded and integrated technology to allow our deputies to do more of the required reporting and paperwork in the field versus driving back to Newcastle to do

their paperwork. This will allow them to spend a more significant amount of time out in the county serving our citizens. We will work closely with the prosecuting attorney to develop a strong information and communication flow to allow for better criminal case disposition.

One Candidate

One 4-year Term

I have truly enjoyed serving our citizens and appreciate the continued support. Thank you.



County Assessor

One Candidate One 4-year Term

Three Candidates

Nathan Todd (R)

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Three 4-year Terms

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your stated goals can be achieved. (The same question was posed to all candidates for the General Election.)

■ Tina Conklin

I have worked in the Weston County Assessor's office for several years; starting as the deputy assessor in 1994 then as assessor since 2005; have a title

Tina Conklin

insurance background and paralegal course specializing in land records; over 730 hours of continuing education through the International Association of Assessing Officers and the Wyoming Department of Revenue; and

permanent certification as a property



tax appraiser.

The county assessor and employees of that office must meet mandatory education requirements per Wyoming Department of Revenue rules and regulations.

The Assessor's office has created an efficient workforce working

together as a team. We continue to strive for accuracy in our data. One of our goals is to continue to assist customers in a friendly and courteous manner while they are conducting business in the Assessor's office. Another goal is to fully utilize the county's website by including additional data on the Assessor's page of that website.

County Officials

Tony Barton (R)

Nathan Todd

My interest in holding this office stems from growing up in Weston County, raising my children here and helping to run a couple business ventures



of keeping our Weston County boards financially viable as an oppor-

tunity for our citizens to enjoy into the future. I am a graduate of Upton High School and the University

of Wyoming. I believe in this state's schools and the importance of our children having opportunities to thrive and hopefully find their own niche in our we reside. One of the factors always evident is the outward migration of our children to surrounding states and areas. As a commissioner I will strive to help make Weston County a place where business can thrive and have an attractive place to set up roots with the goal of growing our population and enlarging our tax base. We need to be cognizant as to the taxes we impose so we don't damage business or our lifestyles and ensure that the monies that come into the county coffers are used to prepare a better Weston County.

Weston County has followed in suit with most of the rest of the state in the boom and bust of the energy sector. Growing from where we are, will be Marty Ertman (R)

great state and county where a tough hill to climb without positive movement in our oil fields and neighboring coal fields. We need to rely on the fact that we do have a strong agriculture community, some beautiful lands in the county for travelers to visit, and some viable businesses that we need to support as much as possible. With proper care of our county roads and close work with energy companies, we can make roads usable for all of our needs without leaving people feeling forgotten down some of our long dusty roads.

> Across the county I have met many great individuals that reside here and look forward to the opportunity to meet more of you. I hope to be a valuable asset for the citizens of the county and keep open

communication at all times. I encourage people to reach out to me with suggestions, issues and concerns.

Sincerely, Nathan Todd.

■ *Marty Ertman* My name is Marty Ertman

and I am running for Weston County Commissioner. I have owned and operated a small retail store here in Newcastle for 30 years, which has given me a unique perspective that I bring to the board of county commissioners. I was also a local sports referee for 15 years. I believe research and being prepared is paramount, and I strive to do such for every meeting. I believe in hearing all sides and having open discussions to allow the board to have a clear understanding of the issues before decisions are made.

I have been honored to represent the people of Weston County. I have been and will continue to be a strong advocate for this county and her people not only on the local level but also at the state and

federal level. Our county is a patchwork federal and state lands which need

stant oversight to maintain a balance with our private landowners. Each decision made outside of our county needs to be scrutinized to insure that it is made with the best intent for our citizens.

I will continue to be a fiscal conservative. Making each dollar count with each and every budget request is a high priority. I will continue to be energetic and zealous in looking for funding from the state for our city, town and county. I will strive to protect the county's assets including her roads.

One of the biggest issues facing us this term is redistricting. I learned a lot eight years ago when I was first elected, and with that experience I will again lobby the legislature to keep Weston County whole.

Weston County is my home. Always has been and always will be. I would appreciate your vote on Nov. 6. Thank you!

County Officials

■ Gidget Macke

I started my work career in 1985 as a dispatcher at the Newcastle Police of District court, I became Department. After seven years, I started working for Don Hansen and Jim Peck, who became the Weston retired in 2015 I ran for and County attorney and Newcastle became the Clerk of District

city attorney. In 2002, when Leona Cool retired as Clerk Sandra Walford's deputy clerk. When Sandra Walford

Gidget Macke

Court, so it has been an experience learning progression. If re-elected, I will

continue to follow guidelines, laws and statutes while keeping my office as transparent as possible. Over the last four years I have implemented several budget-trimming measures including scanning and e-mailing documents, revamping the filing system, and using other electronics when possible to save

both time and money. If re-elected, I will continue these budget-trimming measures. I will also continue to follow guidelines, Wyoming laws and statutes, and keep my office as transparent as possible.

One Candidate

One 4-year Term



General Election – Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018 **Polling Places:** 1-1, 1-2, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3 - State Forestry Building 2-1 — Osage Fire Department 3-1, 4-1 – Upton Community Center

United States Senator

Gary Trauner (D)

John Barrasso (R)

Three Candidates One 6-year Term

Joseph Porambo (LIB)

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■ Gary Trauner

Who am I? I am a father, husband, businessman and entrepreneur who has a deep record of leadership in



munity service. I leadership have experience in education as the former chair of the school board; I have leadership experience in

business and com-

healthcare as the former COO of a regional hospital here in Wyoming; I have leadership experience in infrastructure as the current chair of a Wyoming Water and Sewer District and I have leadership experience in the private sector — having started and run several businesses in Wyoming. I've got a reputation for results thru leadership, integrity and working with everyone and anyone to

solve dysfunctional situations.

Who Am I not? I'm not a career politician; I have no ties to any political party hierarchy. I'm not beholden to any corporate donors, so I'm only about the people of Wyoming. And I'm not someone who relies on fear and division to get ahead.

My goal is simple: to restore trust to our political system in Washington, D.C. Therefore, I would focus on fixing the root causes of bad policy and DC gridlock, including:

I would put country before party and focus on putting Wyoming (and American) families at the forefront. George Washington's biggest concern in his Farewell Address in 1796 was that people would put party before country, corrupting our system. Blind allegiance to party leads to division, acrimony and bad policy. Sadly, there is no magic bullet to fix this. The only way to effect change in this regard is developing personal relationships with everyone and anyone who is willing to put country before party. It takes leadership ability, courage and integrity to do this and to find others with the same traits and then to work together to get things back on track.

I would work to remove the influence of money in politics, especially dark money. "Big money" skews our policies and laws, resulting in seniors paying more for their drugs on Medicare and Wall Street hedge

fund managers paying lower tax rates than Wyoming teachers, miners and ranchers. "Big money" prioritizes policies that put corporate profits over real people. "Big money" results in widening inequality, lower tax collections, and a ballooning national debt. It is the underpinning for the unresponsiveness of politicians to their constituents and the deep discontent that many feel with our system. The best move would be a constitutional amendment limiting corporate, PAC and dark money in politics and overturning the Citizens United decision. Absent that, I would work to change laws to limit the timeframe for raising money, reduce the impact of lobbyist, and provide full transparency on all donors to political entities and candidates.

I would ensure elected officials play by the same rules as the rest of us. No access to special pensions, healthcare or harassment rules. Aligning the interest of elected officials with the rest of us would align their incentives for passing laws that benefit the rest of us instead of just themselves and their financial patrons.

John Barrasso

The people of Wyoming know me. I'm a husband, father, and someone who cares deeply about the future of our state. I'm conservative. Nothing has prepared me more for serving Wyoming than the years I spent as a medical doctor, a state legislator and volunteer in our state. These experiences and jobs prepared me to

> contribute conservative ideas to the broad set of issues and challenges we face. They taught me the important lessons of hard work and commu-

nity that lead to solutions closest to the people. These jobs taught me to listen first. Most importantly, I learned why it is so critical that we guide our own future and not leave decisions about our lives, our resources, our freedoms to Washington, D.C.

Providing a pro-growth, pro-American economic climate to create and maintain good-paying jobs for Wyoming people is a top priority. The Obama administration took direct aim at Wyoming's economy. It saddled our state and country with new taxes, new mandates, and oppressive federal regulations that burdened many Wyoming families and small businesses.

Working closely with the Trump Administration, I successfully fought to cut taxes, so Wyoming people keep more of what they earn, and unleash America's private sector economy. We slashed billions in excessive Obama-era rules and

regulations that targeted Wyoming jobs, and we opened new opportunities overseas for Wyoming's natural gas and coal. This is good for our economy, Wyoming jobs, and our national security.

Finally, Obamacare is a terrible law that left patients with higher premiums and less choices for healthcare. I fought against Obamacare and authored alternatives that clear away the mandates and give families a real choice to buy affordable insurance that works for them. I helped lead efforts to repeal the individual mandate tax so that you aren't forced to buy insurance you don't want or can't afford.

I believe in limited government. We've seen the federal bureaucracy grow too large and too encompassing. We've seen Washington, D.C., not listening and not working. As a result, too often the federal government issues a one-size-fits-all approach to solve a problem. Time and time again we see this approach fail and our individual rights put at risk.

I believe in a government of, by, and for the people. I believe a smaller government creates more jobs and interferes less with personal freedoms. And I believe when we downsize the federal government, we are safer, more prosperous and live more free.

United States Representative

Four Candidates One 2-year Term

Greg Hunter (D)

Liz Cheney (R)

Richard Brubaker (LIB)

Daniel Clyde Cummings (CON)

NLJ: Please tell us why you want to hold this office, I can help find consensus to and what you intend to accomplish if elected. Please be specific about your goals and objectives, so our readers can measure your progress over the course of the term. Also tell us what qualifications and characteristics you possess that will help ensure that your stated goals can be achieved. (The same question was posed to all candidates for the General Election.)

■ Greg Hunter

I am running to ensure that Wyoming voices are acknowledged and addressed in U.S. Congress. The bills crafted and supported by Rep. Cheney have devalued the consensus of Wyoming voices. Many people in Wyoming continue to live in poverty, without fair wage, health insurance, or adequate resources to achieve stability. U.S. Congress is dividing our nation by their inability to compromise, listen, and serve their constituents.

I will prioritize engaging across party lines and not be captive to intractable leadership. I believe that if we talk to each other, we have more in common than we do dif-



ferences. As congressman,

debate between the current representative and myself on PBS. It was

an honor to represent the right of history and express pro-Wyoming views

side

on public lands, health care, energy, diversification, and federal issues.

We need to get dark money out of politics. No matter how lean a campaign you run, this process is expensive for an average Wyoming citizen, such as myself. I am adamant about serving Wyoming's people NOT lobbyists or out-of state donors as Liz Cheney has for the last two years.

As the sole U.S. representative for the great state of Wyoming, my 2019 voting record will reflect and protect the interests of Wyoming people, Wyoming economy, and Wyoming resources and keeping public lands in public hands. In my 35 years of profes-

sional work, I have obtained an understanding of the complexities within the intersection of clean water and clean air with energy development. This knowledge will allow me to contribute a more balanced approach and reduce the divisive atmosphere impacting D.C. politics.

It is critical that I promote legislative action to protect our clean air and clean water as Wyoming promotes energy development that will benefit all Wyomingites: ensuring sustained revenue, employment, healthcare, tourism, public education and well-being of our Wyoming communities.

I will also work with legislators on issues that will reduce non-essential requirements that restrict energy from leaving Wyoming as I have a scientific background and numerous contacts in the industry that will allow me to generate common sense approaches to energy while protecting public health and public lands.

In Congress, I will only craft and support bills that tions that hurt Wyoming's

balance the Wyoming we currently inhabit and the Wyoming that we envision for our future generations. I will encourage conversations and represent data-driven, well-measured, stakeholder-considered decisions. I will always put Wyoming first. I will not be rolled over by either party for the sake of expediency to obtain a "win" for the team. I have enjoyed discussing issues with people all across the state and will maintain these relationships in Washington, D.C. I will always invite others to join the conversation.

■ Liz Cheney

I am honored to be Wyoming's lone representative in the U.S. House. I have championed reform to create jobs, cut taxes and regulation, expand Wyoming's

energy, mining and ag industries and restore American power and strength. I

have kept my campaign promise to work to reduce the size of government and roll back harmful regula-

economy and amounted to a war on our way of life. As a proud constitutional conservative, I have co-sponsored legislation that would crack down on illegal immigration, preserve the constitutional rights of gun owners across America and protect life with bills that expand the Hyde Amendment and defund Planned Parenthood.

My first bill signed into law by President Donald Trump overturned Planning 2.0, a federal power grab that would have expanded the control exercised by environmental groups and bureaucrats over our land. Congress has used the Congressional Review Act to undo other Obama-era rules, including the Stream Buffer Rule and the OSHA Power Grab Rule. I also introduced legislation that would prevent moratoriums on coal leases on federal land without congressional approval, reform the Equal Access to Justice Act, restore Wyoming's full share of our mineral royalty revenues, and defend the rights of our ranchers to their grazing allotments.

The U.S. House repealed Dodd-Frank regulations that hurt our community banks. We also passed legislation to repeal

and replace Obamacare and allow individuals to purchase health insurance across state lines. Together with the Senate and President Trump, we cut taxes and repealed Obamacare's individual mandate with the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. These efforts are already working to expand economic growth and create more jobs. Since the beginning of this Congress, these reforms have led to more than 3.5 million new jobs, the lowest unemployment rate in 17 years, and driven small business confidence to an all-time high.

I have also been a leader in the fight to rebuild our military. We passed the 2019 defense appropriations bill, marking the first time in 9 years that the Defense Department will not be forced to operate under a continuing resolution.

Despite this progress, there is more work to do. With your support, I'll continue to work to cut the size of government, roll back regulation and stop federal overreach into the lives of our local fossil fuel, agriculture, ranching and business communities.

I humbly ask for your vote. You can learn more about my record by visiting www.cheneyforwyoming.com.

PLEASE NOTE Not all candidates responded to our questionnaire.

Despite repeated calls and emails to candidates, their campaign managers and media directors, some running for office apparently did not believe that the opportunity to carry their messages to the people of Weston County was worth their time and effort.

The News Letter Journal regrets those choices. For the absence of information denies us the ability to fully and accurately depict the choices available to you, our readers. We nonetheless believe that a non-answer remains an answer. You should decide what it means.

Statewide Officials Governor

Four Candidates One 4-year Term

Lawrence Gerard Struempf (LIB)

Mary A Throne (D)

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■ *Mary Throne*

I was born and raised on a ranch in Campbell County. After earning my law degree and serving as Assistant Wyoming Attorney General, I went to work as an attorney defending our energy industry. I have litigated and defeated the Sierra Club (twice) to protect local energy jobs, and I took on the Obama administration to stop

over-



put the needs of Wyoming first.

Tired of politics as usual, Wyoming Legislature in 2006. Throughout 10 years in the legislature, I earned a reputation for bipartisan problem solving and forging common sense solutions that helped every community in our state. A nonpartisan analysis by FiscalNote showed me to be one of the most effective legislators in Wyoming. I'm running for governor to end the boom and bust cycle, and to secure a prosperous future for our state.

During my last few years as a legislator, I noticed a disturbing trend: we were beginning to get more partisan, and more like

the folks in Washington, D.C. When I first started, most legislators did not care if something was a Democratic idea or a Republican idea — they cared if it was a good idea. By the end of my service in the legislature, I felt that this common-sense approach had become much too rare.

The simple fact is, our state works better when we leave partisanship at the door. We've had good Democratic governors and good Republican governors, but the state works best when our governor isn't beholden to the platform of their party, but rather free to speak their mind and advocate for Wyoming values. Loyalty to the party should never replace loyalty to the people we serve.

Wyoming leaders have kept our state in a boom and bust state with shortsighted decisions. It is essential to expand beyond our dependence on boom and bust industries. Wyoming relies on minerals to provide about 70 percent of the state's revenue. So, when energy crashes, we crash too. We need to look for new opportunities in all sectors, as well as continue to look for new opportunities within our mineral industries.

We need to strengthen our I stepped up and ran for the communities, so they can grow their economies. We must expand Medicaid to provide affordable insurance to 20,000 Wyomingites who currently have none, and to stabilize rural hospitals, as well as taking other steps to make health insurance more affordable. We must make broadband more available, and properly fund our public schools so that our kids are prepared for the future and so young families want to raise their children in Wyoming. We must protect and have access to our incredible public lands.

Walking down the same

paths will not break Wyoming out of the boom and bust cycle, nor will DC-style politics. Today's problems deserve better than yesterday's solutions. That is the leadership I will bring to Cheyenne and I would appreciate your support on Nov. 6.

■ Rex "T-Rex" Rammell

Born and raised near Yellowstone Park. Bachelor's and master's degrees in Animal Science, doctorate in Veterinary Medicine Kansas State University. Married to Lynda Wright of Alta, Wyo., for 35 years, have three daughters, one

son, and six grandchildren. Served а mission to Work as a veterinarian

in Rock Springs, Wyo. Own and operate Sweetwater Stables. Ran for U.S. Senate in 2008 and governor of Idaho 2010. Ran for U.S. House in Wyoming 2016 as Republican and now running for governor of Wyoming in 2018 on Constitution Party ticket.

The Rich States Poor States 2018 report ranks Wyoming's economic performance from 2006 to 2016 as 43rd in the nation with GDP growth ranked 46th. Property tax burden was ranked eighth highest. With a coal industry in the decline and Wyoming's general fund revenue based 70 percent on the fossil fuel industry, Wyoming is in TROUBLE! The status quo will no longer work in Wyoming. Balancing the budget with rainy day money is no long-term solution. Wyoming's investment portfolio of approximately \$20 billion has been riding the Trump bull

market, but already hedge fund managers are warning an imminent correction is on the horizon. Wyoming desperately needs a safe strategy to energize the economy for the future. If elected governor, my plan is to petition the people to charter a new Bank of Wyoming after the model of North Dakota. Not a typical bank, but a bank that loans money to startup and existing businesses. If Wyoming had an infusion of \$10 to \$20 billion into her economy, the engine of capitalism would ignite and a fire storm of prosperity would

ensue.

two-year

Japan.

In addition to moving Wyoming's investment portfolio from Wall Street to Wyoming, we need to assert our 10th Amendment state's rights to manage the vast natural resources on our public lands. Not ownership, but management control. Currently the federal government keeps 52 percent of all mineral royalties and lease bonuses. If that money stayed in Wyoming along with new revenues from a timber industry and other land use fees, the potential exists for another billion dollars to be infused into our economy. Clearly, I am not a status quo candidate. My ideas are fresh and visionary. It will take a governor that thinks out of the box to move Wyoming into the future. I am a trained analyst and problem solver. Wyoming is a natural resource state. It is the backbone of our economy. We should do all we can to bolster its success. However, we should also do all we can to open the door to new industries. The business loans from the Bank of Wyoming will do just that. There is no need to raise taxes. We just need to

take of advantage of the wealth

above and below the ground.

use our significant portfolio to provide capital to diversify our economy, and have a new governor with a bold new vision. www.rexrammell.com.

Mark Gordon

I grew up on a family ranch outside of Kaycee and currently serve as Wyoming Treasurer. I've run outdoor recreation and tourism businesses on the main streets of Buffalo and Sheridan and worked in the oil and gas industry for the Apache Corporation. I served on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City before being selected by the Wyoming Republican Party State Central Committee to serve as Wyoming Treasurer. I won election to serve as Treasurer in 2014. Together with my wife Jennie, we have four grown children, and we still ranch and farm in Johnson County.

Wyoming is at a crossroads right now. We're facing a lot of change here in the state, across the country and around the globe. We have serious challenges we need to address balancing our budget,

improving

Wyoming

receive the

to



they deserve. The hard truth is, tackling these challenges will require working together and making some tough decisions as a state.

That's why it is more important than ever to have a proven conservative leader with the knowledge, experience and dedication to fight for Wyoming and its people every single day. I'm the only candidate in this race who has a proven record of defending our conservative values, saving taxpayers money, working with the legislature to help Wyoming businesses and standing up to protect your Constitution. I'm ready to hit the ground running as your governor on day one.

The biggest job of our next governor is going to be managing spending levels without growing government while still providing the essential services the people of Wyoming depend on. The boom times over the last decade have resulted in advanced spending rates that Wyoming simply cannot keep up with. To address Wyoming's funding shortfall, we have to prioritize needs versus wants, make reductions to ensure we are living within our means and look at ways to improve efficiencies and cut costs.

As the state treasurer, I have worked to make sure lawmakers can be confident in their planning on the investment returns the state can expect by increasing transparency and public participation. My track record in the treasurer's office demonstrates my ability to do more with less while safeguarding taxpayer dollars. I've been a fiscal conservative all my life and I have the private and public-sector experience to chart this new course for our state.

As governor, my top priorities will be keeping government minimal, accountable locally and living within its means; fostering innovation and encouraging strategic growth and development from the ground up; and providing exceptional educational opportunities for our kids and continuing education everyone needs to succeed and lead in the transforming workplace of the future. I'll work each and every day to set the course for a stable, bright Wyoming future.

Statewide Officials State Auditor

Kristi Racines (R)

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Kristi Racines

I'm running for the position of State Auditor because I am committed to the future of Wyoming. I believe in a government that is effective, efficient, and serves the critical



the accounting and payroll processes, and is the official custodian of the state's accounting records. As a financial professional, I firmly believe any entity, from the smallest business to our entire state, must have its fiscal house in order to operate effectively.

books

When it comes to the auditor's position on the State Loan and Investment Board and the Board of Land Commissioners, I want to foster a Wyoming where our children and grandchildren want (and will be able) to stay. I am focused on using my skills to put Wyoming's future first, always.

My Wyoming roots run deep. I'm a fourth generation native — my grandparents and great-grandparents were sheep and cattle ranchers, and my father worked in the oil and gas industry. I was born in Casper and raised in Bar Nunn, Evanston, and Riverton.

After graduating high school, I attended the University of Wyoming, where I graduated with degrees in accounting and Spanish. Shortly after, I became licensed as a certified public accountant (CPA). In my current role as chief fiscal officer and director of Human Resources of Wyoming's judicial branch, I prepare and manage an \$80 million statewide budget and oversee human resources for over 300 employees. I sit on the State Employee Compensation Commission and was appointed a member of the inaugural Government Efficiency Commission in 2017. Prior to my employment with the state, I worked for a large public accounting firm, where I performed audits of Wyoming businesses, nonprofits, and various different governmental entities. I understand accounting principles, business processes, and internal controls that are critical to the operation of our state. Having a common-sense Wyoming perspective is also critical to this position.

In my personal life, I am an avid sportsman. I enjoy hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, and generally enjoying our state's natural wonders. My husband and I live north of Cheyenne with our two young children.

The number one current issue with the state auditor's office is transparency — the state auditor is the cornerstone of financial reporting for the state, and is the official custodian of expenditure information. This data is not currently available to citizens in an easily accessible format. As auditor, I would ensure that state expenditure data is available — this is our best tool to ensure wise spending of our limited resources. Wyoming citizens and lawmakers must have accurate and reliable financial information in order to make good decisions and hold government accountable --- this is non-negotiable. Currently, information that can and should be made public is intermingled with

data that is private by law (for example, private health information). My knowledge of the current accounting system and the state's expenditure process puts me in the best position to correct this issue while ensuring protected data of individual citizens is not compromised.

Jeff Dockter

I decided to run for state auditor because I believe the issues facing the auditor's office are technology based and can be solved via technical Innovation. I have audited government con-

> tracts and programs ensure to compliance with state and federal requirements.

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believe my experience in state government and my experience in information technology gives me the skills to effectively lead and innovate business processes at the Auditor's office. In a datadriven, connected world, the only way to inform taxpayers is through technology improvement & innovation.

I grew up in the rural town of Circle, Mont., working on the family farm until it was sold in 1990. I earned my master's degree in Public Administration

from the University of Wyoming in 2008, and am a certified project manager. It's unfortunate that, right now, Wyoming earns an "F" in transparency. However, an experienced technological innovator can raise that grade — that's where my 15 years of state work experi-

Jeff Dockter (D)

ence comes into play. Voters need to know that the state auditor's office has been in GOP hands for 72 years. A long line of partisan auditors have had every opportunity to make some version, any version, of Wyoming's checkbook available to citizens. They simply chose not to do it. I will. My primary goal is to put Wyoming's checkbook online in the quickest possible manner and at the lowest possible cost to taxpayers. I will publish that vendor data on Day One, making Wyoming's checkbook available to everyone.

My solution is a low-cost, easily achievable plan to move Wyoming off that "F" rating in transparency. My plan moves Wyoming forward at little to no cost to the taxpayer while at the same time informing citizens. That's a win for everyone. I will also include new budget details in future releases, explained in ways that citizens can better understand state expenditures.

Voters deserve to know

where government is spending taxpayer money, and if it's spent in accordance with legislative intent. I am committed to developing a process that ties expenditures back to the original appropriation so citizens can make their own determination if expended funds actually improved outcomes for Wyoming citizens.

Two Candidates One 4-year Term

> Additionally, as a voting member on the State Lands and Investment Board, I will vote yes on projects that help communities improve antiquated infrastructure. Growing up in a small town, I understand the challenges faced by Wyoming communities. I know it is hard to complete new infrastructure projects that attract new businesses, bring in tourists, and promote a healthy economy.

> I believe our state leaders need to recognize that continued technical innovation is key to responding to future budget challenges. Many decisions today are made without a clear understanding of what the hard data is telling us. Without innovation, leaders will continue to make poor decisions based on gut feelings or intuition. Wyoming's farmers, ranchers, miners, and other businesses do not operate in such a manner; state government should not either.

Statewide Officials State Treasurer

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Curt Meier (R)

edge and experience gained through four decades of service to the people of Wyoming to secure and continue the recent growth in the state's investment returns.

My experience on the Appropriations Committee from 2007-14 gave me particularly valuable insight into state because

finance the committee was confronted with the

The State Treasurer has the ability to affect dramatic positive changes to both the economy and balancing the state's budget. The legislature has provided some of the tools as legislative designated investments, and the office will be run to maximize the positive effects of our legislative initiatives. Investing in Wyoming and its businesses as part of a general diversified portfolio is also an option.

Chris Lowry (D)

than expected. Getting a significant increase in return on investments at least two to three percent — is essential for economic development, balancing the budget, and paying our K-12 educational bills. The return at the retirement system was over 14 percent and the treasury over 9 percent. We have some room for improvement, and we must use care and proceed where the data leads.

would also like to include the \$1.6 billion in the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account in these efforts. This will all allow us to move prudently back into investments determined by recommended asset allocation, and we can begin to set our sights higher. We can prepare by increasing the Permanent Mineral Trust Fund's reserve/inflation account.

Two Candidates

One 4-year Term

I have relieved myself of day-to-

candidates for the General Election.)

Curt Meier

Wyoming is in my heart, and after spending the past couple of weeks talking to family, friends and other supporters around the state about this decision, I feel that offering the expertise I've acquired since joining the Wyoming Senate in 1995 to the office of State Treasurer is simply the right thing to do. I want to use the knowl-



farmer and businessman, and

my wife, Charlene, taught school in Goshen County for 44 years, while I continued to successfully manage our growing business ventures, so I know how to secure the maximum return on investments without risking the farm.

However, the due diligence for this type of investment would best be

handled by local professionals in a shared risk pool with state participation, working within constitutional limitations, as always. Deposits in our local banks will also assure the financial health of our lending institutions.

My goal is to effectively and efficiently invest your state funds, to get a return that is better than average with overall risk that is less

The first step is a forensic audit of all accounts, agreements and contracts of all funds. We have to know exactly where we are and what, if any, immediate changes are necessary. Next we increase the numbers of sub-accounts that can be invested in non-fixed income assets, and turn the mechanism to do so over to the State Loan and Investment Board. Legislation is pending for that after passage of Constitutional Amendment A, and I

day responsibilities for my business operations so I could commit myself to serving the people of Wyoming full time, and I believe I can be most valuable to the state in the office of state treasurer. I'm not running for this office to get a job, and I'm not running to put another feature in my cap. I can devote all of my time to doing the things the treasurer has to do, and I have the experience, knowledge and passion to do that job well.

Let your voice be heard! Excercise your right to vote — Tuesday, Nov. 6

Statewide Officials Secretary of State

Three Candidates One 4-year Term

Kit Carson III (LIB)

Edward Buchanan (R)

James W. Byrd (D)

■ Edward Buchanan

I grew up in Goshen County farming and ranching. I attended UW and served in the U.S. Air Force. My wife and I have four children. I served in the Wyoming State Legislature and worked on legislation to strengthen our corporate laws of Wyoming. In doing so I



ment. I was elected by my peers as Majority Floor Leader (2008-2012) and Speaker of the to keep sham companies out House (2010-2012). I devel-

my military service and led the House of Representatives with civility and respect for members of both parties with the goal of solving constituent problems, making government more accountable, balancing the budget, increasing savings, keeping taxes low and generally making Wyoming a better place to live.

I see this as an opportunity oped leadership skills during to serve the public. I truly love

Wyoming and found that my time serving the citizens in the legislature, next to family, was the single most rewarding experience of my life. I want to be a public servant of whom the people can be proud. Being role.

I currently serve as Wyoming's 22nd Secretary of State, appointed in March,

2018. I have specific plans for the office, some of which I have already implemented. 1. Use technology to streamline essential interactions to make things easier and more efficient for business and the Secretary of State allows me public; this improves custo continue in a public service tomer service. 2. Make agency rules and regulations more transparent and get citizens involved in the process; this creates a better product and

less unnecessary regulation. 3. Be proactive in the fight against corporate, consumer and election fraud. 4. Be an ambassador for the people of Wyoming. This means traveling and listening to ALL parts of Wyoming so that everyone has representation on the boards and commissions back in Cheyenne; this returns an emphasis on a government closest to the people.



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Hans Hunt (R)

State Legislature State Representative - District #2

One Candidate One 2-year Term

Two Candidates One 4-year Term

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candidates for the General Election.)

Hans Hunt

It has been a great honor to serve as the state representative for Newcastle these past four terms. I again humbly ask for your vote for representative to House District 2 so that I can continue to serve the citizens of Weston, Niobrara, and Goshen counties.

Since becoming the chairman of the

House Agriculture, Water,

and Public Lands committee last year, I have been closely involved with important issues that the committee has taken up. Some of these issues include the swapping of state land that

are isolated by surrounding federal lands, consideration of recreational use fees on state lands, and looking



at legislation to allow owners of water rights to partake in water banking, which would allow for Wyoming's water to be saved up to be used in dryer years. I also currently serve as the chairman of the Select Water Committee, which over-

sees the funding allocations for all state water development projects.

Furthermore, if reelected, I hope

to work on campaign reform issues in the coming 2019 session. As the primary elections revealed, there are many election-related statutes which need to be looked at. These include a change to closed primary voting which would restrict the switching of party registration near election day, as well as tightening up residency requirements for both local and state level candidates.

State Legislature State Senator - District #3

Cheri E Steinmetz (R)

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Cheri Steinmetz

I am running for Wyoming State Senate to better serve my constituents. It is important to me that I use my time and experience where it will have the



in House District 5. Currently I serve as vice-chairman of the Travel Recreation and Wildlife Committee, as a member of the Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Committee and as treasurer for the House Republican Caucus.

I am a fourth generation

Wyoming native. My husband Corey and I live north of Lingle and have been fortunate to live in Goshen County for most of our lives. We intentionally raised our family and built our businesses here in Wyoming among family, friends and neighbors. We have a deep appreciation for our independent rural way of life, our small close-knit communities and the blessing of stewarding the water and land.

Moving into the Senate comes with increased responsibility. While a House member usually serves on two committees, a senator usually serves on four committees. This is due to the fact there are 60 House members and 30 senators. I hope to fill the positions traditionally held by the senator serving in SD3 on the Agriculture and Select Water Committees.

For more information visit STEINMETZforSENATE3. com

We are continually making decisions at the state level that will affect our daily lives and set a course for future generations. As we embrace the future, we must honor the foundations on which our faith, freedom and prosperity rest. Wyoming must remain a family friendly state. State law should not harm traditional family values, virtue or freedom of conscience as we govern our society and educate our children. Wyoming should foster a business friendly environment where family owned and operated small business, farms and ranches, as well as our legacy industries of coal, oil, and gas, can thrive and flourish without intrusive government interference.

It is critical that our small communities and hardship counties have a strong advocate, especially in this time of budgetary uncertainty. We must prioritize our spending. Wyoming is facing major challenges from substance abuse to budget deficits and everything in between, we must rise to the occasion and meet our challenges head on. We must elect strong leaders with the courage and vision to lead us into the future. Leaders who understand that true wealth comes from strength of character, individual responsibility and the value of things that cannot be bought or sold. The rarest commodities that truly stabilize an economy are not sold on the stock market, they are honesty, integrity, hard work, generosity, love of God, family, community and country. Government is instituted for the people, to secure their rights, provide for their defense and to protect their prosperity. In these turbulent times. we must remind ourselves of our common history and the noble goals which unite a nation, these are the things that lead to sustained success and prosperity.

Marci Shaver

Born and raised in Wyoming, I left at age 18 with my young Navy husband as he started his decades of service to this nation. Throughout his careers both as a sailor and civil servant we ended up living 20 years in Virginia, the birthplace of our nation. We walked where Jefferson,



Marci Shaver (D)

Christianity and ownership of humans as property.

That was history by the time Wyoming ratified its constitution in 1889, a constitution built upon that of the USA, clarifying important basics, including clearly defining equality, separation of state and church, and the importance of education. All Wyoming elected officials swear to uphold it in their oath of office, yet there has been a steady and unrelenting attempt by a small portion of the legislators to chip away at those basic principles of freedom and equality.

Having read our constitution, I am determined to uphold rather than undermine it; I want to serve in the Wyoming Senate to protect its crucial foundations. I intend to stand as a bulwark against those whose loyalty is pledged elsewhere than to the people of Wyoming and our Constitution. I will speak truth to power, and fight to protect the rights guaranteed in the Constitution for ALL Wyomingites.

In keeping with those ideals I will sponsor or support bills protecting the rights of our LGBTQ citizens. It's sad that we actually have to pass such measures since the word 'ALL' includes them, but some folks don't get it until it's spelled out.

I will support bills expanding Medicaid. Far too many of our citizens can't afford to get the care they need, care which would reduce suffering and needless deaths. Medicaid expansion will also assure that our critically needed rural hospitals stay in business.

We're facing some huge decisions regarding state finances. I will work to find equitable solutions and a more diverse economy to assure that our kids have a reason to stay here to raise their families. Unless we are providing world class education we will be unable to attract new business and keep young families here.

Living around the world and nation I have learned to get along with people from different ethnicities and walks of life and to recognize our commonalities. When we understand that we are more alike than different, solutions are within reach. I am a problem solver who likes to dig deeply for root causes of problems and seek solutions there rather than in surface patches. It would be an honor to serve as your senator from District 3.

Washington, and Madison

had trod. We celebrated with other Virginians Jefferson's proudest

achievement — the Statute of Religious Liberty he shepherded through the Virginia Legislature, which was the foundation for our first amendment. We also solemnly walked the battlefields of our civil war and toured the White House of the defeated Confederacy, the short-lived nation founded on

Town of Upton

City Council - 2 Seats - 4-year Term - Four Candidates

Mayor - 4-year Term - Two Candidates

Travis Beck (Mayor)

Russell Gray (Council)

Jenifer Hicks (Council)

Dennis Stirmel (Council)

Joe Watt (Council)

Jenifer Hicks (Mayor)

NLJ: Please tell us why you want to hold this office, and what you intend to accomplish if elected. Please be specific about your goals and objectives, so our readers can measure your progress over the course of the term. Also tell us what qualifications and characteristics you possess that will help ensure that your stated goals can be achieved. (The same question was posed to all candidates for the General Election.) NOTE: Jenifer Hicks is on the ballot for both the Upton City Council and the Upton Mayor position.

Jenifer Hicks

Goals: To keep people informed of their rights as citizens. Being the mayor would be an honor, but the real importance is who you appoint as council! They, the council, are the ones who vote on ordinances, grants, and many other important matters. The mayor usually doesn't vote, unless it is a tie-breaker. That's why it's important as citizens to come voice your opinion. That's how you get the results. The tiebreaker should be the citizens' voice! The majority! It is imperative, as a

town, that the citizens become more involved in the decisions of our town government. You can't be upset at a decision if you didn't voice

your opinion. I am here to serve the people of Upton and dedicate my time to the research!

Current employment: Monday through Friday I can be found at the Skull Creek Mall, located in

Upton. I might be making a flower arrangement, doing homework, or reading statutes, but I'm always here.

Family and history: Upton is our hometown! No matter what part of the world we explore, we will always make our way home! My husband,

> Stanton Hicks and I, along with our five children moved to Louisiana on blind faith! Boy, were we blessed! Stanton was the captain of the police department and I was the town clerk and assistant clerk of courts for

three and a half years. My mother fell ill and we made the decision to move back to Upton to be with her. Job opportunities inside Upton city limits are scarce for my profession. Due to young children, we made a family decision that I would hold off on a paid legal career and focus on what really matters, our children and our community!

Hobbies and interests: Community service has become the "normal." I do love to escape the world in kayak, every once in a while and rip-lips (fishing). Being bored isn't an option for me, I'll just read a book! My most treasured hobby is taking care of my family.

Weston County School District #7 Ten Candidates (3) Seats 4-year Term **Board of Trustees**

Woodrow Gaughenbaugh	Jaki Gustaf	Donna Kennedy	Gene Knapp	Ty Miller
Mark Mitchell	Julie Sindlinger	Toni Watt	Patrick Williams	Kayla Caylor

NLJ: Please tell us why you want to hold this office, and what you intend to accomplish if elected. Please be specific about your goals and objectives, so our readers can measure your progress over the course of the term. Also tell us what qualifications and characteristics you possess that will help ensure that your stated goals can be achieved. (The same question was posed to all candidates for the General Election.)

Toni Watt

It would be an honor to serve on the Weston County School Board #7 and represent my school, the students and the Upton community. As a graduate of Upton High School and lifelong citizen of the community, I take great pride in this district.

The Upton School District continues to improve and progress with our progressive 21st Century focus, economic changes and ever-changing community members. It is my intention to promote and assist in fostering this progressive framework.

My main focus is and will remain the children in our community. Ultimately, we want our young people to become productive citizens with a good moral compass. Our district has and will continue to grow to meet students' needs. A current goal the school appropriated is to prepare all students to be college and career ready. It is

my opinion that their focus and determination to meet this education goal will require support from all stakeholders, but especially school board members who understand how to implement this cultural shift, and that is what I plan on doing.

I intend to preserve continued success for all levels of learners in order to meet the needs of each student. Another Weston #7 school district goal is to strengthen a positive culture. I will strongly support this, but this can only be accomplished if our teachers are supported. I can guarantee you that if I am elected all staff will be heard and they will be at the decisionmaking table, as they are the experts in how to best educate our students.

I am, most importantly, a mother and wife, and I love to spend time with my family. I am sensible, realistic and composed, even when faced with difficult circumstances. My edu- in Upton I immediately think of cational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in Business Education from the University of Wyoming, a Master's of Science in curriculum and technology from Black Hills State University, and I continue to pursue advanced graduate work and courses in curriculum. Education has been my career for 20 years, and I have loved every minute of it. I would appreciate the opportunity to represent our community on the Weston #7 School Board and promise to keep our children at the forefront of every decision I

make as a servant leader of the community of Upton.

Julie Sindlinger

When I think of education teachers who care for our children as if they were their own and of a community pulling



in their hands. They are the ones with the answers to raising our children's competency scores back into the 80th and 90th percentiles.

In recent years however, the

teachers have been removed from the active goal-setting process and these scores have dipped down as low as around 7 percent. Few know that because we are not transparent. When the scores drop, we suddenly start reporting numbers in terms of "growth percentage" instead of the actual score because we don't want to admit it. We cannot fix what we don't own. Let me repeat that, we cannot fix what we don't own. I will not hide these scores or make excuses. In order to find a better path, we have to understand what is going on first.

The teachers in Upton have been customizing what is needed for each child since

- See WCSD #7, Page 22



Blotter

October 21

Suspicious activity reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Dog bite reported. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

October 22

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Civil problem reported. Trespass reported. Found property reported. Protection Order issued. Noise complaint.

October 23

Welfare check requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Parking complaint, Written Warning issued. Disturbance reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Hazard reported. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop,

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fisher Sand and Gravel Co. of Dickinson, ND has filed a small mining permit expansion application with the Land Quality Division of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality for the mining of limestone in Weston County, Wyoming. The True Quarry is located approximately 9 miles east on Hwy 16 and 1/2 mile north on Beaver Creek Rd. from the junction of Hwy 85 and Hwy 16 in Newcastle, Wyoming. The application may be viewed at the Cheyenne or the Sheridan Office of the Land Quality Division. The application will be re-advertised for public comment prior to approval by the Department of Environmental Quality.

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Meeting Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Newcastle Zoning and Planning Commission Board regularly scheduled meeting has been cancelled for Thursday, November 1, 2018. at 5:30 p.m. It will be rescheduled. This is a one time change of meeting date.

(Publish November 1, 2018)

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Equipment Repair Order. October 24

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Assist other agency. Two VIN inspections requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Suspicious activity reported. Suicide threatened.

October 25 Arrest Warrant issued. Warrant arrest. 911 hang up. Theft reported. Warrant Arrest. Juvenile problem reported.

October 26 Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest

Warrant issued. Assist other agency. Commercial alarm reported. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Juvenile problem reported. Report of dogs at large. October 27

Arrest Warrant issued. Injured deer reported. 911 hang up. Dog bite reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Commercial alarm reported.

by JaNel M. Farnsworth Gwamma



Foreclosure Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated December 5, 2014, was executed and delivered by Justin D. Liggett, A Married Man as his sole separate property ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS") acting solely as nominee for Universal American Mortgage Company, LLC, its successors and assigns, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on December 10, 2014, at Reception No. 756533 in Book 356 at Page 347 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: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Assignment dated: February 28, 2018 Assignment recorded: March 16, 2018 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 764496 at Page 828

Assignee: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Assignment dated: April 10, 2018 Assignment recorded: April 30, 2018 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 764679 in Book 378 at Page 509

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 \$163,501.78 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$159,037.79 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$4,268.49, plus other costs in the amount of \$195.50, 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 search the status of title before submitting a bid;

NOW, THEREFORE PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on November 20, 2018 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit

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Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") dated July 19, 2013, executed and delivered by Dwight R. Rust ("Mortgagor") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Premier Home Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns, as security for the Note of the same date. The Mortgage was recorded on July 19, 2013, as Reception No. 745113 in Book 346 at Page 0571 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds of Weston County, Wyoming.

The Mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Assignment dated: March 15, 2017 Assignment recorded: March 17, 2017

Assignment recording information: Reception No. 762841 in Book 371 at Page 887

All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds of Weston County, Wyoming.

The Mortgage contains a power of sale that, by reason of the 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.

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 this notice of sale is \$150,251.80, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of this notice of sale.

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.

The current Mortgagee, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as provided by law by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff of Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash on November 20, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Weston County Courthouse, 1 West Main Street, Newcastle, Wyoming, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage. The mortgaged property is described as follows:

All of Lot 6 and the East 1/2 of Lot 5, Block 14. Duff Grav Second Addition Resubdivision of Block 13 & 14, Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming. Parcel No.: 45613310302300

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yoming was not only the first state to grant women the right to vote, it also was the first state to elect a female governor ecting Nellie Tayloe Ross to that post in 1924. Ross was elected after being nominated for governor in a special election following the sudden death of her husband, William Ross, who died less than two years into his term. Wyoming granted full voting rights to women in 2869, 21 years before it was even granted statehood 1869 proved to be a groundbreaking year with regard to voting rights, as it was in February of 1869 that Congress proposed an amendment that would ban voting restrictions on the basis of race, color or previous servitude. That amendment would not be retified for nearly 12 months, but would still precede the 19th Amendment, which granted American women the right to vote, by half a century. Among those credited with fighting hard for women's suffrage in the United States are Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott and Susan B. Anthony, none of whom would live long enough to see the 19th Amendment passed

LOT 40, SUNSET RANCH SUBDIVISION, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, WITH ALL IMPROVMENTS THEREON;

with an address of 10 Antelope Run, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701.

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto. Dated this 10th day of October, 2018.

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC By: Tamara Schroeder Crolla, #6-3976 Weinstein & Riley, P.S 123 West 1st Street, Suite Casper, Wyoming 82601-248 307-462-2690

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which has the address of 1710 Gray Boulevard, Newcastle, WY 82701 (the undersigned disclaims any liability for any error in the address).

Together with all improvements thereon and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto. Date: October 4, 2018.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association By: Brigham J. Lundberg Lundberg & Associates, PC 3269 S. Main St., Suite 100 Salt Lake City, UT 84115 L&A No. 18.72540.1

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Weston County School District #1 Veteran's Day Program

Please join us in thanking our local veterans for their *sacrifice* and *service* to our country.

Monday, November 12 Crouch Auditorium at 2:00 p.m.

Featuring Middle School Choir & Band, High School Choir & Band, Trebletones, WHCC Color Guard



General Election Tuesday, November 6



Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated 08/06/2003 executed and delivered by Cecil Hudspeth and Karen Hudspeth to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by Cecil Hudspeth and Karen Hudspeth, husband and wife (the "Mortgagors"), to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., and which Mortgage was recorded on 08/06/2003, as Book 266 of Photo Page 286 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

The property covered by said Mortgage is described as follows:

A portion of a part of Tract 1, Reynolds Addition to the Town of Upton, Weston County, Wyoming said part being described in Book 208 of Photos, page 709 and the portion of the part being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the SW corner of Tract 1, Reynolds Addition to the Town of Upton, Weston County, Wyoming which lays S89°35' W a distance of 1447.2 feet from the center 1/4 corner of Section 35, T48N, R65W of the 6th P.M., Weston County, Wyoming and is the point of beginning; thence N89°35' 00"E for a distance of 172.35 feet to the SE corner of the Tract; thence N06°30' 46"E for a distance of 49.76 feet to the NE corner of the Tract; thence N45°55'18"W for a distance of 108.48 feet to the NW corner of the Tract: thence S38°25'12"W for a distance of 161.02 feet

Foreclosure Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage"). The Mortgage dated July 24, 2015, was executed and delivered by Timothy R. Kessler, A Married Man, as his Sole and Separate Property ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), acting solely as nominee for PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, its successors and assigns, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on August 5, 2015, at Reception No. 759783 in Book 361 at Page 66 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: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Assignment dated: October 11, 2016 Assignment recorded: October 19, 2016 Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 762064 in Book 369 at Page 491

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 \$173,155.97 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$168,872.83 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$3,599.96, plus other costs in the amount of \$683.18, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of

Fun and Games

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

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With an address of : 440 1/2 First Street Upton, WY 82730.

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;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Wyoming Statutes Section 34-4-109(2003) that the

foreclosure sale scheduled for 10:00 in the forenoon on 10/02/2018 at the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main. Newcastle. Weston County, State of Wyoming, has been postponed to 10:00 in the forenoon on 11/20/2018 at Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, Weston County, State of Wyoming

Wells Fargo Bank, NA By: THE SAYER LAW GROUP, P.C. 925 E. 4th St. Waterloo, IA 50703 (319) 234-2530

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Deadline for Legals is noon on Friday

Meeting Notice ...

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Weston County Predator Board will hold a regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in Newcastle.

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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 search the status of title before submitting a bid;

NOW, THEREFORE PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on December 4, 2018 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOTS 8 AND 9, BLOCK 2, DUFF GRAY SECOND ADDITION, NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING;

with an address of 1648 Gray Blvd, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701.

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto. Dated this 25th day of October, 2018.

PennvMac Loan Services, LLC By: Tamara Schroeder Crolla, #6-3976 Weinstein & Riley, P.S 123 West 1st Street, Suite 433 Casper, Wyoming 82601-2482 307-462-2690

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Methodist Church Holiday Bazaar Your holiday shopping begins at the annual Christmas in Wyoming Bazaar, Sat, Nov 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Newcastle FUMC. Crafts, Christmas decor, baked goods, silent auction itmes, drawings. Also, New-2-You items and more. Soup and pie available starting at 11a.m. 44-3tc

Order Pecans! Pre-orders are now being taken for fresh Georgia pecans and chocolate clusters; Only \$10 per bag! Order by calling or texting Chris French 746-5783 at Pecans may be pickedup at the Christmas in Wyoming Bazaar on Nov 17 at the Methodist Church. These pecans are great for your holiday baking and nutritious snacking! 44-3tc

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the beginning of time. "Customizing learning" doesn't mean we have to place the kids on computers all day. That was an unfortunate result of inadequate planning beyond their control, and from placing expectations on them without providing proper guidance, tools, and resources. I would like to see us pause and re-focus with the teachers leading the way. Teacher leadership will find the solutions to these issues, and as a result proper technology in the classrooms will organically happen. We need to provide them support, resources, and the framework for success.

Where do I see opportunities? There are many more than I can list in this short space. Foremost, I do not believe we have the right strategic goals in mind. Our District's Mission Statement is "Learner Centered-Future Focused." While I understand the intent, where in that statement does it state what quality of education, or standard of education we will commit to providing? Not a single word regarding it and it's evident with our kids. There are tough decisions to be made and I am ready to help make them so we can get back to business. Transparency and dialog are lacking but once the accountability and expectations are clear and being followed through on, these will come more naturally. I have degrees in accounting, project management and my master's degree in business administration, focus is in human resources. With my skills and background, I can provide strong support to the district in pulling everyone together to achieve this.

My overall philosophy is one of building blocks on a SOLID, BROAD educational foundation. We can't run without first learning to walk. Our job as a district is to expose kids to many things from the fine arts to industrial technologies and everything in between. Let's give the teaching staff the reins back, provide them guidelines to work within, give clear and attainable strategic end goals that matter, the resources to achieve them, keep measuring our progress, and move forward properly as a cohesive team. I would be honored to serve you. Please vote for Julie Sindlinger for Weston #7 School Board Trustee in November. Go Bobcats!

Mark Mitchell

My name is Mark Mitchell and I am running for the school board in Weston County School District #7. I am retired after 36 years in education as a teacher and secondary principal. I came to Upton in 1988 and was the secondary principal there for five years, then went back



area. I am the mother of four home-grown kids and the grandma of 15.

I've had people ask me why I'm running for school board when I have no children or grandchildren in the Upton school system. My response is, that is exactly why I am running for school board, no one can accuse me of having an agenda, making a policy or getting rid of a policy just to benefit my kids or grandkids.

I feel I'm qualified on many levels. I have owned and operated several successful businesses in my lifetime so I have an extremely good head for business and finances, and the understanding that you don't spend money you don't have.

I've worked with teenage youth groups for 24 years so I have a real love for, and understanding of, teenage kids. I worked as a teacher's aide for 10 years in one of the Gillette Christian schools, then became a substitute in the Upton and Moorcroft schools for several years. Hence, I understand some of the struggles teachers go through, and the necessity for an administration that stands strong during conflict, whether it be with a defiant child, an over bearing parent, or even a teacher who might've stopped giving their all because of tenure. This strength and character pertains to our principals, our superintendent, and the Upton School Board as a whole.

I have zero tolerance for bullying, and if I am elected that will be a priority for me. I also believe that if a teacher or administrator is extremely confident and trained in carrying a firearm they should be allowed to do so, for added protective measures in our schools. In the mass shootings we've seen over the years on TV, they stress that every second counts. When you call the Upton Police Department if they don't happen to be in the office, then your call is forwarded to Newcastle dispatch, who sometimes have to put you on hold because they're already on an emergency call on the other line. Often by the time they have radioed our police department, and our officers arrive, far too many seconds that count have passed. So if there was at least one individual in each school who is trained and competent in carrying a firearm, they could possibly save many lives.

In the '90s we had to fight very hard to keep Upton school system from being consolidated with Newcastle's. Consolidation of our school would mean the death of our small town. When the Weston County Gazette reported there was a potential for losing 44 students from our schools if the learning system didn't change, I feared having to fight being consolidated once again.

It's imperative that we keep our teachers and administration happy with the job they're doing, but also keep parents on board when they have concerns about their child's education. I would greatly appreciate your vote on Nov. 6.



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four years on the Wyoming High School Activities Association Board of Control. I was also president of the Northeastern District Administrations Association. Part of my administrative duties in the high school was as the activities director.

My reason for wanting to serve on the school board is to insure that all students have the best opportunity to succeed, to keep the board transparent and to increase communication with all residents in the district. I believe that diverse instruction is the best way to insure that all students have the best opportunity to learn, knowing that one type of teaching method isn't going to work for all students and to increase communication skills and social skills to help prepare students for the future. I want to make sure the student achievement is always the primary goal of the district. It is also important to make sure complaints are handled through the chain of command, knowing that board members can't handle problems on their own and that complaints should be directed to the proper people.

■ Gene Knapp

My name is Gene Knapp, and I have been a member of the Weston County School District #7 school board in Upton for two terms. I have chosen to run for a third term to continue assisting the school district

I am married to a teacher at Upton and support the students, educators, staff and administration. I feel we have a great staff at Upton who are dedicated to the education of our students.

My desire is to continue to help make decisions that support our students in our school. I am concerned about their education, and want all students to be successful.

My involvement as a board member was instrumental in my decision to run for another term. I want to continue with the work I have been doing. I am on the committee of school maintenance since being elected. I have been a part of many major projects that have benefitted the long term of the buildings and facilities and have helped to organize a scheduled maintenance plan. Myself and other board members have also worked to keep an efficient budget by managing the finances in order to help aid our teachers to get what is needed to support the education of our students.

I would appreciate your vote this election in allowing me to help make a difference for our students.

Donna Kennedy

My name is Donna Kennedy and I was born and raised in Wyoming, mostly in the Upton

Thank you, Donna Kennedy.

Kayla Caylor

Hello. As a life-long resident of the community of Upton, I would love to represent the community of Upton as a WCSD #7 school board



trustee. I currently have four, soon to be five, of my own children attending the Upton Schools. As a parent, educator, and member of the community, I would be an invested representative voice to reach the goal of creating the best pos-

sible learning opportunities and environment for the educators and students in the Upton Schools.

Education is constantly changing and there is a need in our schools to give the choice and voice back to the educators in the Upton schools. At the end of the day, our teachers are the ones who spend the most time with our children. When we have educators who can maximize their creativity and experience, the results for our students will reflect this as they move through their education.

Another goal I would have is to keep the communication open with the stakeholders in the community. Parents, teachers, and students should know they have options and people to back them always. Collaboration, transparency, and accountability at all levels is a key component to providing successful learners. It takes a community to raise our children and the community should be involved in the education process.

The biggest responsibility a school board member has is to keep the best interest of all students in mind as they make decisions about their education. If elected, this would be my focus. Personalized learning has become a big concern. My goal is not to take away the opportunities from students who are doing well with this type of learning, but rather to provide educational options. I believe we can find a middle ground where all students are reaching their educational goals and learning to their maximum potential. Education is not black and white, and setting these limitations is a disservice to our students.

Please consider me in the general election for WCSD #7 school board trustee. First, I have an education background and could bring new ideas to our schools. Secondly, I have been a member of the community all my life and understand we must work as a team to do what is in the best interest of our students. Lastly, and most importantly, I have students four, soon the be five, in the Upton Schools. All of these shows I am passionate about creating the best learning environment for everyone involved; Our Children, Our Community, Our Future.

