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Legislators preview session

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NLJ News Editor

The 2020 session of the Wyoming Legislature will begin on Feb. 10. Both Rep. Hans Hunt, R-Newcastle, and Rep. Tyler Lindholm, R-Sundance,

attended the Weston County Board of Commissioners meeting on Jan. 7 to report on bills of importance to cities and counties.

According to Lindholm, House Bill 22, which is sponsored by the House Corporations, Election and Political

Subdivision Committee, would regulate a county's ability to impose zoning assessments. The bill says that a city or county may not require "any monetary exaction for the acquisition of land for affordable or workforce housing or the construction, dedica-

tion or rehabilitation of affordable or workforce housing."

Lindholm explained that in Jackson and Teton County, the local government charges certain fees for construction work, resulting in some hefty costs for people.

"I believe a county and city's oversight is derived from state statute, and there is nothing in the statute about exactions," Lindholm said. "We are proposing legislation that says, 'No,

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Out with the old ...



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Like a giant prehistoric predator a large crane with a massive cutting head bites into large sections of riveted metal sheets. Demolition began on the 60-year-old tanks owned by Wyoming Refining Company on Friday. Located behind Decker's Market on Main Street, the tanks will be replaced by the most modern and up-to-date tanks technology can offer, according to WRC Manager Mike Farnsworth.

Filing period begins

■ Seats open on Weston County Museum District and Weston County Hospital District

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Candidate filings for both the Weston County Museum District and the Weston County Hospital District will begin on Feb. 5 and run through Feb. 25, according to legal notices provided by both entities. Both districts have multiple seats to be filled for after the May 5 election.

"The Weston County Hospital District has five open seats. Four are four-year terms and one is a two-year term," said Weston County Health Services Executive Assistant Denice Piscioti. She explained that candidates must be qualified voters and reside within the district to be considered for the seats.

The same is true for the museum district, according to the legal notice, and a total of three seats on the board are up for election, all four-year terms.

Applications for both elections can be picked up at their respective offices. For the Museum District, that is 401 Delaware

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NHS graduate honored at Texas university

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The Texas State University System Board of Regents has named William J. Brittain, a Regents' Professor, the highest rank possible for faculty. Brittain, 1973 also known as Bill Norton, is a 1973 graduate of Newcastle High School. He is a professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Texas State University.

According to a December press release from the university, "the Regents' Professor designation honors outstanding members of the system's professoriate who have achieved excellence in teaching, research,

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Frye leaves WCHS after two decades

KateLynn Slaamot
NLJ Correspondent

The most valued employees are those who are loyal, hardworking and dependable. Terri Frye is described as such by others she's worked with. After her almost 22 years on the job, Frye's co-workers were sad to see the information

technology department manager retire from Weston County Health Services on Dec. 31.

When Frye first began working at WCHS in 1998, she started with maintenance. She was responsible for outside work, such as painting and taking care of the lawn. Frye said that she enjoyed the work because she always liked painting.

Frye's work in maintenance eventually expanded to include electrical, plumbing and other needs at the facility. The hospital used to have five boilers, and Frye's job was to make sure they were running properly. After about six years, Frye started doing a little bit with computers before she transferred to information technology

full time in 2006 when the hospital got a computer network.

The man who built the network decided to teach Frye how to take care of everything when he was gone. Frye said that it was very interesting work. However, after the man left and Frye was responsible for the computers, she said, she was a bit intimidated. She called companies for support and advice, though, and caught on before long.

"After a while, you just get the hang of it, and I liked it," Frye said.

Maureen Cadwell, who has been CEO at WCHS for almost eight years, said she's known Frye throughout that time. Cadwell said that Frye's work ethic is extraordinary and that she always had a willingness to stay until the job was done. Frye had a lot of good input, Cadwell said, that made things at

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Submitted photo
Terri Frye poses for a photo next to her retirement cake at Weston County Health Services. She retired after 22 years on the job at the hospital.

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Lindholm, Hunt vow to fight for direct distribution funds

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During a Jan. 7 meeting with the Weston County Board of Commissioners, Reps. Tyler Lindholm, R-Sundance, and Hans Hunt, R-Newcastle, assured the commissioners that they would fight tooth and nail if a potential cut – from \$105 million to \$75 million – to the direct distribution money from the state made it to the Wyoming House floor.

Direct distribution funds have been provided to local governments by the state since the Wyoming Legislature got rid of the grocery tax. These funds are allocated by the Office of State Lands and Investments to cities and towns throughout the state.

“There is talk of the governor reducing the direct distribution, resulting in it being one-third of what it was,” Commissioner Marty Ertman said. “For us tiny counties, that is too big of a chunk.”

According to Ertman, of the current \$105 million allocation, Weston County receives about \$890,000. Reducing the total funds to \$75

million, a 30% cut, would mean that the county would lose about \$300,000.

Both Lindholm and Hunt acknowledged that this proposed decrease in the funds was news to them. That kind of drastic reduction could not happen, they said, especially because direct distribution amounts have been cut enough over the last few years.

“I will fight that on the floor. I tried to raise it (direct distribution funds) last year, and I will fight like hell to have it stay at \$105 million,” Lindholm said. “It should be higher.”

The state has a “responsibility to make up for” the removal of the grocery tax, he said. According to Lindholm, he has previously supported allowing cities and counties to implement their own grocery tax to help increase revenue.

County Clerk Becky Hadlock told the *News Letter Journal* at a later date that concerns over a potential decrease in direct distribution funds were sparked when she received an email from the Upton town clerk. She said that she understood that the funding amount would fluctuate and that the allotted amount would be considered every session.

Session

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Commission Clips

Notes from the Jan. 7 Weston County Commissioners Meeting

- The commission voted unanimously to make the Weston County Gazette the official paper for Weston County for 2020.
- Sheriff Bryan Colvard reported that he is continuing his work on the job description for the courthouse security employee.
- County Attorney Alex Berger was directed to work with Weston County Health Services on the potential sale of land that was given to the district by the county.

you can’t’ and I believe we need that in place.”

He noted that passing this piece of legislation would remove the “gray” place that Teton County and Jackson are operating in.

“They have no authority to levy that tax. We are doing this because there is no mandate and I think that is bad,” Lindholm said.

Hunt added that the bill is a continuation of several pieces from the 2019 legislative session, specifically the failure to pass state fencing standards last year.

“There was debate over local control with that, and it gets to a point where it runs amuck,” Hunt said. “There has to be some standards, and I think that sets a poor precedent.”

According to Lindholm, local control will be one of the

most important topics in this year’s legislative session.

Also sponsored by Lindholm and Sen. Ogden Driskill, R-Devils Tower, is a bill that would restrict gun buy-back programs in the state.

“This bill is short and concise. It says that we will not spend money buying back guns,” Lindholm said.

Lindholm noted that there is no buy-back program in the state.

“I just want to make it as difficult as I can to tear down what I built,” Lindholm said.

Hunt, on the other hand, focused on bills coming out of the House Agriculture, State and Public Land and Water Resource Committee, a committee he chairs. He predicted that weeds will be the hot topic when it comes to agriculture.

According to Hunt, House Bill 36 would raise the pesticide registration fee to \$120.

“That money will be a filler to provide training required federally,” Hunt said. “We have it put at \$120, which is lower than most states.”

Also addressing weeds is House Bill 36, which would amend weed and pest regulations. Hunt said that the amendment would grant local boards additional authority to spray for weeds when a landowner is uncooperative.

According to Hunt, this bill will address a lack of authority to treat invasive species.

“There was an issue in Sheridan County with an invasive species,” Hunt said. “This will give local government the ability to prevent the spread of those invasive species.”

Elections

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Ave., in Newcastle, while the hospital’s election applications can be picked up at 1124 Washington Blvd., at the hospital, or online at www.wchs-wy.org. Both legal notices state that interested parties can pick up applications between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning Feb. 5.

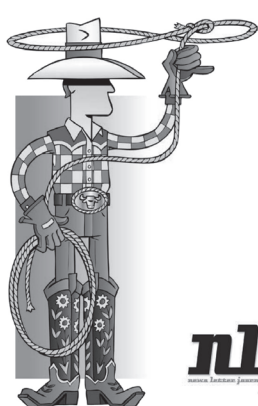
“The May Special District Subsequent Director Candidate filing is open from Feb. 5 to Feb. 25, 2020,” Pisciotti said. “Applications must be picked up and filed in the administration

office at Weston County Health Services.”

The same guidelines apply to the Weston County Museum District.

While polling venues have not yet been announced, Pisciotti said that voter registration begins on March 2.

“The candidates, along with where the special district election will be held and a sample ballot, will be published April 23,” Pisciotti said. “The election date is Tuesday, May 5, and the polling sites to be announced at a later date.”



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Our View: Guest View Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Jan. 12 Ongoing legal battle makes situation worse

What are they trying to hide? That's the lingering question as members of the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees indicate they plan to keep fighting the release of documents related to their decision not to renew the contract of former President Laurie Nichols.

It's a question on the minds of the journalists seeking the records, of course. But ask any Wyoming resident who's been paying attention to the situation, and they'll almost certainly tell you they want to know, too.

And it's surely on the minds of those interested in applying to replace Ms. Nichols. After all, the state's only four-year university has developed quite a reputation lately for its lack of stability at the top. Four presidents in less than a decade will do that.

Yet there must be some form of impropriety or malfeasance that is causing these appointed leaders to dig in their heels, lawyer up and fight the release of emails from four of the most powerful members of the board, right? It can't be simple stubbornness, can it?

Did Ms. Nichols do something improper, and the trustees are trying to protect her reputation? Were the trustees involved in something illegal, and Ms. Nichols threatened to go public with it? Did two powerful leaders on the Laramie campus get cross-wise with one another, and trustees were forced to choose which one stayed and which one went away? Or were the trustees simply unable to get the university's first female president to do their bidding, so they decided she had to go?

Whatever it was, it must be serious for the uni-

versity to spend so much time and money fighting to maintain its veil of secrecy. But without the light of public disclosure, everyone is left to speculate, and that only makes matters worse.

In her Jan. 3 ruling, Albany County District Judge Tori Kricken clearly spelled out why she believes UW officials must turn over the thousands of emails requested by a Casper Star-Tribune reporter. After reviewing the documents in question, the judge said the so-called "deliberative process privilege" doesn't apply to the records sought because they don't contain any discussions related to whether the contract would be renewed.

Also, most of the emails in question can't be withheld due to attorney-client privilege just because a university lawyer was party to the communication.

Judge Kricken also ruled that records related to an investigation of Ms. Nichols authorized by the trustees last year should be made public. But since Ms. Nichols has said she didn't know such an investigation was happening, and she was unable to participate, it was done in violation of UW regulations. Is that what the trustees are trying to cover up?

Besides creating distrust between UW trustees and the people they serve, this lingering dark cloud likely creates a barrier to recruitment in a variety of positions, from the top down. As the university searches for a permanent replacement for Ms. Nichols, we have to wonder how many highly qualified candidates are declining to apply for fear the same thing may happen to them. But who else is deciding not to come to Laramie because of the current political environment there?

Of course, no one's forcing the university to appeal Judge Kricken's ruling to the Wyoming Supreme Court. If they wanted to, UW trustees could simply hand over the requested documents, answer the uncomfortable questions that would surely follow, take their lumps and move on.

Maybe their legal team is telling them they're likely to win on appeal. Maybe they keep hoping this will all blow over and be forgotten (sorry, but with the CS-T, WyoFile, the Laramie Boomerang and this newspaper all party to the lawsuit, that's not going to happen). Maybe it's a delay tactic in order to complete the hiring process before the records are released (after all, it's highly unlikely an appeal would be heard and decided by the state's highest court before early 2021).

Regardless of the reason, the most frustrating part of all of this is that once again public officials in Wyoming are using public money to try to hide public documents from the people they are supposed to be serving. And, ironically, while state funds are being spent on this effort, two of the state's top five elected officials — Gov. Mark Gordon and State Auditor Kristi Racines — are advocating greater transparency in government.

It's time for the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees to end the legal challenges and come clean. If they refuse, and the Supreme Court eventually sides with public disclosure, they should all resign in disgrace. Because UW students, faculty and staff — and the state as a whole — deserve leaders who don't have to hide their actions or their reasons for taking them.

The end of the world as we know it

With your arms around the future; And your back against the past -- the Moody Blues

Wyoming was on my mind, even though I was basking in 70-degree temperatures in Texas recently. Let me explain:

One of the high points of our annual New Year's trip to see Dallas relatives is my yearly visit with the smartest person I know.

Of the 301,000 employees at Hewlett Packard a few years ago, one special employee stood out, their lone futurist, Jeff Wacker.

He is retired now and working on a book.

He also used to live in the same neighborhood as our daughter in Allen, TX.

A Nebraska native, Jeff would fit comfortably in Wyoming. His values and those of the Cowboy State pretty much line up. If his wife Nancy did not have some health issues, he might be living right now on the family homestead near Sidney, an area he calls "eastern Wyoming."

He has the same typical bad news for fossil fuels we Wyomingites all are hearing. But he blames it on an amazing future of batteries and even exotic fuel sources like anti-matter.

Wacker feels strongly that the hysteria about global warming is over-stated. He is an expert on just about everything. He challenges folks who believe Al Gore's theories to dig into where that "90 percent of scientists . . ." story came from. Instead, he says we are in a 1,000-year cycle and the heating of the earth occurs 600 years after CO2 increases.



Bill Sniffin
My Wyoming

As a futurist, he thinks on a global scale and in big pictures. He worries about eternal life. "We are very close to providing a path where people don't have to die, that one of the biggest future problems will be should we die and how should we die? Suicide?"

He also says the future of work could be the biggest issue of the 21st century. Automation, unique robots including microscopic nanobots, and Artificial Intelligence will continue to erode the job market. "I have a friend who says we will always need people to keep the robots running — really? We already have robots that repair other robots," he says.

He divides all the various technologies into five areas:

- Nanotech is the creation of super tiny robots that can float around inside your bloodstream and keep you healthy. He sees billions of nanobots taking care of the trillions of cells in the body.
- Biotech will see cures and inventions occurring at fantastic rates in the near future and far future. Again, he really believes a huge problem for the youngest people living on the planet today is how do they want to die? He believes young people in the near future have the potential to live as long as they want to.
- Robotech is already changing the world. "What will people do when there are no jobs?" Typical workweek might be 26 hours or less. He says three-fourths of all manufacturing jobs are already "gone and not coming back."
- Infotech leaves him discouraged especially when it comes to social media. He quotes a favorite author who said, "When everybody is an author,

there are no editors."

He thinks amazing sensors will be developed on a micro level while, on a macro level, the world will be covered with satellites similar to the doomsday prediction of the Terminator movies, which saw all those troubles caused by a structure called SkyNet.

• Energytech may see more change than any other sector. "Look back 200 years to 1820. We have advanced 2,000 years in the past 200 years. This will just accelerate," he concludes. He also credits it to the gradual warming of the climate over those two centuries. "We went from horse and buggy to planning a Mars launch today."

In 1820, the most valuable material on earth was aluminum because it was only created when lightning would strike bauxite. A nine-inch pyramid-shaped piece of aluminum is used as the cap of the top of the Washington Monument, for example.

Having this chat with Jeff Wacker left my head spinning. We are heading into a strange new world that sounded both hopeful and daunting to me.

Wacker really is worried about the robots with artificial intelligence taking over. "When it happens, it will happen exponentially, so we probably will not know what hit us until it has already happened!"

On that dreary note, Happy New Year and Happy New Decade.

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 last 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.

2020 is a year of big decisions in Wyoming politics

With the dawn of a new year, we naturally look to the future and express our hopes and expectations for the coming year. Now is a good time to do the same for Wyoming politics, as our state's voters and elected officials will have important decisions to make in the next twelve months. The decisions made this coming year will have impacts on Wyoming's political future for years to come. It is a big year for Wyoming.

The most pressing issue in state government right now is the state budget. State spending currently outpaces revenue and our state's revenue streams are dependent on taxes on natural resource extraction, coal especially. Unfortunately, the coal market appears to have undergone a widespread change that will likely result in Wyoming receiving less in taxes in the future. While we have a few years to implement the big changes that need to happen in Wyoming, the time to start making progress on addressing our budget issues is now. Governor Gordon's budget message to the legislature indicated that he recognizes some of the issues we face, although I had hoped for more immediate action to address the looming issues. In this coming year, the legislature will make its choices on what to fund in our state budget over the next two years. We should all hope that they are far-sighted enough to start taking action now. The longer they wait, the steeper the inevitable spending cuts and/or tax increases

will be.

This year is also significant in that it is an election year that will have significant impacts on Wyoming's representation, both in Washington and in Cheyenne. Senator Enzi is retiring, which means Wyoming will have someone new representing us in the U.S. Senate. Depending on what path Representative Cheney takes, we may also have an open seat in the House of Representatives. With Wyoming's small population, electing quality officials to Washington is particularly important, as

the entire state's interests must be supported by only a few people. Although we do not know what the candidate fields will look like yet, open seats in Wyoming have not had any problem attracting interested persons, so this summer promises to see another spirited campaign season in Wyoming.

The same holds true for our representation in the state legislature. Every state representative and half of the state senate will be on the ballot this year. As Wyoming wrestles with difficult decisions on our future, it is important that we elect quality officials. Single issue candidates and those running out of vanity often perform poorly in office and do a disservice to their fellow citizens. Our legislature meets too briefly, with too little support, to elect those without the capability to perform their own research, quickly understand complicated issues, and make good decisions. Wyoming voters must care-



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RICHARD W. MASSMAN
–Jan. 10, 2020
Richard W. Massman, 46 of Gillette, Wyo., and formerly of Newcastle, Wyo., died Friday, Jan. 10, 2020.
A memorial service will be held at a later date. Any memorial contributions are going to benefit his son's education and can be sent to 936 Wood Street, Newcastle, WY 82701.
Cremation arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Roberts & Isburg Funeral Chapel in Sundance, Wyo.
Online condolences may be written at fidler-isburgfuneralchaps.com.

Perspective: Created in His image

God's word, the Bible, tells us in Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created ...", and Genesis 1:27 goes on to tell us, "So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

Every human being has invaluable worth in the eyes of God from the moment of conception to natural death at the end of life. How do we know that God values human life? Because He gave His One and only Son, JESUS, to pay for their sins and redeem them so they could be His children and have an intimate relationship with Him by receiving Jesus as Lord and Savior through repentance and faith.

We know that the value of something is determined by the person desiring that particular something.

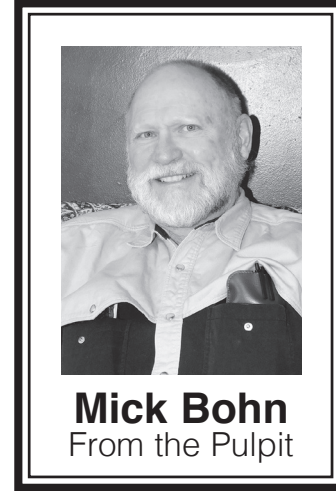
For instance, someone may be willing to pay exorbitant amounts of money for a famous person's clothes such as a sleeveless jumpsuit and jacket that Elvis Presley wore on stage

that sold at auction for \$250,000 or his gold and diamond guitar-shaped ring that sold for \$112,500 when its estimated value was only \$20,000 to \$30,000. Who in their right mind would pay so much for a couple pieces of used clothing or a ring? Not me, but the person who valued the items that much and was willing to pay out the money for them.

The truth is most people would never pay that much money for these items, but these people did because they really wanted them and that's what made them valuable.

God was willing to pay the ultimate price for every human being when He gave the life of His Son in exchange for theirs because He really wants people in His family. January is Sanctity of Human Life month, and

God sees every baby conceived in its mother's womb and loves that baby and declares its value through the death of His Son. My prayer is that all people will value each and every person as God does.



Mick Bohn
From the Pulpit

Shopping in style

Photo by Siri Karr/NLJ
Hazel Buffington rides in style as she assists her mom, Sayla Buffington, with the shopping on Jan. 13 at Woody's Food Market in Newcastle.

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Jan. 18 Matthew 16: 13-28 Ecumenical Sunday	Jan. 21 Matthew 20:20-34
Jan. 19 Matthew 17:1-27	Jan. 22 Acts 3:1-26
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- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Pastors Wayne Wilson and Todd Olson, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service Tuesday 6 PM; Celebrate Recovery (18+) & Undeclared Youth (Infant- 12th Grade) Wednesday 6:00 pm
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 8 am; Weekday Mass 8 am
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10 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 Wednesday 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 pm
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 11 am. Call 949-0869
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- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer
- **OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm
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- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, Upton. Sunday Mass 5 pm
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Michael Paschall, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am
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Recapture

A PIECE OF HISTORY

25 Years Ago Jan. 19, 1995

The Newcastle FFA Chapter is participating in the National FFA Organization's Commodity Marketing Activity. The Commodity Marketing Activity is an integrated classroom and real-life activity that helps students gain a realistic commodity marketing experience.

The Black Hills UFO Network will be holding their monthly meeting in Newcastle at the Old Mill Inn. The meeting will be on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 1 p.m. There is no charge and the public is encouraged to attend.

The Dogie boys' basketball team had three games last week, winning two and losing one. Their only loss was to Rawlins and that was by one point.

The Dogie girls' basketball team took on the Bobcats in Thermopolis Jan. 6. Thermopolis won 44-38 as the Dogies fell behind in the first quarter and battled all night to regain the lead.

The Newcastle seventh and eighth grade B-squad basketball team finished third at the Northeast District Junior High School C Tournament at Hulett in December.

The Art Watsons were callers Thursday morning at the Tom Sewell residence. The Clifford Rasmussens of Hot Springs, visited the Wednesday after Christmas with the Casper Rasmussen family in Upton.

Thelma Vrana visited Monday morning with Pearl Kennedy. Saturday Vi Coutant, Julie Abbott, Tyler and Shelby and Lois Abbott spent the day in Gillette. In the evening, Lois hosted supper at the Western Café in Upton.

Pearl Webster and Kitty Willis shopped in Newcastle Thursday. The Carl Kuemmerles were supper guests of the Tom Nichols' Wednesday evening.

The Blotter: Jan. 9 - A red blazer type vehicle passed a stopped school bus which had its lights flashing. The driver was later ticketed. Jan. 10 - A man reported a suspicious vehicle driving up and down the alley behind his house. Jan. 14 - Two men were issued citations for fighting in a convenience store.

50 Years Ago Jan. 15, 1970

Two pedestrians were injured Tuesday evening when they were hit by a car on Main Street. Joe Aimonetto of Newcastle and Robert E. Warner of Winfield, Kan., were struck by a car driven by Bob Tavegia of Newcastle.

Fouls hurt the Newcastle Dogies last Saturday night at Wheatland as they lost 58-55 in an Absaraka Conference game. The Dogies had a total of 32 fouls called against them in the game and also turned the ball over to Wheatland numerous times.

Newcastle High School and Kelly Walsh of Casper were nearly perfectly matched at the Swimming Meet at Casper Friday and Saturday of last week. Newcastle won the first day with a score of 48-46. On Saturday, Kelly Walsh won 49-46.

Elmer Rose has announced the sale of Rose Automotive Center in Upton to Tom

Rothleitner of Upton and Royal Bock of Osage.

Three Minneapolis boys and a girl were picked up by Wyoming Highway Patrolmen Guy Tolman and Warren Springs near Upton and three of the teenagers are being held for Minneapolis authorities as runaways.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sweet and son and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sweet were Friday afternoon callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Darlington and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Keltner were on business Friday at Newcastle. Mr. and Mrs. Cal Petersen and Roni and Jerry Bullard enjoyed supper at the Western Café Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Meilor were in Newcastle on business Monday morning. Mrs. Gilbert Bourgeois of Gillette called

at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cummings Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jenkins and Kathy were in Newcastle on business Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cranston and Mike shopped in Rapid City Saturday.

100 Years Ago Jan. 15, 1920

J.E. Mead and W.H. McKeon of Newcastle were in Lusk last week on oil business. Mrs. Katherine Coffey was hostess at a card party and luncheon last Saturday night.

Floyd A. Bergstrom of Hampshire, was trading in town the latter part of last week. Fred Jay of Edgemont was looking after oil interests in Newcastle the latter part of last week.

Oran Hackney and wife and babies went to Mr. Hackney's ranch on Hay creek Saturday where they will spend

a few weeks.

Misses Glenn and Joyce Stanton spent last week in town the guests of friends. They returned to their home in Buckhorn last Monday.

Mrs. E.C. Raymond and Mrs. Plummer were hostesses to the Library club last Thursday. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R.R. Randall.

A.A. Anthony has filed on a homestead east of George Stewart's. There was a community dinner at George Stewart's New Year's day. Several families participated.

Charley Young and son called at Fort Lee last Sunday. Mrs. Herbert Scott visited at the Fonken home several days during the holidays.

Ramon Lee caught two coyotes last week. One of the animals showed fight and rushed at him several times.

Catherine Scott was a guest of Miss Beatrice Bennett during vacation. Fred Bennett and Tom Bruce returned from Newcastle last Thursday to attend the birthday party at Bennett's.

Mr. Pittinger of the Cheyenne river is our new mail carrier. The mail now leaves Hampshire Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Frank Strickland ate New Year's dinner at Fort Lee. A.D. Rich will be around to your place pretty soon to count noses for Uncle Sam.



This is a photo of Jay and Anna Moyer. Courtesy of WC Historical Society/C. Clarence Moyer collection

WHAT'S UP January 2020

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

DAY/DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Th Jan 16	6PM 7PM 7:30PM	WCHS Board of Trustees Mtg. AA Meeting Masons #13	Board Room @WCHS WC Senior Center, Family Rm Masonic Lodge
Fri Jan 17	6:30PM 7PM	BINGO Legislators Town Hall	VFW Hall Upton City Hall
Sat Jan 18	6PM	Upton Chamber Installation Banquet	Upton Community Center
Mon Jan 20	7PM 7PM	AA Meeting Newcastle City Council	WC Senior Center, Family Rm Council Chambers
Tues Jan 21	NOON 7PM 9AM	Cowbelle's Meeting Alanon WC Commissioners	Forest Service WC Senior Center, Family Rm Courthouse
Wed Jan 22	6:30-8:30AM	Wellness Wednesday WCHS Foundation Meeting	
Th Jan 23	7PM	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Rm

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jan. 16 Charla Kachelhoffer-Reyes	Jan. 19 Doris Toliver	Jan. 22 Cathy Dunford
Jan. 17 Rachel Sweet James Osborne Magi Palmgren Bev Taylor	Jan. 20 Kyle Kachelhoffer Mya Rhoades Wanda Foote	Jan. 23 Cathy & Rick Dunford Salina Sandoval Sandi Shook Caroline Zerbst
Jan. 18 Lloyd Ahlquist	Jan. 21 Walter Sprague Bonnie Rich	Jan. 23 Cassie Cassey Chuck Jones



Upcoming Community Education Classes

Driver's Education

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
Tuesday, Jan. 21
Date: Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6 pm.
Remaining Classes: Tues/Thurs (students will be assigned to a Tues/Thurs night class) Driving portion of the class will end approximately by the beginning of June (end date depends on student class size)
Time: 6-9PM
Cost: \$50
Location: NHS Rm 224
Instructors: Davene Wright and Staff



*Bridge for Beginners: If you are interested in learning the basics of Bridge, please contact the EWC Outreach office to learn more.

Welding for Practice

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
Wednesday, Feb. 5
Date: Wednesdays, Feb. 12-26
Time: 5-6:30PM
Cost: \$20 + \$15 (cost for metal, wire & gas)
Location: NHS Industrial Arts Building
Instructor: Taylor Rieniets, NHS Welding/Ag Instructor

Celebrating Citrus

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
Tuesday, Feb. 18
Date: Monday, Feb. 24
Time: 6-8:30PM
Cost: \$20
Location: NHS Rm 223
Instructor: Vicki Hayman

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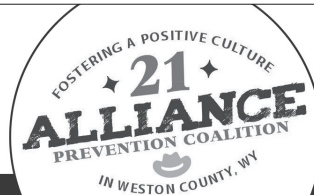
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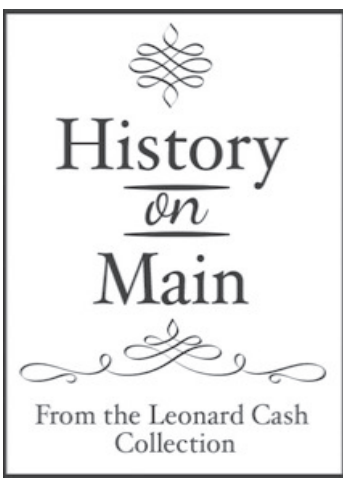
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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

Painting a portrait of a country doctor



Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent
With Leonard Cash

After wrapping up a short series on Sumner Avenue, historian Leonard Cash decided to delve into the history of another building located in that area on Summit Street — the former house of Dr. Nathan E. Wells. Cash said it is two houses up from what used to be the telephone office.

Before going into the history of the building itself, Cash pulled up his records on Wells and how he started his doctor's practice in the local area. From a *News Letter Journal* article dated Jan. 5, 1961, Wells' obituary from March 15, 1962, and a report from the WPA, Cash was compiled a short biography on Wells' life.

He was born on June 12, 1876, in Meshoppen, Pennsylvania. Like his father, Wells became a doctor and

graduated from Baltimore Medical college in 1898, later serving as the company doctor for Kilpatrick Bros., whose headquarters was in Clark, Nebraska.

Before moving to Wyoming, Wells married Beth Mabey (also spelled Maby) in 1903. He suffered from poor health and eventually developed tuberculosis, so he was told to move to a drier climate.

Temporarily leaving his new bride in Pennsylvania, Wells went to New Mexico in 1904, but he saw little improvement. So he wrote to Kilpatrick Bros. and Collins (he formerly worked for them in Nevada) to see if they had a job opening, but he was unsuccessful. They told him that no one was needed for railroad work, but they did let him know that Cambria needed a temporary mining doctor because the regular doctor, S.W. Johnson, needed to be relieved for a few months.

And that's when Wells' journey began.

"Fifty-six years ago today (Jan. 5, 1905) Dr. N.E. Wells stepped off the train into the little frontier town of Newcastle, Wyo. He stretched his legs a bit and caught a train on up the canyon to the Cambria mining camp," the 1961 article said.

Soon after his arrival, Johnson met with Wells and gave him a list of his duties.

Wells' health improved in the new climate, and by the

end of March, his wife, Beth, joined him. Her first impression of the Cambria area was less than satisfactory. She was disgusted with what appeared to be used sheets in the hotel room. Refusing to sleep in them, she slept between tablecloths she retrieved from her trunk.

However, despite the setbacks, the couple was happy to be together again, after being apart for several months.

Mine employees represented 21 nationalities, and Wells "was very well liked by all."

By 1911, a new company took over Cambria, so Wells quit his job and visited his relatives back east. However, he and his wife couldn't stay away for very long.

"He had planned to enter practice again in Pennsylvania, but he and Beth had lived too long in the West. They loved the country which had given the doctor back his health and after a good visit they returned to Wyoming," the article says.

Wells originally intended to move to Casper or Sheridan, but first, he stopped in Newcastle to gather some belongings.

During his visit, he ran into Johnson, who inquired about where he was headed. Wells replied that he was unsure. Johnson warned Wells that if he stayed in Newcastle, they'd "run you out in three months."

That sealed the deal for Wells.

"The little doc's temper

flared, 'You just made up my mind,' he told the other man, 'I'm staying and I'll be here when all you others are gone.'" the article says.

And he was true to his word. Wells remained in Newcastle, but Johnson and his wife moved to Sheridan in 1916.

In 1913, the Wells received an addition to their family — Elmore Horton Wells. If having a newborn wasn't change enough, Wells had his hands full with World War I and the flu epidemic. During that time, he and Dr. Fred Horton worked with each other, and Wells said they "almost got to liking each other."

A couple of years after the war, Wells went back to serving the people in Cambria, traveling there six times a week, until the mines closed in 1928.

Unfortunately, in 1929, his son, Elmore, died at the age of 16, and the couple was said to never fully recover from it.

Wells also wasn't doing too well because his health was still doing poorly, but he pressed on and partnered with the young Dr. George Lovelace. Wells liked him; however, Lovelace left Newcastle after a few years because he "didn't like the mud, snow shoveling, rough roads and other hardships associated with Dr. Wells practice."

Shortly after, Wells retired in 1938 and sold his equipment to Dr. Benesh. When he was looking through his ledgers, he found that multiple patients, although paying what they

could, were behind in their payments.

After looking at what they had in savings, he and his wife decided they had enough money to survive as long as "nothing extra-ordinary happened and if they didn't live too long," so he canceled all past due accounts.

However, Wells didn't stay retired because he continued serving the community and aiding his friends. He also helped out during the doctor shortage in World War II and retired for the second time in 1945.

In 1953, Wells wrote a memoir called "Only A Country Doctor," which can be found at the Weston County Library," and was named Doctor of the Year.

On the morning of March 12, 1962, Wells died age 85 at Weston County Memorial Hospital. His funeral services were held at the McColley Chapel, and "full Masonic rites will be conducted by Newcastle Lodge No. 13, A.F. & A.M." at both the chapel and cemetery.

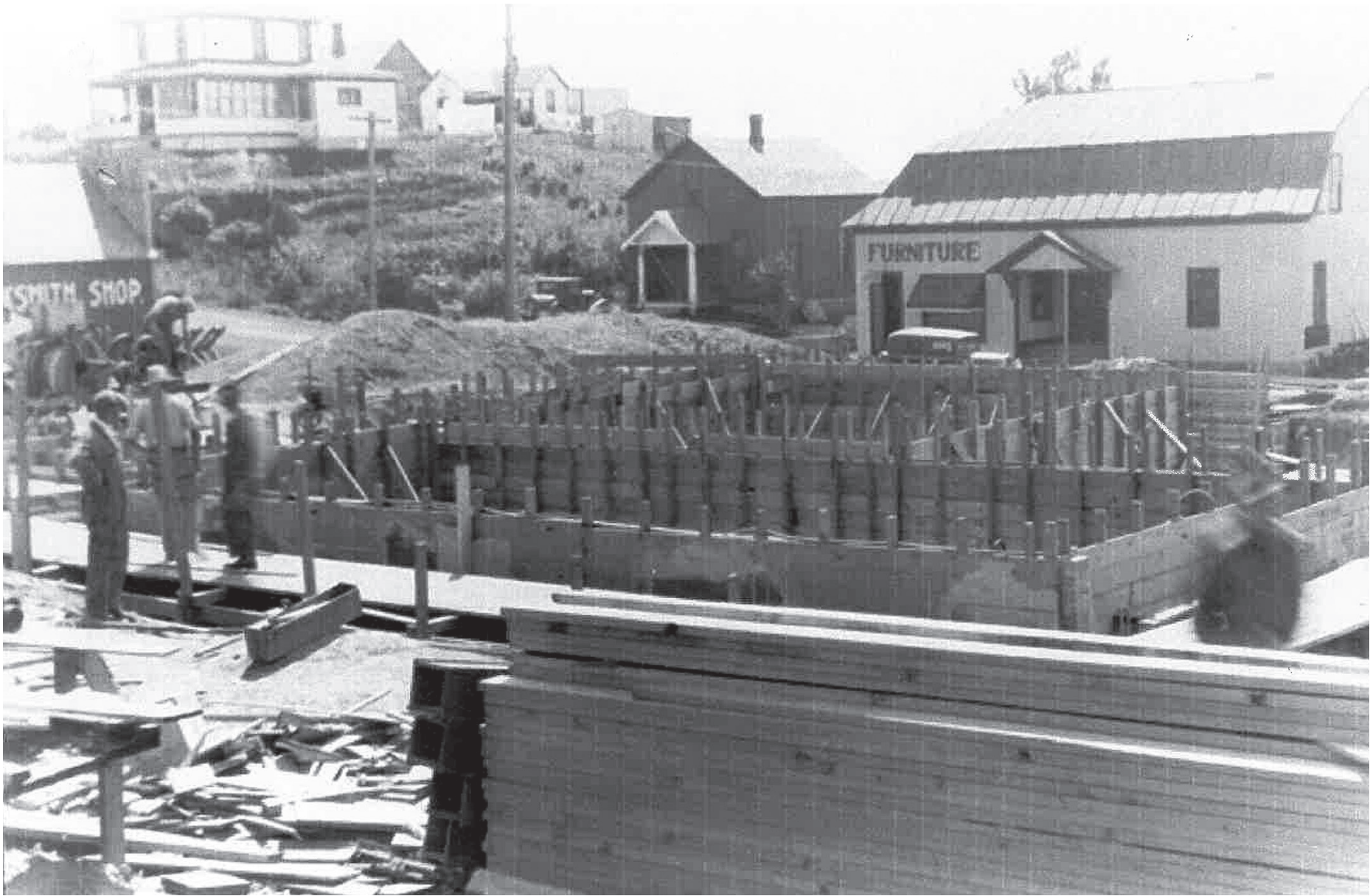
Rev. Clay Carr Jr. was scheduled to open up the service with a prayer followed by a singing of "The Lord's Prayer" conducted by Mrs. David Crum, with accompaniment from Mrs. George Olmsted.

The casket bearers were Dick Morgan, Al Zanoni, Karl and Bob Thoeming, Mike Koski Jr. and Jim Kirkpatrick.

In addition to being the

community's doctor, Wells "was active in civic affairs," serving on the school, town council and welfare boards. He was a member of several clubs, including the Lions Club, chamber of commerce, Izaak Walton League, Cambria Knights of Pythias and the Masonic Lodge. He also served many youth groups and was a member of the Episcopal church.

Next week, Cash plans on backtracking to the beginning to give more details on the country doctor.



Courtesy of Leonard Cash

In this image, construction of the post office is in the foreground. The building with the "Furniture" sign on it currently houses Isabella's, and the building next to it was moved — the RT Communications building sits there now. The building on the hill in the top left of the photo was the home of Dr. Wells, and the building just below that, labeled "Smith Shop" is the current location of the Patrick Crow Law Office.

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WC Senior Services	
FRIDAY Jan 17	
Rolls	9AM
Beltone Hearing Aid Clinic	9:30AM
Bridge Ladies	1PM
MONDAY Jan 20	
Exercise	9AM
TUESDAY Jan 21	
Helping Hands Foundation	
Board Meeting	6PM
Alanon	7PM
WEDNESDAY Jan 22	
Exercise	9AM
Manor for Lunch	Noon
Creative Handcrafts	1PM
THURSDAY Jan 23	
Tops #218	7AM
Dominos	1PM
Weston County Manor	
FRIDAY Jan 17	
Cornhole	10:30AM
Bingo	2PM
Bowling	6:15PM
SATURDAY Jan 18	
Guggenheim	11AM
Movie & Popcorn	2PM
Monopoly	6:15PM
SUNDAY Jan 19	
Who Am I?	11AM
Church	2PM
Wii	6:15PM
MONDAY Jan 20	
Resident Council	10:30AM
Cooking	2PM
Bingo	6:15PM
TUESDAY Jan 21	
Ceramics	10AM
Keepsake Krafters	2PM
Dominos	6:15PM
WEDNESDAY Jan 22	
Trivia	10:30AM
Senior Center for Lunch	
Bingo	2PM
Sip and Paint	6:15
THURSDAY Jan 23	
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Brittain

publication and community service, while demonstrating an unwavering dedication to their students and university.”

Brittain told the *News Letter Journal* that he assumed his current role at the school in 2010 but that throughout the course of his career, he has been in 12 different states and changed addresses 26 times.

Brittain is an internationally acclaimed researcher, according to the press release, who pioneered research on polymers by co-authoring an authoritative review, which has become a seminal work with more than 1,200 citations. Evidence of his international reputation includes a 2016 development leave with Professor Jurgen Ruhe at the University of Freiberg in Germany; serving as elected chair of the Polymer Chemistry Division, which is an international professional organization with 33% of the members outside of the United States; organizing and co-organizing more than 10 national symposia, all of which had international speakers; and being invited to lecture in 19 places outside of the country, including China, Germany, United Kingdom, Indonesia, Mexico, Switzerland, Austria, The Netherlands, Czech Republic and Canada, according to his

“
I also remember almost being expelled from Newcastle High School, for publishing an underground newspaper, and my job as a radio announcer at KASL.”

— Bill Brittain

executive summary, provided to the *News Letter Journal* by Brittain.

Brittain is also responsible for more than \$5.5 million in grants; has received three patents; co-edited the book “Polymer Brushes: Synthesis, Characterization and Applications”; published 123 peer-reviewed articles with an exceptionally high citation ratings, making him the seventh most-cited author at Texas State; presented 71 conference proceedings; given more than 200 invited lectures; and published 93 American Chemical Society national meeting abstracts.

Brittain has also served as vice president for global research with Bausch and Lomb in Rochester, New York, and as program officer for the National Science Foundation in Arlington, Virginia, the release



Submitted photo

Bill Brittain, a 1973 graduate of Newcastle High School, was named a Regents' Professor, the highest rank possible for faculty, by the Texas State University System Board of Regents in December. After graduating from NHS, Brittain went on to become an internationally acclaimed researcher who pioneered research on polymers.

says. He has also been the recipient of the GenCorp Signature Research Award, University of Akron Outstanding Researcher of the Year and the Distinguished Service Award from the American Chemical Society Division of Polymer Chemistry.

“As an educator, Brittain

has supervised the research of 25 doctoral students, eight post doctoral associates, 10 master’s students and 30 undergraduate students,” the release says. “Under his leadership, the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry has experienced growth in enrollment, the number of faculty and overall

<p>Bill Brittain Awards: 1975-1977: Named Outstanding Chemistry Major, three sequential years, University of Northern Colorado 1977: Graduated summa cum laude, University of Northern Colorado 1997: GenCorp Signature Research Award 2001: Outstanding Researcher of the Year, The University of Akron 2001: Distinguished Service Award, ACS Division of Polymer Chemistry 2010: Named Fellow of the ACS Division of Polymer Chemistry 2019: Named Regents' Professor by the Texas State University System Board of Regents</p> <p>Appointments and Experience 1982-1984: Postdoctoral Associate, Duke University, Durham, NC 1984-1990: Research Scientist, DuPont Central Research, Wilmington, DE 1990-1994: Assistant Professor, University of Akron, Akron, OH 1994-1997: Association Professor,</p>	<p>University of Akron, Akron, OH 1994-1998: National Program Chair, American Chemical Society Division of Polymer Chemistry 1998-2001: Chair, University of Akron, Akron, OH 1997-2006: Professor, University of Akron, Akron, OH 2000-2001: Chair (elected), ACS Division of Polymer Chemistry 2006-2008: Vice-President, Global Research, Bausch & Lomb, Rochester, NY 2008-2010: Program Officer, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 2013-2014: Director, NSF-REU, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX 2016-2017: Visiting Professor, Institut für Mikrosystemtechnik, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, University of Freiburg, Germany 2001-2018: Director, NSF-PREM Center, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX 2010-Present: Professor and Chair, Chemistry, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX</p>
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research production.”
After graduating from Newcastle High School, Brittain said he went on to the University of Northern Colorado where he earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry in 1977 before continuing his education at the California Institute of Technology, where he received his doctorate in organic chemistry in 1982.
Brittain now resides in San Marcos, Texas, less than a mile away from his laboratory, with

his wife. He has three children who live in Mexico and the Cleveland, Ohio, area.
“Although my family moved from Newcastle in the 1980s, I fondly remember my childhood in Newcastle where I loved to hike, climb and spend time in the Black Hills,” Brittain said. “I also remember almost being expelled from Newcastle High School, for publishing an underground newspaper, and my job as a radio announcer at KASL.”

Frye

the hospital run more smoothly.

“She was very involved in making sure everything is as it needs to be,” Cadwell said.

A couple of Frye’s coworkers, Amy Benson and Rita Garcia, also talked about Frye’s impact on the hospital and the people there.

“She was always very willing to do her best to help you,” Benson said. “She always had a good attitude.” Frye was always positive and ready to jump in to help wherever needed, Benson said.

Garcia, who has known Frye for 18 years, noted Frye’s reliability, compassion and constant smile. Frye always encouraged and helped Garcia

whenever she needed it, she said.

“I have loved working with Terri,” Garcia said.

According to Garcia, everyone at the facility is going to miss Frye immensely, but she’s also very happy for Frye to be retired and do things she’s always wanted to do.

Looking back, Frye said that she has had a very interesting and fun life. Her parents always had a strong work ethic, she said, and they instilled that in her.

One story Frye remembers was when she and her family moved into a new house. There was a large field on the property with an overgrowth of weeds. The whole family

mowed them all down by hand, Frye said. She said that she remembers thinking that hard work is enjoyable and satisfying.

“Hard work gives you a really wonderful reward,” Frye said.

Frye said that she has one piece of advice for the younger generation: to be willing to work. She said that even if you don’t know what you’re doing, approach things with the attitude that you’re willing to give what you have and do your best. She also wants to remind younger people that it’s okay to not yet know what you want to do but to just expose yourself to many different things to figure out what you might enjoy.

Frye moved around a lot when she was younger, and she even went to high school in Taiwan — where she graduated.

“Living in a foreign country is a really good experience,” Frye said, adding that she thinks everyone should have the opportunity to do so at some point in their lives. She said that it is amazing to see what other countries do and how smart the people are.

Frye has also traveled while selling the knives that her husband, Bruce, makes and sells. They’ve been to shows in Las Vegas and all around the country selling his knives. They’ve even had orders from Europe.

Frye also credits God with who she is today, and she said that she finds deep joy in reading the Bible because it offers her comfort, strength and the desire to help others.

“I have a really strong faith in God,” Frye said.

Now at this stage of life, Frye is excited to spend time with her husband, her children, Clayton, Dade and Shauna, and her grandkids, Syllas, Asia, Echo, Lexa and Quinn.

Frye said she also loves the outdoors and enjoys adventuring in the Black Hills, and she plans to do a lot of hiking.

“There’s just an endless amount of things that I’d like to do,” Frye said.

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Nothing's perfect or ... what men think about

I believe we can all agree that nothing's perfect. But when I make that statement, I don't mean that you can't find anything perfect in the world. You can. But there's only one perfect thing, and that is nothing.

I think most men have an inkling of what I mean. But women? Y'all probably have no clue what I'm talking about, so let me 'splain. And I'm asking you to trust me on this one. Just follow along, because I promise by the end of this column, you will still have absolutely no idea what I mean. That's not by design either. It's a gender thing.

You see, it is a common misconception that men have no idea about women. That is a lie. We understand women completely. We watch your behavior, try to figure out the way you think (which we actually can). Then at the exact moment we have you figured out, alien ships with estrogen-induced mind control, gamma rays come along, blast every woman on the planet, and all of you are reprogrammed. Then we guys have to spend the next year analyzing and scouring all the available new information to figure it out all over again. And REPEAT. You see how easy that is?

But all you women out there look at the way us guys do things, trying to figure out the way we think, why "AEW" or "WWE" is the most awesome of all television shows to us. You would be able to figure that out if you spent time at it. But no! You end up letting extraterrestrials change your minds because you feel that will throw us men off balance

again. To tell the truth, it does make our world spin around in our heads, but that's only temporary. However, changing your minds is a permanent enterprise.

And it's not your fault. You see, when God made man, it was in his own image. That includes the logical, systematic way we think. But you ladies were made from a rib, but not until God slathered you with barbecue sauce and charbroiled you. You started out as a raw rib, then you changed to a cooked one. With barbecue sauce, of course. You can't forget the barbecue sauce! No woman is complete without barbecue sauce.

It all comes down to the way we think. Men and women do not think the same way. Men are simple and direct in their thinking, but women are a mess. We have to throw kids in the mix on this one. Their thoughts are not just a mess, they are coordinated cacophonous chaos of cognitive content. In other words, on purpose, they mess up their minds. Mostly with loud crashes of stuff they call music and video games where some ancient superhero is obliterated into a million pixels of goo. It's the only power they have against adults.

You see, a kid's mind until he reaches the age of, say, 40 is like a pile of Legos — a big pile, something on the lines of an infinite number of pieces that someone has kicked all over the room. Add to that, the child has thrown a dozen jars of peanut butter, the oily fluid type, and dirty socks all around the place. Grab your dad's golf clubs and stir vigorously. Then they turned up some

death metal bands like Brain Sword Impalers all the way to 11 and then told you to go in there and find your car keys. Don't forget, they are laughing at you the entire time. It's not possible to find your keys either. The keys aren't there. That's just where your little brats told you they were. This is done on purpose in that exact sequence because kids don't want any adults to figure out the way they think. Personally, I think they are better at that goal than women are.

Women have one box in their minds. When you open that box, you find a big ball of yarn. The yarn comes — I think some of them are also made of pasta. But they are all jumbled together. You could be thinking along that blue strand of yarn, which curves around this way or that. Suddenly you realize it's touching that pink strand of yarn that is traveling away from the blue strand. So you think, "Why not follow that one?" and off you go. Blue to pink to red to yellow to the blue again. But this time, it touches green, and you realize the green is moldy pasta.

You get the point? Trying to organize that ball of yarn is not possible, because at many different points along the way, you've tied strands together. So there is no way to untangle that mess. This is the way you think. And I hate to burst your ideas about men, but we get that! We don't necessarily understand why your mind works that way, but we get it. As such, women have a hundred million thoughts going on in their heads at any one moment in time. One thought doesn't necessarily have anything to do with another idea. It's just touching that

other thought but probably made of an entirely different material. And there's no way to organize those thoughts either, because that ball of yarn is vast, as is the box you hold it in. The other part of this process is that you've lost the lid to your box. So that ball of yarn is always in front of you, teasing you with this thought, which leads to that thought, which leads to ... wherever! And just when we finally realize what the rule is about the way women think, the aliens replace that ball of yarn with a tangle of nonending twisty ties and shoelaces! It leads to the same form of thinking, but it's different stuff you think about for the next year.

Men have a different system. We have these shelves in our minds. On those shelves are a lot of little boxes. We will take one down and open it up, look at the contents, consider it, then put it back in the box, close the lid and put it back on the shelf right where we got it from. Many of these boxes are way down low, so that we have to bend over to pick them up. Some are way up high, so we have to stand on our tippy toes to get them. There's effort involved in looking at those thoughts. We will rearrange our boxes as we figure this out. This way, those things that are less important are at those difficult locations on the shelves, because thinking about those takes work, and that's just not what our thinking process is about. But in the middle of our shelves, right at chest level where it's easy to get to, and with bold spotlights illuminating them, are two large boxes. You might think the largest of these boxes are labeled sex. That's not true. It's the second-largest box. It's also covered in red velvet with a lid that is secure but easy to get off. And

it is a large box, easy to get to, lightweight and smells like freshly ground coffee. To go as far as to say it's our favorite box is a stretch, though. It's close, but not our most beloved.

Our favorite box is slightly larger. It is made of silver and trimmed in gold, but it is made by elves, so it barely weighs anything. This box practically floats into your hands. The lid fits securely but is hinged in such a way that we just have to flip it up and expose the contents. Easy Peasy! The contents of this box are easy to define. It is utterly empty! There is nothing in that box. We also have a big comfortable chair in the warehouse of our mind. It has lovely heat controls and vibrating motors in it. It reclines back at just the right angle so that we can lay back, hold our nothing box and just stare at it for hours on end. Now there is wrestling playing off to the side. We only have to avert our eyes by millimeters to watch it. You see? No effort is involved whatsoever!

And when I say there's nothing in that box, I don't mean it's full of air. Air is something. This box was taken outside the boundaries of the universe and opened up. Even space is something, and space is created in the presence of matter. That's just too much to think about. So our box contains whatever it is that is outside the universe. Because there's no matter beyond that, there's not even space in there. It's nothing. Nothing at all. Absolutely void of substance, form and meaning. And us men can, and continuously do, spend more than half our time considering that beautiful, uncomplicated, sedate nothing.

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Girls Basketball
1/18/20 V9 Rawlins Outlaws H NOON
1/20/20 9 Wright Panthers A 6:15PM
1/24/20 V9 Thermopolis Bobcats H 3PM
1/25/20 V9 Buffalo Bison A 2PM

Boys Basketball
1/18/20 V9 Rawlins Outlaws H NOON
1/20/20 9 Wright Panthers A 4:45PM
1/24/20 V9 Thermopolis Bobcats H 3PM
1/25/20 V9 Buffalo Bison A 1PM

Boys Wrestling
1/17/20 VJ Newcastle Invitational H 9AM
1/18/20 V9 Blazer Duals A 9AM
1/21/20 VJ Wheatland, Douglas, Torrington, Lusk @ Newcastle H 4PM
1/24/20 V9 Moorcroft Invite A 1PM
1/25/20 V9 Moorcroft Invite A 8AM

Boys Swimming
1/18/20 VJ Douglas Bearcats (Douglas Invite) A TBA
1/24/20 VJ Buffalo Bison (@ Buffalo) A TBA

A new era in sports

The past calendar year has presented some interesting movements within sports that have traditionally belonged to one gender or the other, at least in Wyoming.

Last spring, Avery Chick became the first male to

participate in Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) volleyball as he played on the UI6 team when the opportunity arose. He wasn't able to



Sonja Karp
Karpe Dogie

play in every tournament, but there were some — especially in South Dakota — which allowed him to take the court, though he was limited to back row playing only.

This winter, the Newcastle/Upton wrestling squad has two females competing for the first time that I can remember.

In the last school year, 2,400 girls across the nation played high school football, and not just as kickers, which is the logical position they might play.

This got me thinking.

There are the obvious arguments against opposite genders playing or competing against each other in these three sports.

In high school wrestling, the first is that when girls take the mat, it puts their male opponent in a difficult position of having to get up close and personal with the "fairer" sex. Especially in a region of the country where young men are often raised to be gentlemen and to be protective and respectful of women, it may make them uncomfortable to put forth the same physical effort they would against a male opponent when they face off against a girl.

In football, the prominent argument against females playing varsity contests against young men is the very real possibility of them sustaining injuries. Many, but certainly not all, of the young women playing high school football take on the role of a kicker who is very protected from physical contact. However, girls are also playing other positions such as quarterback, receivers and even

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Dogies/Bobcats see mixed result

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Dogie/Bobcat grapplers opened up the new decade competing in the Shane Shatto Tournament in Douglas last Friday and Saturday which drew 26 teams from all classes in Wyoming, Nebraska and Colorado.

"It was a tough tournament like always," head coach Lee McCoy began. "We wrestled five kids in the varsity bracket and 12 in the JV division, both of which gave our guys some great competition."

Of the five kids competing in the varsity division, only Blake Durfee (106) and Jory McFarland (120) lived to compete on Saturday, the second day of the tournament.

Durfee finished fifth and had a great tournament, according to McCoy. His first loss came in the quarterfinals when a Sheridan athlete got the better of him. However, Durfee turned the tables and exacted sweet revenge by beating the same kid for the fifth place spot. His only other loss was against another 4A opponent from Kelly Walsh.

McFarland was defeated in the consolation quarterfinal round, so was just one match away from placing. Though he went home empty handed, he was able to best a Wheatland wrestler who had beaten him in Worland before the Christmas break.

Unfortunately, the other varsity competitors fell short on Friday which McCoy admitted was a little disappointing given their losses happened because of a lack of aggressiveness on their part.

"It was disappointing because the guys are just not really believing in themselves," he frowned. "They are hesitating and missing out on opportunities that are being presented and not creating their own opportunities so they aren't having very much success right now."

McCoy attributes this to his wrestlers hesitating to take action because they are afraid to fail, which inevitably ends up costing them their matches in the end.

"They just need to get over that mind-set, because the pain of losing is so much worse when you don't give it all you've got," he nodded.



Photo courtesy of Cindy Rhoades

Skylar Jenkins (160) went up against some tough 4A competitors at the Shane Shatto tournament last weekend in Douglas, resulting in the junior finishing short of the podium by the end of Saturday's competition.

While the competitors in the varsity bracket struggled, McCoy was very pleased with how his athletes performed in the JV division.

"The younger kids are really coming along and I was just really happy with how they wrestled last weekend," he smiled. "There were only three who didn't win a match and they were going up against some pretty tough competition which is awesome."

Aidan Coberly (138) took first and went undefeated on the weekend. Dillan Wornkey (132) also took first and was perfect as well.

Jacob Rhoades (152) finished third in his first weekend of competition this season losing only one match in the semifinals.

Though Weston Simianer (195) did not place, he would have been an in for fifth and sixth but they only wrestled to

Dogies @ Shane Shatto Invitational in Douglas 1/10-11/20		NHS/UHS Wrestling	
Team Results:		15. Campbell County 54	106: Cael Holmes DNP 1-2
1. Kelly Walsh 200.5	2. Thunder Basin 189	16. Niobrara County 53	120: Jory McFarland DNP 2-2
3. Natrona County 178	4. Douglas 178	17. Cheyenne East 49	160: Skylar Jenkins DNP 0-2
5. Gering 171.5	6. Sheridan 127.5	18. Chadron 47	182: Josh Womack DNP 0-2
7. Burns/Pine Bluffs 118	8. Riverton 96.5	19. Castle View 44	
9. Alliance 79.5	10. Central 74	20. Glenrock 42	JV Results:
11. Wright 69	12. Southeast 66	21. Laramie 31.5	106: Caleb Hossfeld DNP 0-2
13. Wheatland 64.5	14. Thermopolis 61	22. Hulett 24	113: Kyah Miller DNP 0-2
		23. Newcastle-Upton 24	120: Jonathan Morgan DNP 2-2
		24. South 17	126: Isabella Spencer DNP
		25. Buffalo 4	132: Dillan Wornkey: 1st Place 5-0
		26. H.E.M. 0	138: Aidan Coberly 1st Place 5-0
		26. Minatare 0	145: Dylan Drost DNP
		26. Tongue River 0	152: Jacob Prell DNP 1-2
			152: Jacob Rhoades 3rd Place 4-1
			195: Weston Simianer: DNP
		Individual Varsity Results:	
		106: Blake Durfee 5th Place 5-1	

four places in the JV division.

Kyah Miller (113), one of the squad's two female wrestlers, lost both her matches over the weekend, but she made it to the second period before she got pinned in her first match and wrestled the full three periods in her second

loss which was by a 9-1 decision.

"One of Kyah's goals was to make it a full match and she did that, so that was pretty awesome," McCoy exclaimed. "With some of the kids we have to

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Lady Dogies open up conference play

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

After a three-week hiatus from competition, the Lady Dogies got back into action Friday and Saturday as they opened up 3A East Conference play by hosting the Lady Trailblazers of Torrington, and went to Gering, Neb., for a non-conference game on Saturday.

Though the ladies ended the weekend without a win, head coach Chad Ostenson was excited about what he saw from his young team both nights.

"After practicing for three weeks, I was excited with how the girls played this weekend," he nodded. "The kids played hard and executed the things we asked them to do pretty well. We are a little behind the rest of the conference as far as games played because we didn't have anything over the break, but I think we made good use of our time to make improvements to our game."

The matchup against Torrington on Friday night was a pretty even one, and although the Blazers had a stronger inside presence than the Dogies, both teams play an up-tempo game which made for exciting action



Photo courtesy of Shawn Smith

Claire Beaström got a step on the Lady Blazer defender in Friday evening's conference opener against Torrington, but was shut down before she made it to the hoop.

for fans in attendance. The fast pace of the contest did result in some less-than-pretty play, but the mistakes were made by both teams.

"For everything that went wrong, we played well against Torrington," Ostenson admitted. "We had 31 turnovers, but we forced 32. We also gave up 29 offensive rebounds, which is too many, but given that we gave up that many offensive possessions and only lost by six, that isn't too bad."

The Lady Dogies came out of the gate attacking the basket and playing smothering defense, which allowed them to jump out to a quick 7-0 lead with only two minutes ticked off the clock. Though Blazer head coach Jeff Halley called a time-out to try to settle his team, Newcastle went on to dominate for the remainder of the first quarter.

Never a team to roll over, Torrington closed the gap in the second quarter and in the last second of play before the half, they converted on a fast-break layup to tie things up at 26 as the teams headed to the locker room.

"The game was a little physical, and it took a minute to get jump ball

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on the line.

Similar arguments arise when it comes to young men playing volleyball against females. Boys generally are able to jump higher and hit harder, though I've stood on the corner of the volleyball court and have been in line for some pretty hard hits from girls for sure!

At any rate, the possibility of injury to the girls on the opposite side of the net when a boy gets on top of a set is real. This is why Chick was limited to back row play only when he was allowed to take the court.

In order to provide an equal playing field, the optimal situation would be to provide options for men's volleyball, women's football and women's wrestling programs in high school. I totally understand kids wanting to play these sports that aren't offered for their gender.

Unfortunately, in schools the size of Newcastle, our athletes are already spread pretty thin through the sports we currently offer at Newcastle High School, so introducing three new options would possibly decimate all the teams, making it tough to compete at all.

The good news is that the more young people who are taking the opportunity to participate in these sports is that more options are becoming available for them to play.

Currently, there is a group of young men who are attempting to put together a couple of volleyball teams so they can compete against each other, and I'm sure other schools around the area are experiencing the same situation, so, hopefully, a club schedule could be set up for these guys.

As far as wrestling goes, the tournament in Moorcroft coming up this weekend is offering a girls' division in which our two young ladies will have the opportunity to compete.

Hopefully, there will be more options that open up for these young people to play the sport they love.

Dogies emerge strong from the break

Sonja Karp

NLJ Sports Reporter

The Dogie swim team has been dry-docked for most of the 2019-2020 season so far when it comes to competition, but they got to dive back into action last weekend with back-to-back invitational meets in Cody and Powell last weekend.

"The biggest thing I told the boys that this was only our third and fourth meets of the season," head coach Doug Scribner began. "As much as we've been practicing, we haven't competed much so I was excited to see what we would get done considering."

Scribner would not be disappointed at the end of the weekend. Each member of the team made improvements in their events, with several establishing personal bests, and one adding another state qualifying time to his postseason slate.

James Cox had qualified for the 100 Backstroke in the first weekend of competition before the Christmas break, and he added the 100 Butterfly in Powell on Saturday as he touched the wall in 1:10.96 which is over a second under 3A time, and also a second under

Newcastle Dogies @ Cody Invite 1/10/20		NHS Boys Swimming	
Team Results:	1. Worland 418	2. James Cox 1:07.84 3AQ	13. Zade Orsbom 2:17.05 PR
2. Sublette Co. 398	3. Riverton 381	D.Q. Robert Humes	18. Robert Humes 2:31.64 PR
3. Riverton 381	4. Cody 247	100 Breaststroke:	50 Free:
4. Cody 247	5. Douglas 204	7. Austen Kenney 1:19.04	10. James Cox 26.94
5. Douglas 204	6. Newcastle 149	18. Grayson Ramsey 1:26.80	16. Zade Orsbom 27.78
6. Newcastle 149	Individual Results:	19. Zade Orsbom 1:27.01	29. Conrad Prell 30.15 PR
200 Medley Relay: 2:04.39	3. James Cox, Austen Kenney, Zade Orsbom, Robert Humes	400 Free Relay: 4:54.69	33. Grayson Ramsey 31.77 PR
200 Free:	7. Conrad Prell 2:27.20	9. Conrad Prell, Austen Kenney, James Cox, Grayson Ramsey	100 Butterfly:
200 IM:	6. Zade Orsbom 2:45.71	Newcastle Dogies @ Gene Dozah Invite in Powell 1/11/20	17. James Cox 1:10.96 PR 3AQ
50 Free:	3. Austen Kenney 25.21 3AQ	Team Results:	100 Free:
8. Robert Humes 26.87	100 Free:	1. Lander 419	8. Austen Kenney 57.62
100 Free:	11. James Cox 1:01.71	2. Powell 239	17. Robert Humes 1:02.16
16. Conrad Prell 1:06.31	16. Conrad Prell 1:06.31	3. Worland 172	500 Free:
27. Grayson Ramsey 1:18.09	27. Grayson Ramsey 1:18.09	4. Riverton 153	13. Conrad Prell 6:33.74
100 Backstroke:		5. Sublette Co. 128	200 Free Relay: 1:54.57
		6. Douglas 97	9. Robert Humes, Grayson Ramsey, James Cox, Zade Orsbom
		7. Cody 78	100 Breaststroke:
		8. Newcastle 39	23. Grayson Ramsey 1:26.89 PR
		Individual Results:	400 Free Relay: 4:14.14
		200 Free:	8. James Cox, Conrad Prell, Austen Kenney, Robert Humes
		12. Austen Kenney 2:16.84 PR	

his career best time.

"James swam very well over the weekend," Scribner exclaimed. "Not only did he drop quite a bit of time in the Butterfly and set a new PR, he also dropped over half a second in the 50 Free."

Austen Kenney also swam a personal best in the 200 Free in Powell, dropping nine seconds from his previous time, and in doing so, pulled within a second of marking a qualifying time in that event. Kenney has already earned a spot to compete for a state title in the 50 and 100 Free

at the culminating meet.

When Kenney swam the 100 Free in Cody on Friday, the senior was nearly half a second slower than he had been when he qualified for the event prior to the break, however Scribner attributed the regression to technique issues at the start of the race.

"Austen was about .3 of a second slower than he was before Christmas, but it's due to how he starts out," Scribner explained. "When he jumped in he was already behind by half a body length so he had to play

catch up for the rest of the race. If we can fix that and get him to where he's coming out with the rest of the pack, it should take another second or two off his time."

Robert Humes put up a PR in the 200 Free, beating his previous best time by nine seconds. Scribner pointed out that Humes is a sprinter, so isn't a fan of this longer event, however he was pleased to see the sophomore shave that much time off the race.

Zade Orsbom, who is new to high school competition this

season, also set a new PR of 2:17.05 in the 200 Free.

"Zade dropped a second in the 200 Free so he is now only two seconds off from qualifying," Scribner declared. "We haven't raced much and when he got out of the pool, he admitted that he could have hit the middle of the race harder which means he should have no problem hitting that qualifying time."

Conrad Prell also had a good weekend of competition dropping 14 seconds in his 500 Free and about a second from his 50 Free.

Grayson Ramsey, who is brand new to competitive swimming, is making huge improvements according to Scribner.

"Grayson dropped a second in the 50 Free and he swam a 29 in the relay which he was really excited about," Scribner smiled. "He also dropped six seconds in the 100 Breaststroke so is now within six seconds of qualifying."

The Dogies have two more chances this week to cut even more time off their events. On Tuesday, the team traveled to Cheyenne to compete against all three schools at South High School and will go to Douglas for their invite on Saturday.

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calls which made the game really physical," Ostenson began. "Though I liked it that the girls got to experience that because they need to learn how to play in that situation, I think it played into losing some momentum in the second and third quarter."

In the third quarter, the Lady Blazers began to really utilize their inside post players to take a 41-31 lead heading into the final frame of play. With eight minutes to go, Newcastle dug in and began to chip away at the lead, coming within four points several times. However, time ran out before they were able to overcome the deficit, so they gave up the W with a 52-58 final score.

"The turnovers and the second chances they got killed us. Torrington is notorious for putting up a lot of shots and getting those second chance points," Ostenson stated. "We did some good things, but we're going to have to work on being physical and pulling down rebounds. They just took it away from us a couple of times like we're the freshmen we are. We'll have that a little bit, but we need to get an edge to us where we aren't going to let them do that to us anymore."

Though the loss wasn't what the team had hoped for, Ostenson took many positives from the contest. A big one for his was that there were three players in double figures and several others who made important contributions.

Jaylen Osten led the team with 14 points, and she was followed closely by Shelby Tidyman with 13 and Mercedes Voelker with 12, all of which she hit from beyond the arc.

On Saturday, the ladies faced off against Lady Bulldogs in Gering. According to Ostenson, the two teams matched up well regarding height, but his team didn't match the energy of the Nebraska squad.

"We were a little slow and pretty flat to start, and they got a good lead early on," he admitted. "We came out and played better after the first quarter, but we just couldn't dig ourselves out of the hole and we couldn't close the gap to less than six."

Gering was able to extend the lead to 12 by the time the contest ended to take the 56-44 win over the Lady Dogies. Once again, Jaylen Osten led her team with 14 points, Ally Cass tossed in 13 while Voelker added six,

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— Chad Ostenson,
NHS Head Ladies Basketball Coach

Tidyman five, Makenzie Conzelman three and Madi Pearson rounded scoring out with two points.

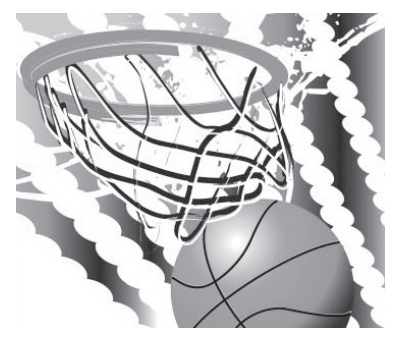
"I like where we're at right now. It could be easy to get a little bit down, but we've been in every game we've played," Ostenson insisted. "I've felt like we had a chance with three minutes to play so that is so positive for where we are in the season."

Ostenson's squad has only one contest this week when the Lady Outlaws of Rawlins come to town on Saturday for another 3A East Conference matchup.

NHS Girls Basketball

Newcastle v. Torrington 1/10/20: 52-58
Madi Pearson: 6 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals
Mercedes Voelker: 12 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal
Jaylen Osten: 14 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 blocks
Ally Cass: 5 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 4 steals, 1 block
Shelby Tidyman: 13 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 5 steals
Claire Beasstrom: 1 rebound
Shawnee Miles: 2 points, 1 assist
Makenzie Conzelman: 1 rebound, 2 steals
Sara Sweet: 1 steal

Newcastle @ Gering 1/11/20: 44-56
Madi Pearson: 2 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal
Mercedes Voelker: 6 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals
Jaylen Osten: 14 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1 charge taken
Ally Cass: 13 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist
Shelby Tidyman: 5 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals
Claire Beasstrom: 2 rebounds
Sara Sweet: 1 point, 3 rebounds
Makenzie Conzelman: 3 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal



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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE:

In accordance with Chapter 6, Section 2(m) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations, notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, proposes to approve a request by Gravity Oilfield Services LLC to modify the multiple portable engine fleet by adding ten (10) 70 hp LTRNG45 4.3L engines (ENG141-ENG150) to the list of potential engines operating as part of the fleet.

For the duration of the public comment period, the permit application, the agency's analysis, and the public notice are available for public inspection online at https://openair.wyo.gov, utilizing facility ID F027449 and permit number P0027048 under permits. This material may also be viewed online, at the above URL, utilizing a public computer at the Albany County Library, Laramie, Wyoming; Big Horn County Library, Basin, Wyoming; Campbell County Library, Gillette, Wyoming; Carbon County Library, Rawlins, Wyoming; Converse County Library, Douglas, Wyoming; Crook County Library, Sundance, Wyoming; Fremont County Library, Lander, Wyoming; Goshen County Library, Torrington, Wyoming; Hot Springs County Library, Thermopolis, Wyoming; Johnson County Library, Buffalo, Wyoming; Laramie County Library, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Lincoln County Library, Kemmerer, Wyoming; Natrona County Library, Casper, Wyoming; Niobrara County Library, Lusk, Wyoming; Park County Library, Cody, Wyoming; Platte County Library, Wheatland, Wyoming; Sheridan County Library, Sheridan Wyoming; Sweetwater County Library, Green River, Wyoming; Teton County Library, Jackson, Wyoming; Uinta County Library, Evanston, Wyoming; Washakie County Library, Worland, Wyoming; Weston County Library, Newcastle, Wyoming. Additionally, for the duration of the public comment period a copy of this public notice is available for public inspection at the Albany County Clerk's Office, Laramie, Wyoming; Big Horn County Clerk's Office, Basin, Wyoming; Campbell County Clerk's Office, Gillette, Wyoming; Carbon County Clerk's Office, Rawlins, Wyoming; Converse County Clerk's Office, Douglas, Wyoming; Crook County Clerk's Office, Sundance, Wyoming; Fremont County Clerk's Office, Lander, Wyoming; Goshen County Clerk's Office, Torrington, Wyoming; Hot Springs County Clerk's Office, Thermopolis, Wyoming; Johnson County Clerk's Office, Buffalo, Wyoming; Laramie County Clerk's Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Lincoln County Clerk's Office, Kemmerer, Wyoming; Natrona County Clerk's Office, Casper, Wyoming; Niobrara County Clerk's Office, Lusk, Wyoming; Park County Clerk's Office, Cody, Wyoming; Platte County Clerk's Office, Wheatland, Wyoming; Sheridan County Clerk's Office, Sheridan Wyoming; Sweetwater County Clerk's Office, Green River, Wyoming; Teton County Clerk's Office, Jackson, Wyoming; Uinta County Clerk's Office, Evanston, Wyoming; Washakie County Clerk's Office, Worland, Wyoming; Weston County Clerk's Office, Newcastle, Wyoming. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternate formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternate formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

Written comments may be directed to Nancy Vehr, Administrator, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 or by fax (307) 635-1784. Please reference A0009696 in your comment. Comments submitted by email will not be included in the administrative record. All comments received by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2020 will be considered in the final determination on this application. A public hearing will be conducted only if in the opinion of the administrator sufficient interest is generated or if an aggrieved party so requests. Para español, visite deq.wyoming.gov.

(Publish January 16, 2020)

Meeting Notice MEETING NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the Wyoming Community Development Authority (WCDA) will hold a Board work session beginning at 1:00 pm, Tuesday, January 28, 2020 and a Board meeting beginning at 8:30 am, Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at the offices of WCDA, 155 N. Beech, Casper, WY.

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

(Publish January 16, 2020)

Public Notice PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act and Chapter 1 of the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations, the Central Weston County Solid Waste Disposal District has submitted a closure permit application for the Osage Landfill.

This facility will cease disposal of solid waste. The 10.760 acre facility is located 1.25 miles SSW of the Town of Osage. More specifically, this facility is located in the SW¼, SW¼ of Section 16, T46N, R63W in Weston County, Wyoming.

The Department of Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste Division (DEQ) has reviewed the application and determined that it is generally complete and suitable for publication. The DEQ's solid waste rules, in Chapter 1, require that the applicant must provide public notice that a proposed permit has been issued and inform the public that there is an opportunity to file comments on the proposed permit before it is issued in final form. The notice is also required to indicate that the public may file formal written objections to issuance of a final permit. This publication provides notice of those opportunities.

Copies of the permit application, the DEQ's review of the application, and the proposed permit can be viewed at DEQ's Casper office 152 N. Durbin Street, Suite 100, Casper, WY 82601. at the Weston County Public Library (23 W. Main Street, Newcastle, WY 82701), and the Weston County Clerk's Office (1 W. Main Street, Newcastle, WY 82701).

Any interested person has the right to either: provide comments on the proposed permit, which DEQ will consider prior to taking final action on the permit application, or file formal written objections to the proposed permit. The period for providing comments, or filing formal written objections to the proposed permit, shall begin on January 9, 2020 and end on February 17, 2020. Any comments or formal written objections must be received by 5:00 PM on the last day of the notice period. Comments or formal objections must be submitted in writing to the Department of Environmental Quality, Todd Parfitt, Director, 200 West 17th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002. Formal written objections must be accompanied by a statement of the facts upon which the objection is based. If substantial written objections are filed, a contested case hearing will be held by the Environmental Quality Council.

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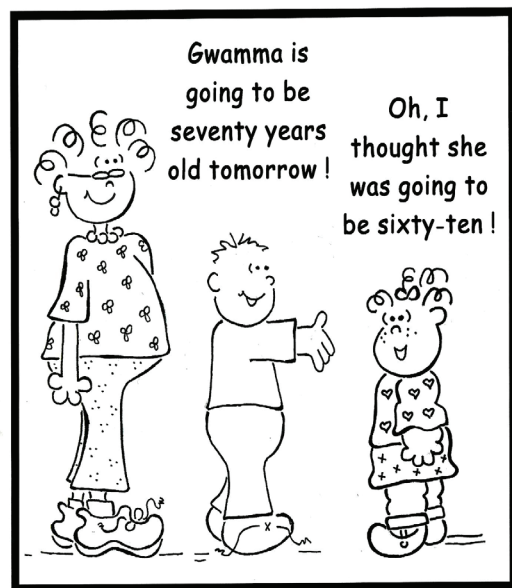
Legal Notice GAME AND FISH LICENSE SELLING AGENT NEEDED

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is currently taking applications for an authorized Wyoming Game and Fish License Selling Agent to be located in the town of Newcastle or the area in Weston County. Interested businesses may obtain applications or additional information by contacting the Wyoming Game and Fish Department License Accounting Section at (307) 777-4674. Successful applicant must post a \$50 bond, agree to sell licenses through our Electronic Licensing System and attend a mandatory training class.

Application deadline is 30th day of January, 2020.

(Publish January 9, 16 and 23, 2020)

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Legal Notice IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF WYOMING IN AND FOR WESTON COUNTY

In the matter of, the change of name: Civil Action No. CV-1992 Shawn Michael Knigge Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME You are hereby notified that a Petition to Change Name has been filed on behalf of Shawn Michael Knigge in the District Court in and for Weston County, Wyoming in Civil File No. CV-1992, the object and prayer of which is to change the name of the above-named person from Shawn Michael Knigge to Shawn Michael Bell.

Any objection must be filed with the Clerk of District Court, 1 West Main Street, Newcastle, Wyoming, 82701 in writing, on or before March 2, 2020 (30 days after the last publication date), or the prayer of the Petitioner shall be granted. Dated this 10 day of January, 2020 Tina Cote Clerk of District Court

(Publish January 16, 23, 30 and February 6, 2020)

Cowboy State Look-In

Courtesy of the Wyoming News Exchange



Flu cases jump in Wyoming

CASPER (WNE) — Influenza cases in Wyoming have experienced a "significant jump" in recent weeks, according to the state Health Department, as federal officials say the dominant strain of the disease is more likely to affect younger people.

To date, 32 children have died nationally from flu-related conditions and 4,800 people have died in total in the first three months of the 2019-20 flu season. The state Department of Health typi-

cally does not release figures mid-season, though exceptions — like pediatric deaths or particularly severe seasons — sometimes prompt officials to send additional warnings.

Kim Deti, a Health Department spokeswoman, said the agency "would refrain from predicting whether we are near the peak yet or from making an overall prediction on the season." She added that Wyoming's dominant iteration of the flu is a B strain, "which is unusual for this stage in the

season." The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention rated Wyoming's flu activity as moderate, while a majority of the country is rated at the highest severity level. The agency added that nationally, hospitalizations and percent of deaths remain low. They attribute the mix of deaths with overall low hospitalizations to the dominance of the B strain, which is "more likely to affect children and younger adults than the elderly."

Wind farm permits rejected

RAWLINS (WNE) — The saga of the two planned wind farm projects will continue into the spring, according to Carbon County Planning and Zoning Director Sid Fox.

He said as much on Tuesday morning at the first Carbon County Commissioners' meeting of 2020, when the board rejected the conditional use permit applications for the Lucky Star and Two Rivers wind farms.

The projects were proposed in September 2018 by BluEarth Renewables, a Canada-based power pro-

ducer. The two are designed to be built on both private and federal land that straddles the line between Carbon and Albany County.

The combined total for the projects is around \$1 billion. Two Rivers is expected to produce 280 MW, while Lucky Star is expected to generate 500 MW.

Two Rivers is slated to break ground in 2021 and will encompass around 20,000 acres of land, with almost 16,000 of that being in Carbon County. Lucky Star is scheduled to break ground

in 2020 and is planned to encompass around 79,800 acres, with about 15,800 acres being in the county. It's not clear what percentage would be on private or federal land.

The board has been discussing the permits since at least September, when the members found that the applications for the farms were incomplete, due to BluEarth having not submitted a permitting application with the Bureau of Land Management. However, BluEarth has completed the permit process in Albany County.

Considering a bachelor degree

ROCK SPRINGS (WNE) — The Western Wyoming Community College Board of Trustees will consider going forward with plans for a bachelor of applied science degree at its regular meeting Jan. 9.

Previously, the WWCC bachelor of applied science task force developed a business degree with input from business leaders in the area as well as academic and service areas in the college. WWCC's leadership team believes that the college is prepared to provide the degree, including all needed support services, according to agenda documents.

The WWCC board will consider moving forward with the BAS degree program as presented Thursday evening and then seek authorization for baccalaureate degree granting status with the Wyoming Community College Commission

and the Higher Learning Commission. Senate File 111 was passed by the Legislature on Feb. 27, 2019, and signed into law by Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon on March 15, 2019. The law authorizes Wyoming community colleges to offer applied baccalaureate programs, requires Wyoming's Community College Commission to approve new applied baccalaureate programs offered at Wyoming community colleges, and conforms provisions of the Hathaway scholarship program to allow students enrolled in Wyoming community colleges' applied baccalaureate programs to use the scholarship while enrolled. It created a path for WWCC to develop, seek authorization for, and implement a bachelor of applied science in business for students who wish to move into management positions.

Bill would restrict gun buyback

WORLAND (WNE) — With more than a month before the Wyoming Legislature opens the 2020 budget session on Feb. 10, legislators and legislative committees are pre-filing bills fast and furious.

One bill, co-sponsored by Worland Republican Rep. Mike Greear, expands on the Wyoming Firearms Freedom Act that the Legislature passed in 2010.

"This is the only bill I'm co-sponsoring. This basically says we will not allow taxpayer money to be used to buy back

firearms. It's a statement bill," Greear said.

Under the new proposed legislation, legislators hope to include any firearm buyback program into the Wyoming Firearm Freedom Act.

Specifically, the bill states, "No city, town, county, political subdivision, state agency or entity or any other governmental entity shall operate a firearm buyback program or participate in the implementation, administration or operation of a firearm buyback program."

Greear asked why should

taxpayers pay if a municipality, county or state wants to engage in a buyback program for firearms, ammunition or large magazines?

Greear said that the bill's main sponsor, Rep. Tyler Lindholm (R-Sundance), called and asked if he would be a co-sponsor.

"We get a lot of Second Amendment bills," Greear said, but noted some bills tend to infringe on other rights while trying to protect the Second Amendment. "This one I agree with."

Wyoming 28th in tourism spending

LOVELL (WNE) — Wyoming ranks 28th in tourism advertising in a 2017-18 U.S. Travel Association report, with spending of \$12.189 million.

According to the report, most regional states spend more. Montana spent \$17.5 million, Colorado \$22 million, Idaho \$12.2 million and South Dakota \$15.7 million.

At the 2019 Wyoming Hospitality and Tourism Fall Advocacy Summit held in November in Cody, a portion of the discussion was about how Wyoming is getting outspent by neighboring states and how those additional dollars are paying off, as the revenue generated by the travelers is greater than Wyoming's.

The travel impacts on Wyoming's economy are significant. In 2018 Wyoming had 8.9 million visitors, an increase of 2.3% from 2017. Direct spending was \$3.8 billion, which was a 6.4% increase. State and local tax revenues were \$195 million, a 6% increase. Travel related jobs were 32,200.

According to the Economic Analysis Division's December 2019 Wyoming Insight report, leisure and hospitality represents 14% of tax collection. Under the non-farm wage and salary, after state and local government, the leisure and hospitality sector represents 13% of Wyoming's workforce. This shows that this industry is the largest private sector employer in the state.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th of December, 2019, Joseph A. Beek, Trustee of the Dorothy M. Beek Trust dated September 23, 1982, as amended, filed an application in District Court, Sixth Judicial District, Weston County, Wyoming, Docket No. PR-8191 seeking summary distribution of real property pursuant to the provisions of W.S. § 2-1-205, seeking a decree establishing his exclusive right and title in and to certain real property owned by Dorothy M. Beek, deceased, situated in Weston County, Wyoming, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

NIOBRARA COUNTY

Table with 3 columns: Township, Well, Royalty Interest. Rows include Township 40 North, Range 64 West, 6h P.M. with wells Hanson Fee 1-12B1, Buggy Creek 1-14-40-64H, Dixon 4-20, Dixon 3-20.

CAMPBELL COUNTY

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WESTON COUNTY

Table with 3 columns: Township, Well, Royalty Interest. Rows include Township 46 North, Range 65 West, 6h P.M. with wells West Fiddlers Creek Unit 0-4373 5, West Fiddlers Creek Jesse Fee 8, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 0-4576 16, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 17, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 19, West Fiddlers Creek Unit W 25, West Fiddlers Creek Unit Rinehart Fee 37, West Fiddlers Creek Unit Rinehart Fee 42, West Fiddlers Creek Unit State 0-4776 49, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 58, West Fiddlers Creek Unit Thompson Fee 64, West Fiddlers Creek Unit Walters Fee 70, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 75, West Fiddlers Creek Unit Dittus Fee 95, West Fiddlers Creek Unit Stirling Fee 100, West Fiddlers Creek Unit B-040808 138, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 181, West Fiddlers Creek Unit W-052720 134, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 136, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 139, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 140, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 141, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 142, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 143, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 146, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 147, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 148, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 157, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 164, West Fiddlers Creek Unit 166, Township 44 North, Range 62 West, 6h P.M. with wells Donielson 11, Donielson 4, Donielson 5, Donielson W5.

as described in the Application on file herein. The value of the entire estate located in Wyoming subject to administration is less than Two Hundred Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$200,000.00) less liens or encumbrances. If no objection to the Application has been filed within thirty days of the first date of publication, the Court shall enter a decree establishing the right and title to the property located in Wyoming.

DATED this 30th day of December, 2019.

BY: Joseph A. Beek, Petitioner
(Publish: January 9 and 16, 2020)

Police Blotter

January 05 Civil Standby Requested.
January 06 911 Hang Up. High School Walk Through. Elementary School Walk Through. Assist Other Agency. Assist Other Agency. School Security Check. Assist Other Agency. Medical Assist. Civil Standby Requested. Medical Assist. Theft Reported. Report of a Dog at Large.
January 07 School Walk Through. Walk Through Elementary School. Parking Complaint. Assist Other Agency. School Security Check. Injured Deer Reported. Assist Other Agency. Assist Other Agency. Traffic Stop. Written Warning Issued.
January 08 VIN Inspection Requested. VIN Inspection Requested. School Walkthrough. 911 Misdiagnosis. VIN Inspection Requested. School Walkthrough. 911 Misdiagnosis. Assist Other Agency. Assist Other Agency. Search Executed.
January 09 911 Misdiagnosis. Assist Other Agency. Assist Other Agency. VIN Inspection Requested. Minor Vehicle Accident Reported. Juvenile Issue Reported. Assist Other Agency. VIN Inspection Requested. Vehicle Accident Reported. Assist Other Agency. Report of Found Property. Warrant Arrest. Commercial Alarm Reported.
January 10 Minor Vehicle Accident Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. Parking Complaint. 911 Misdiagnosis. Assist Other Agency. VIN Inspection Requested. Exhibition Driving Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. Assist Other Agency. VIN Inspection Requested.
January 11 Public Assist Requested. Hit and Run Accident Reported. Welfare Check Requested. Welfare Check Requested. Underage Drinking Reported.



City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020

Mayor Debra Piana called the regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Piana; Council members Tom Voss, Don Steveson, Ann McColley, Michael Alexander and Roger Hespe. Councilwoman Pam Gualtieri was absent. Also present were Department Heads City Engineer Mike Moore, City Attorney Jim Peck and City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James. City Police Chief Jim Owens was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Michael Alexander moved, seconded Ann McColley to approve the agenda as amended, adding Shelley Goodrich for brief audit report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Don Steveson moved, seconded Tom Voss to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, December 16, 2019 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: None
CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: None
CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—IN WRITING: Summit Plumbing & Heating, Inc. requested addition of an additional Apprentice Plumber License; Plumbing Contractor, Summit Plumbing & Heating, Apprentice Plumber, Tristin Mitchell. All fees have been paid and copies of State license, bond and proof of insurance have been provided. Tom Voss moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve this addition. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—VERBAL: Mr. Tuff Streeter was present with Engineer Laura Bourne from Morrison-Maierle to discuss a pavement maintenance plan for the airport runways. The request for \$10,487.00 which would be paid out of the 2021 fiscal year budget. The project would include crack sealing, seal coating and re-doing pavement markings. Tom Voss moved, seconded Ann McColley to approve this funding for this work at the airport. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Sean Crabtree and Mr. Ty Checketts and others were present to express concern over the recent issues at the schools where an elementary school student had created a list of other students they wished harmed. The perception from the group was the school and law enforcement didn't do enough to protect the safety of the students named on the list. Mr. Checketts requested police presence in the schools while student were present. Mayor Piana stated the Newcastle City Police would provide an officer to patrol through the building 2 or 3 times during the officer's day shift, but said we cannot provide a presence full-time. Mayor Piana suggested forming a committee of school personnel, county officials, law enforcement personnel and parents to further review possible solutions. A few other suggestions were made by interested parties.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: None
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: City Attorney Jim Peck said he was close to a final understanding of the ownership of the Axe Court matter.

City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James reported the next Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, 2020 because of the holiday on the 20th. The WAM Winter conference will be held in Cheyenne February 26—28, 2020. Please let me know if you plan to attend so registration and reservations can be made. Committee of the Whole Monday January 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to review in detail the General Fund expenses and revenues.

City Engineer Mike Moore reported on pressure testing a water main to determine if leaking, plans for the Well #5 tie-in are almost finished, permits for the landfill closure and remediation are being worked on and the cardboard trailer has been moved to the City shop

area. Also of note is a new ruling on obtaining a CDL, starting in February, a 4 week training will be required. Very expensive to obtain the training.

City Police Chief Jim Owens was absent and had no report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: None
OTHER BUSINESS: None

Tom Voss moved, seconded Ann McColley to pay the claims against the City dated January 6, 2020. **MOTION CARRIED.** Tom Voss moved, seconded Michael Alexander to adjourn this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 7:47 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Claims: 21 Electric, railroad signal repair, \$137.50; 7 C's Service, repair ice maker, PD, \$175.00; Ad-Pro Office Supply, office supplies, \$40.33; Black Hills Boot Repair, body armor alteration, \$60.00; Black Hills Energy, natural gas & electric service, \$15,213.07; Black Mountain Software, Inc., CASS certification, \$100.00; Bomgaars Supply, supplies/materials, \$1124.60; Butler Machinery Co., parts, \$179.16; Cambria Supply, supplies/materials, \$222.51; Century Link, E-911 data service, \$1016.89; City of Newcastle, WA/SW/GA, \$529.87; CNA Surety, NVFD bond, \$200.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, bottled water, \$26.00; Derek's Field Service, machinery repair, \$954.00; Jalene Detillion, water deposit refund, \$72.48; R. Douglas Dumbrell, Jan. 2020 municipal judge, \$1076.30; Encore Services, chair repair, \$510.00; Energy Laboratories, Inc., water sample testing, \$88.00; Engineering Associates, Well #5 project, \$4749.14; Enviro-Clean Intermountain, LLC, water tank, \$1302.80; Ferguson Waterworks, water meter parts, \$420.96; Betty M. Jensen, clothing repair, \$3.00; Ketel Thorstenson, LLP, audit progress payment, \$13,345.69; Thomas Leighton, water deposit refund, \$150.07; Limestone Services, LLC, fence repair, \$292.75; Mastercard, travel/training/fuel purchases/supplies, \$4102.29; Modern Marketing, Inc., PD gloves, \$1427.35; Mountain View Plumbing & Contracting, install meters & Valves, \$810.00; Newcastle Ambulance Service, Jan. 2020 ambulance service, \$8333.33; Newcastle Police Dept., reimburse petty cash, \$16.85; Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept., reimburse cleaning, \$150.00; News Letter Journal, office supplies/legal/minutes, \$1394.34; Office Shop Leasing, office copier lease, \$71.45; James M. Peck, Jan. 2020 attorney fee, \$2800.00; Petty Cash, postage, \$17.70; Postmaster, stamps, \$482.00; Renegade Paint & Pipes, repair PD vehicle, \$4192.25; Rick's Electric, service work, \$493.85; Genell Rothleitner, PD cleaning, \$200.00; RT Communications, city share PD, \$332.00; RT Communications, Inc., PD phone service, \$151.28; Safe Life Defense, body armor, \$444.60; SafeGuard Business Systems, tax forms, \$29.56; Salt Creek Water District, sewer charge, \$555.00; Scott's Small Engine, repair and parts, \$322.00; Short Stop Fuel Mart, fuel purchases, \$6287.97; Slattery Enterprises, Inc., camera sewer lines, \$1467.60; Bryand Streeter, Jan. 2020 airport wages, \$1158.75; The Radar Shop, radar certification, \$506.00; Top Office Products, Inc., PD copy charge, \$92.02; Bobby Tupa, water deposit refund, \$42.09; Uline, entry rugs, \$316.63; Valli Information Systems, online maintenance, \$100.00; Verizon, cell phones, \$546.61; Becky Vodopich, city hall cleaning, \$300.00; Alma Weeg, water deposit refund, \$96.55; Western Water Service, water to landfill, \$96.00; Weston County Road & Bridge, FD fuel purchase, \$139.42; Weston County Treasurer, City share utilities, \$1565.38; Weston County Humane Society, food fee, \$18.00; Woody's Food Center, paper towels, PD, \$55.02; Wyoming Automotive Co., parts, \$569.25.

Deb Piana, Mayor
ATTEST: City Clerk/Treasurer, Greg James

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Dogies lose a close one in conference opener

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Dogies came out of Christmas break with a 1-3 record and took on the 3A East Conference Torrington Trailblazers in the Dome Friday and traveled to Gering, Neb., on Saturday to face off against the Bulldogs.

Over the course of the two contests, head coach Allen Von Eye's inexperienced squad made strides in the right direction, however were unable to add a win to their record. Defensively, Von Eye couldn't have been more pleased with his team's performance in both games, but offensive success against Gering was a challenge.

"Our defense was spectacular against Torrington and Gering," he exclaimed. "Help side was on point and our rotations were about as good as I've seen in a long time. We went to the rack pretty well for most of the game against Torrington, but we struggled to get there against Gering."

The first quarter of play in the Dome on Friday looked a little grim for the Dogies as they struggled to find the bottom of the net. Despite getting good looks at the basket, the squad was unable to convert their offensive opportunities and found themselves in a 4-18 deficit early in the contest.

"We knew going in exactly what Torrington was going to be about with the exception of the fact that I thought we'd see a lot of junk defense and much more zone than we did on Friday," Von Eye began. "We did what they wanted us to do in the first quarter. We settled for perimeter shots and we turned it over a lot more than we should have in unforced situations."

At the quarter break, Von Eye made adjustments to his game plan and from there the Dogies outplayed the Trailblazers. However when



Zach Purviance went hard to the rack to pick up two of his 10 points in the Dogies' loss to the Trailblazers last Friday.

NHS Boys Basketball

Newcastle v. Torrington 1/10/20: 55-58
Dylon Tidyman: 35 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block, 1 charge taken
Peyton Tystad: 4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 charge taken
Zach Purviance: 10 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 block
Brady Frye: 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist
Cooper Deveraux: 1 rebound
Landon Engle: 1 point, 1 steal
Slade Roberson: 3 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist
Tate Engle: 1 rebound, 2 assists, 2 steals, 1 charge taken

Newcastle @ Gering 1/11/20: 21-44
Dylon Tidyman: 12 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals, 1 block
Peyton Tystad: 8 rebounds, 1 steal
Zach Purviance: 5 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block
Cooper Deveraux: 2 points, 2 rebounds
Brady Frye: 1 point, 1 rebound, 1 steal
Landon Engle: 1 point, 3 rebounds
Tate Engle: 3 rebounds, 1 steal

they gave Torrington a 14 point lead in the first eight minutes of play, it made it tough to come back.

Despite the hole, the Dogies did fight back and pulled within one late in the fourth quarter. However, untimely turnovers and missed free throws would be the deciding factor in the squad's 55-58 loss.

"Free throws have all of a sudden become an issue in the last six quarters we've played. We've never shot as poorly from the line in six quarters as we have now," Von Eye frowned. "However, I was pleased to see that starting in the second quarter, we really started to figure some things out which we've been stressing. We started going to the rack hard and we did much better taking care of the ball given we only had 13 turnovers."

Dylon Tidyman was coming off a 38-point performance in the Dogies' last contest of 2019 against Lead, and he started off the new decade with another impressive offensive effort draining 35 points against Torrington. Zach Purviance added 10 points to the team's total while Peyton Tystad had four, Slade Roberson had three, Brady Frye contributed two and Landon Engle rounded out the

scoring with one point. On Saturday, the Gering Bulldogs had a definite height advantage over Newcastle, and executed a very effective 2-3 zone defense against the Dogies which frustrated their offensive effort. Von Eye noted that though the Nebraska team is on their third coach in as many years, the Bulldogs have great potential which they showed in the game.

"Our defensive game was fantastic, and the kids came out ready to play," Von Eye began. "Offensively we struggled. They spread their 2-3 zone at us which opened up a lot of gaps, and our offense is all about attacking the gaps. However, we neglected the spots that we traditionally hit against a 2-3 zone, so we just weren't open or we were late with our passes, so turnovers were atrocious."

The contest was uncharacteristically low scoring and saw the Dogies down 6-18 at the halftime mark.

"Though the score was low, it was still a manageable situation for us, especially with the defense we were playing," Von Eye stated. "We took their best player out of the game and held him to only two points, but then we had to try to climb out of the hole we had dug for ourselves."

Though the Dogies' defensive game remained strong for the final two quarters, they continued to struggle putting the ball in the hoop so dropped the contest 21-44.

Tidyman was only able to wrangle 12 points on the night, Purviance had five, Cooper Deveraux added two while Frye and Engle each added one point each.

The Dogies will face off against the Rawlins Outlaws this Saturday in the Dome, and according to Von Eye, will see a team that is long and will play a game that encompasses some of what they saw against Torrington and Gering last weekend.

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redefine what success looks like, and this was certainly a success for her. Her goal is also to score points with a take down or a reversal or something like that."

Miller did score a point last weekend, however it was from an escape which McCoy admitted was essentially given to her by her competitor. It's still a point, but McCoy stressed that she wants to earn a legitimate one.

"Both she and Isabella [Spencer] are excited about going to Moorcroft in two weeks because they have a girls' tournament," McCoy added. "We are starting to see more and more girls out for wrestling. It's becoming more popular and it's a great idea because you can add another girls' sport without having to add another coach or another program."

Kale Corley had to sit out the weekend due to sustaining an injury to

his knee during practice last week. He is currently waiting on a doctor's prognosis regarding the rest of the season.

"It's pretty disappointing," McCoy frowned. "It's a torn meniscus, so it could be worse for sure but we don't know yet whether they will let him wait until the end of the season or if they want him to have surgery now."

"He's getting stronger and he says it doesn't hurt quite as bad, but you can tell he still has some pain. He's not telling the whole story though, because he really wants to get back as soon as he can because he's on a mission. It's a setback but good competitors find a way to be successful despite that."

The Dogies will be in action at home this Friday as they host the Newcastle Invitational. McCoy expects to see 14 or 15 teams in attendance. Weigh ins begin at 8 with wrestling commencing at 10 a.m.



Cowboy up!

A group of Newcastle Elementary School girls performed a baton routine during half time at last week's basketball game in the Dogie Dome.

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