

## Lack of rain plagues NE Wyo

### Working group meeting focuses on drought, funding

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Water and rangeland needs were the focus of discussion at the Natural Resource District Local Working

Group meeting for Weston, Crook and Campbell counties.

The purpose of the meeting, held on April 22 at the Weston County Events Center, was identifying and discussing local conservation priori-

ties in all three counties.

The group consists of landowners and employees of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Crook County Natural Resource District, Campbell County Conservation District, Weston

County Natural Resource District, Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Wyoming State Forestry Division, Plank Stewardship Initiative, National Wild Turkey Federation and Weston

County Weed and Pest. Participants identified rangeland as the working group's funding priority, followed by cropland and forestland.

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## WCSD No. 1 moving to early release Fridays

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Weston County School District No. 1 is saying goodbye to late-start Wednesdays and hello to early-release Fridays after the board of trustees approved an updated calendar for the 2021-22 school year on March 31.

Instead of starting school almost two hours late on Wednesdays, Newcastle Elementary School will

release students at 1:30 p.m., while Newcastle Middle School and Newcastle High School will release students at 1:45 p.m. The district clarified that if for some reason school was to start late on a Friday, the students would remain in school until normal release times.

According to Superintendent Brad LaCroix and Chairwoman Tina Chick, several variables played a role in the decision to move from a late-start to an early-

release day. Both said that, despite rumors, early-release Fridays are not necessarily a precursor to a four-day school week in the future.

"Philosophically, four-day school weeks are my nemesis. However, the building principals felt that two things — No. 1, late-start Wednesdays become complex at the elementary school because of day care," LaCroix said.

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Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Lucas Kitch and Macy Steber tackle digging a hole deep enough for a tree during an Arbor Day celebration at Greenwood Cemetery on Friday. Fourth grade students from Newcastle Elementary School walked to the cemetery to aid the city in planting six different trees in honor of the holiday.

## County reclaims lowest unemployment rate

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Weston County once again has the lowest unemployment rate in the state for March, according to the April 19 report from the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services Research and Planning Division.

"Weston County had the lowest unemployment rate in March at 4.1%. It was followed by Teton County at 4.2% and Niobrara and Goshen counties, both at 4.3%," the report states. "The highest unemployment rates were found in Natrona County at 7.9%, Sublette County at 7.7%, and Sweetwater County at 7.1%."

For February, Weston County had the second-lowest unemployment rate in the state at 4.7%, slightly above Albany County's 4.6%. In March, despite having a 4.4% unemployment rate, Albany County dropped to the fifth-lowest rate in the state.

"From February to March, unemploy-

ment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and fell in every county," the report says. "Jobless rates decrease in March as warmer weather brings seasonal job gains in construction, leisure & hospitality, government and other sectors."

Year over year, Weston County joined 16 other counties in the state that experienced a decrease in the unemployment rate when comparing 2020 to 2021. The county saw a 0.3% decrease year over year, while other counties, including Washakie, Sublette and Big Horn, saw decreases ranging from 1.5% to 1.7%.

On the other hand, six counties experienced increases year over year including Natrona, up from 6.1% to 7.9%; Converse, up from 4.7% to 6.3%; and Campbell, up from 5.6% to 6.6%.

Statewide, the unemployment rate remained the same in February and March

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## Arboretum accredited

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Last month the Bill Kohlbrand Arboretum along Stampede Street became the first accredited

arboretum on the Morton register for the state of Wyoming, according to Travis Peterson, city arborist.

The arboretum was originally planted in 2013 when more than

50 trees were planted in celebration of Arbor Day.

"This arboretum will act as a living experiment to test the

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## Stimulation technology helps Overman fight against Parkinson's

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Craig Overman has been suffering from Parkinson's disease since 2015, but in the

Hannah Gross/NLJ  
**Susan and Craig Overman are thankful for the community's support as Craig battles Parkinson's disease.**

past year, he decided to participate in a trial of the deep brain stimulation technology provided by Abbott Laboratories, a medical device company. DBS "is a process that sends electrical impulses to parts of your brain that aren't working properly, enabling the currents to realign," according to the Abbott website. Overman's results did not disappoint. While he has both good and

bad days, the treatment has allowed him to live a little more normally again.

A year ago, Overman went to see a neurologist in Rapid City, South Dakota, and she referred him to Denver to begin this new treatment, which involves many surgeries. Over the summer, he ran through some tests, including one for dementia, with several doctors to see if he qualified as a candidate for the

procedures because the technology does not work on people with dementia. He received the green light to move forward only to have the pandemic put the surgeries on hold.

The treatment involves three surgeries, and because it involves drilling into the side of the patient's skull, which causes the brain to swell, they must

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday  
Sunny  
Hi 64, Lo 45



Friday  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 72, Lo 45



Saturday  
Mostly Cloudy  
Hi 55, Lo 35



Sunday  
Cloudy  
Hi 50, Lo 34



Monday  
Cloudy  
Hi 47, Lo 36



Tuesday  
Mostly Cloudy  
Hi 55, Lo 36

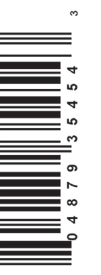


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“Stock water is a priority. Without that, conservation practices can’t happen,” said Jamie Tarver, vice chair of the Campbell County Conservation District’s board of supervisors. “We have to have water.”

Cropland, she said, needs to be the second priority because without water, feed will be needed to help producers through the winter.

According to Keela Deaton, district conservationist in the Sundance field office for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, said that the priorities are similar to those of previous years, with 60% or more of funding going to rangeland, with cropland coming in second and forestland following. It was noted that other pots of money are available for forestry work, lessening the burden on natural resource districts for those projects, although Deaton added that funding may be unavailable during the upcoming year because of budget cuts.

Deaton, as well as other participants in the group, said that they were willing to work with landowners when it came to other potential funding for projects in any of the categories.

Currently, despite recent precipitation, most of Northeast Wyoming is categorized as being in severe drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Weston County, however, received over 2 inches of precipitation in May, making the year-to-date total approximately 11.44 inches, which has helped to improve conditions and fire danger for the time being.

“Precipitation so far this water year, since Oct. 1, 2020, has been below average,” the release states.

According to historic data from the National Weather Service, Newcastle received a total of 9.34 inches of precipitation during the 2020 calendar year, while Upton received 8.42 inches. Through January and February 2021, Newcastle received 0.78 inches of precipitation, while Upton only received 0.35 inches.

Historic averages for the area show that between 1981 and 2010 Newcastle averaged 16.44 inches of precipitation to Upton’s average of 14.99 over the same period.

Before the two exceptionally dry years of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021, Weston County experienced two of the wettest years on record, receiving 24.59 inches of precipitation in 2018 and 21.15 inches in 2019.

Upton, during the same time period, received 21.61 inches and 22.31 inches, respectively.

Drought conditions are not expected to subside, according to the Wyoming Water Supply Outlook from Wyoming Natural Resource Conservation Services hydrologist Jim Fahey. According to his report, the drought in Weston County will persist through May 31.

The outlook for temperatures in the area is reported to be above average, while the precipitation outlook for Weston County is below average.

In addition, both basins encompassing parts of Weston County (Cheyenne River Basin and Belle Fourche River Basin) have below median snow water equivalent. The report states, however, that both currently have over 100% of the average when it comes to reservoir storage.

Because of the continued drought in the area, small nonfarm businesses and producers in the area are eligible for various grants through the Farm Services Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

“These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by drought,” the USDA release says.

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at 5.3%, seasonally adjusted. Year over year the state’s unemployment rate increased from 5.1% in March of 2020 to 5.3% in March of 2021.

Seasonal adjustments, according to the report, are a statistical procedure to remove the impact of normal regularly reoccurring events such as weather, major holidays and the opening and closing of schools. This is removed from the economic time series to better understand changes in economic conditions from month to month.

“Wyoming’s unemployment rate has remained within the narrow range of 5.1% to 5.4% in each of the past six months and is considerably lower than the current U.S. rate of 6%,” the report states.

Nationwide, unemployment is up 1.6% from March of 2020 to March of 2021, with the COVID-19 pandemic playing a significant role in the increase.

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“And two, there are roundup issues at the middle school with some students having to come in early because they have nowhere to go.”

Chick added that moving to a four-day school week would require longer days, which would be difficult for students, and that children need the consistency, safety and security that school provides.

“Having said that, as we listened to the talk of the administrators and principals, it became clear that late starts can be difficult, especially for the younger kiddos,” she said.

Despite the change having potential positive impacts in several areas, LaCroix said that there are concerns with releasing students early on Friday, although the concerns are not as great as those with a four-day school week.

“My concern will always be for those that have to go home to an empty house,” he said. “Hopefully the community can do some small-group things to help out.”

He noted that Doubles AAces could potentially help fill a gap with its afternoon program, but at this time nothing is set in stone.

Another concern, according to both Chick and LaCroix, is making sure teachers have enough time to work with their peers while addressing their needs during the school week.

“We have to do what we need to do for the kids, but we also have to find balance,” LaCroix said.

“We want to make sure teachers have enough time, time to meet with the peer groups and time to get the information and education they need,” Chick added.

Ample time for student intervention and remediation is also a concern to school officials. Both Chick and LaCroix said that adjusting the calendar will take some time to get used to and that solutions will come as problems arise.

Even though there are concerns and issues that will have to be addressed as the district changes the calendar, Chick said she hopes that an early-release Friday will help solve some of the activity concerns that prompted the desire for a four-day school week.

“I think this will address some of the activity concerns to some extent,” Chick said, noting that students participating in activities will miss less school on Friday afternoons, while middle and elementary school students won’t miss out on a whole day.

According to Chick, four-day advocates maintain that students who participate in activities would miss less school if there were no school on Fridays. She explained that this is only true for high school students who participate in extracurricular activities.

“Middle school students in activities are missing Tuesdays and Thursdays for games, and then they would lose Fridays too,” Chick said. “That has been my concern all along.”

LaCroix added that he has always been a firm believer that schools are a good place for kids.

“We just hope this is successful and that we see benefits for students and families,” Chick said.

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sustainability of a wide range of tree species in Newcastle’s harsh climate,” the Wyoming State Forestry website says. “Trees were selected on their availability to withstand cold temperatures, windy conditions and heavy, alkaline soils.”

Several of these trees are native to Wyoming, Peterson said during a Arbor Day celebration on April 30. Others come from a variety of areas. Currently there are 125 trees in the arboretum, consisting of over 50 species.

Funding for the arboretum originally came from the Wyoming State Forestry Division’s arboretum grant program. This program funds arboretums around the state.

“Through these arboretum trials, the Forestry Division hopes to compile a more comprehensive list of trees suitable in Wyoming’s climate,” the forestry website explains.

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## To you we owe it all

“The influence of a mother in the lives of her children is beyond calculation.” —James E. Faust

Whether the lessons were good or bad, harsh or loving, the influence from a mother is something a child will carry with them forever. Mothers come in all shapes and sizes, biological or surrogate, step parents or a close family friend, and all of them deserve thanks for the difference they make.

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Happy Mother's Day from the News Letter Journal!

### Letter to the Editor

#### Residents need religious access

To the editor:  
“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibit the free exercise thereof.”

I am writing to respectfully question whether this amendment is being upheld for our senior citizens and church members in long-term care facilities. I am concerned that members of my church family and elderly citizens of faith in our community and republic are not being given the opportunity to receive spiritual and pastoral care which gives them hope.

Are care facilities making an effort to work with pastors to reach out and provide the vital hope giving care?

I know that cherished members of my own church family have not been able to have visits with their pastor or receive The Lord's Supper for over a year. I cannot imagine for

myself or my parents the distress of not being able to pray with my pastor or receive communion for a full year. To us, our faith is our life.

Surely our local Weston County Manor and long-term facilities can provide a safe means for pastoral visitation and facilitate the opportunity for their residents to receive individual communion from their pastor without putting others at risk.

I believe the Patient Bill of Rights guarantees the right to quality care and respectful treatment without discrimination on grounds of religion.

Please provide the opportunity for the spiritual care of our local citizens and church members in long-term care facilities. They should not be deprived of this right at this stage in their life just because they cannot stand up and voice their need in this time of isolation and potential despair.

— Rose Baldwin



## What you do when things go 'bump' in the night

My nervous “afraid of the dark” wife is amazed that her brave husband will get up in the middle of the night to check out all the strange noises she hears.

This has been going on for more than half a century and, frankly, even I am impressed by my fearlessness.

Patiently, during the entire time of our marriage, I have been awakened in the middle of deep slumber to a voice saying: “Honey, did you hear that?”

I roll over and say, “What? I didn't hear anything. Go back to sleep, it will be all right.”

A few minutes later: “I can't sleep. I am worried.”

Now this could be my cue to shush her and go back to sleep. Other husbands out there who believe in the adage that “a happy wife means a happy life” know what comes next.

You get out of bed and start wandering through the house looking for the offending noise. You actually make a few noises yourself going down the basement so your wife

knows you are down there checking things out. Sometimes you also have to go upstairs, such as times of high winds when a branch is brushing against the house.

Our house is 41 years old and it rumbles and squeaks all the time.

For years we had a cranky water boiler furnace that creaked and groaned all night during the winter. We got used to it but guests would complain about all that racket. Bill Jones Plumbing installed one of those new hot water systems a few years ago. It quieted that down.

We also used to have a cuckoo clock that we bought in Germany. It would sound off on the hour all night long. Again, our guests went nuts. Finally, it broke and the pieces are sitting in a box.

Actually, right now, our home is remarkably quiet at night. To me, at least.

One winter, we heard some consistent noises that really were “bumps in the night.” It was so often and so consistent, I knew it was not a burglar but what the heck was it?

Armed with a spotlight I finally looked under our deck and there were two buck deer with nice racks. During the night as they moved around, their antlers would strike the

bottom of the deck, which was not far from our bedroom. Mystery solved. But there were some sleepless times before we figured that out.

We live on the edge of Lander and there are lots of critters that roam the woods and the Popo Agie river and Big Dickinson Creek, that are on or near our property.

For years, we had pet ducks. And there have been dozens of nights where Nancy would wake me up and say she thinks our ducks are being attacked. I would get up and turn on the outside lights. Then I would go out into the dark in a rescue attempt. Often I would locate a flock of terrified ducks huddled together on the island in our pond.

Obviously a fox or coyote or owl had been in the vicinity. Sometimes you would find a pile of feathers that revealed that Mother Nature had visited the Sniffin Domestic Lunch Counter that night. Nature is cruel.

When we first moved to our home just inside the city limits on the extreme edge of town, a local cop mentioned to my wife: “Boy, if I lived down here I would sure keep a gun handy.” That was 23 years ago and Nancy has never forgotten that. Never mind that I own 16 guns (I know, I know), she always wonders

what we would do if a burglar came by.

Since I make sure the guns are locked up and safe, I am not sure what exactly I would do if a burglar came by. In recent years we have installed two different kinds of security cameras and if some unfortunate burglar did try to break in – I can guarantee you we could handle the situation.

Some friends suggest we get a dog. Our last one died some years ago and I just do not have the heart to replace her.

Besides we plan to get some loud attack ducks later this summer after the geese leave, so they will be our first line of defense.

If that fails, I know that I am sleeping next to an ever vigilant sentry who can literally hear a pin drop 100 yards away. Who needs a watch dog when you have one of those sleeping in your bed?

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## Census results concerning, Wy remains smallest state

Wyoming has always been a small population state.

From the first census following its admission to the Union, Wyoming has never ranked higher than third-lowest population, and except for one census, has always been either the smallest or second smallest. The census figures that were released this week confirm that Wyoming is still the state with the smallest population, to none of our surprise and much local pride.

However, the census also shed light on a troubling trend. Not only is Wyoming the smallest, but we are also one of the bottom states for population growth rate, ranking 44 out of 50. The states with lower growth rates than Wyoming were Illinois, West Virginia, and Mississippi, which actually lost population, and Connecticut, Michigan, and Ohio. Over the past ten years, Wyoming's cumulative popu-

lation growth has only been 2.3 percent. The nationwide growth rate was 7.4 percent, which was the lowest in decades. All our neighboring states have much higher growth rates than Wyoming,

ranging from Nebraska, with a growth rate more than 3 times higher than Wyoming's, to Utah, which had a growth rate 8 times higher than ours. In fact, through the western continental United States, only New Mexico had a growth rate similar to Wyoming, and New Mexico's was still over 20 percent higher than ours. Other than those two states, the next lowest rate in the Rocky Mountain west was Montana, with a growth rate over 4 times higher than Wyoming. To put it all together, the United States is growing, and especially the West, but Wyoming is not. Even though we love our

small population, that is a real problem. Wyoming's growth rate is even more concerning because we have a negative migration rate. That means that people are moving out of Wyoming faster than they are moving in. All of Wyoming's growth has been because our birth rate is higher than our death rate. Even with that, we lose about half of our population growth to people moving out of state. If Wyoming had no net migration – no one moved in and no one moved out – our population growth rate would rise to about 4.2 percent. That is still low, but would rank us around 32nd out of 50, rather than 44th. So not only is Wyoming not growing, it is instead fueling the growth of other states. This a cause for concern for several reasons. On one hand, we need population growth to fuel economic growth. We cannot establish new business and fuel new opportunities if we lack the people to do the work. At the same time, low population growth is often a symptom of problems as much as

a cause. As we see more people leaving Wyoming than coming in, it indicates to us that there is something missing from our communities that allows people to stay. I believe a significant part of the reason that people are leaving Wyoming is the lack of economic opportunity outside of our core industries. As it currently stands, changes in economic factors in our legacy industries have an oversized impact on our state economy – and by extension population – because when those jobs change or are eliminated, there simply is not anywhere else for those workers to go without moving out of state. More diverse economic opportunities would help soften the blow of economic market changes and, hopefully, allow more Wyomingites to stay and contribute to our state's growth.

How do we encourage the economic growth and diversification that would help stem the tide of our population leaving Wyoming? At its most basic level, we should start with ourselves. Many of us in Wyoming have an attitude that we do not want growth. We do not want change or to see our communities expand. This is counterproductive and it is an attitude we need to set aside. We do not get to choose whether change occurs, but we can decide how we deal with it. All around the state, there are communities that are hurting or declining because of changes outside their control. If we can diversify our economy and seize some of the new opportunities in front of us, there may be a chance to reverse some of that decline. We must support new businesses and welcome those from outside who choose to make Wyoming their home. We should also be proactive on supporting infrastructure that makes Wyoming business and family friendly. Even if we can accomplish all of this, no one thing is going to change Wyoming overnight. However, by doing lots of the little things to help Wyoming prepare for the future, we can help ensure that the Wyoming of the future is an even better one than we live in today.



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**ELAINE GERTRUDE SORESENSEN CLARK**  
Jan. 7, 1923–April 17, 2021

Elaine Gertrude Sorensen Clark was born on Sunday, Jan. 7, 1923, in Ravinia, S.D., but her birth certificate says Wagner, S.D.

She passed away Saturday, April 17, 2021, at Crook County Medical Services in Sundance, Wyo., at the age of 98. Her parents were Robert William Sorensen and Sarah Ann Bellon Sorensen. As a young child she lived in Arpan, S.D., and Lead, S.D., where her father worked at the Homestake Gold Mine. The family lived in Los Angeles, Calif., for a short time, then moved to Las Vegas, Nev., for three years where her father worked on building the Hoover Dam. They next returned to Arpan and in 1937 they moved to Sundance, Wyo., near Moskee where her father worked cutting timber for Homestake. She graduated eighth grade from the Ransom Country School and then went to Sundance High School. She stayed in town during the week and with her parents over the weekends. But, by the time she was a sophomore there was a school bus route and she was able to live with them at the family's home.



Elaine Clark

She met Straitor Clark at a barn dance near Sundance. Their courtship began and they wrote letters and went to barn dances for four years. After Elaine graduated from high school, she and Straitor eloped in Deadwood, S.D., and were married on June 14, 1941. They lived on the Banks Place, where Straitor was working. James "Jim" David was born Nov. 7, 1942, Joanne Marie was born Feb. 11, 1944, Judy Ellen was born June 28, 1950, and Janet Lee was born July 18, 1955. By this time, they were renting and running the ranch, and raised cattle and sheep. They also had numerous horses. Larry Dean was adopted when he was 3 years old. He was born Aug. 17, 1961.

Straitor and Elaine lived a full life on the ranch, at one point having seven milk cows. Elaine sold milk, cream, and eggs in town twice a week. Over the years she raised many bum lambs.

In 1970, they lost the lease to the ranch and had a large auction, they sold all the livestock and equipment and then moved to Sundance. Elaine worked at Durfee's Department Store, the Bearlodge Motel as

a maid, and as a janitor with Straitor for Tri-County Electric. Over the years, Elaine also wrote a column for the Sundance Times newspaper.

After retiring, she enjoyed working in her lovely flower beds, sewing clothes for grandkids, and baking delicious food. She loved animals and held great fondness for her dogs over her lifetime, especially Lucky and Abby. She also was an avid reader and thoroughly loved doing crossword puzzles.

In 2003, Straitor moved to the long-term health care in Sundance where he lived for five years. Elaine spent time with and assisted with care for him for multiple hours of each day. He passed Nov. 10, 2008. She remained in their home until 2013, when she moved to Green Mountain Estates Apartments. In the summer of 2020, she entered the Crook County Medical Services Long Term Care Facility and was there until her passing.

Elaine was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, the Daughters of the King, a 65-year member, Past Worthy Matron of Electa Chapter No. 5, and Past Grand Warder of Grand Chapter of Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star, a member of Sahida Temple Daughters of the Nile, Past Guardian of Bethel No. 26 at Upton and No. 43 at Sundance, International Order of Job's Daughters, a 4-H leader for multiple years for the Kara Kats and the Kara Mountain Kids 4H Clubs, was a FFA Chapter Mom, and was named the Sundance Masonic Lodge Mother of the Year in 2015.

She is survived by three children, Joanne Nicholas (Darrell), Spearfish, S.D., Janet Hutchinson (Mike), Newcastle, Wyo., and Larry, Shreveport, La.; as well as 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren, and numerous other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Straitor; her parents, Robert and Sarah (Bellon) Sorensen; siblings, Robert (Bud) Sorensen; sister, Doris (Fuller); her son, James (Jim) Clark; her daughter, Judy Grof; and three grandchildren, Clark Nicholas, Elizabeth Grof and Straitor Clark.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 24 at 2 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Sundance with the Rev. JoAnne Moore and Deacon Ann Marie Delgado presiding. Memorials may be given to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, The Inyan Kara Shrine Club Helping Hand Fund, or Crook County Senior Citizens Center.

**LOUISE M. ROBERTS**  
Oct. 25, 1944–April 29, 2021

Louise M. Roberts passed away in the morning of April 29, 2021, at Weston County Hospital at age 76.

She was born on Oct. 25, 1944, in Gillette, Wyo., to William and Mamie Noldner. William and Mamie moved to Newcastle, Wyo., in 1949 where he worked for the railroad, the LAK ranch and the sawmill.

Louise met and married Loren Roberts on July 3, 1962. This union brought three children. She found great pride in being a waitress for the better part of 42 years in Newcastle where they raised their family.

Her family said, "Mom was passionate about many things: quilt making with some original patterns with Lloyd's help; passing down her love of crocheting to Shelly and love of gardening to Stacey; and collecting salt and pepper shakers, cookie jars and birdhouses and anything that she needed for 'her business.' Thank goodness for all the years of yard sales.

In the morning you could find her drinking her coffee and watching the birds, squirrels, turkeys and deer out her picture window. Or in the afternoon tending to the rose bushes and many flower beds all decorated with birdhouses and yard art.

Louise enjoyed spending time with friends and family going to Deadwood, Riverton, Branson and even Vegas. Her heart was pure gold and will be missed by everyone. She was our everything and we love you to the moon and back."

She is survived by Loren Roberts; children, Shelly, Lloyd Roberts and Stacey (Clint) Sieber; grandsons, Justin (Nicole) Roberts and Wade Sieber; brothers, Orville (Della) and Larry (Danette) Noldner; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by parents William and Mamie Noldner; two sisters, Caroline (Carrie) Morris and Florence (Punky) Dempsey; and two brothers, Clarence and Jerry Noldner.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Weston County Senior Citizens Center.

Friends and family may sign her online guestbook and leave written condolences for the family at blackhillsfuneralhome.com.



Louise Roberts

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May 10 Joel 1:1-20	Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

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This is the Gumbo Flats School in Thornton, Wyo., in May of 1922.

# Recapture

## A PIECE OF HISTORY

### 25 Years Ago May 9, 1996

Saturday is Newcastle's and Weston County's back to nature day. The day begins at 10 a.m. with a delayed Arbor Day celebration at Girl Scout Park on West Main Street next to the Cap 'n Bottle.

Martin Tysdal, lifelong resident of Weston County, has announced that he intends to run for another term as County Commissioner on the Republican ticket.

Newcastle will be the sight of the Wyoming State Swim Meet for the 1997-98 season according to Dave Versteeg. The Newcastle High School activities director was surprised.

Carla Dowdy, a senior at Newcastle High School, has accepted a Silver Presidential Scholarship to attend Chadron State College.

4-H Fun Day is scheduled for May 11, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., in the USDA Conference Room. Leather craft and bird houses will be the two craft sessions.

Newcastle High School's Mandi Caillier won one of the 15 congressional awards chosen at the Wyoming High School Art Symposium in Casper recently.

The Newcastle Fall Guys accepted the Upton chal-

lenge on April 20, with all 31 members placing in the top six.

On May 10 and 11, Newcastle will host over 200 contested for the ninth and tenth rodeos of the Wyoming High School Rodeo Association spring season. There is no admission fee for any of the rodeo events.

The Newcastle U-14 Lightning soccer team traveled to Sturgis to play in the cold spring weather April 28. They were met head on by a tough Sturgis team. Newcastle was scored on five times in the first half by their very skilled opponents, answering with only two goals. Sturgis held the Lightning scoreless for the second half while putting in two more goals for a final score of 7-2.

### 50 Years Ago May 6, 1971

The Junior-Senior play "Arsenic and Old Lace", will be presented Thursday night (tonight) and on Monday evening.

Mary Jo Zannoni and Brad Hokanson were Queen and King of the 1971 Junior-Senior prom last Saturday night.

Police Chief Bob Pease has announced the hiring of Freeman Mark Jr., as a policeman, which brings the department to full strength.

The Newcastle Junior High School seventh grade team scored 23 1/6 points to place fourth and the eighth grade team scored 18 1/2 points to place fifth at the Newcastle invitational track meet last Saturday.

Newcastle Chapter No. 30, Order of Eastern Star held its regular meeting Tuesday, April 27, at 8 p.m. with approximately 70 members and visitors present for Friendship Night.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin E. Humes announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan, to David Ralph Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Earl Bowman of Midwest.

Miss Marilyn Nystrom was honored at a bridal shower at 9:30 Saturday morning, May 1, at the home of Mrs. William Fassbender.

The regular meeting of the Weston County Cowbells was held at the Sioux Cafe on April 20. Twenty-two members and two guests, Mrs. Carolyn Ross and Mrs. Robert Stubbs, were present for the noon luncheon and meeting.

Presentation of awards to FFA members, naming FFA Sweetheart, honorary members and reports of accomplishments during the past year, were highlights of the annual Parent-Son banquet held recently at the

Newcastle High School Auditorium.

The Newcastle High School girls' track squad won the Upton meet last weekend with a total of 67 1/2 points.

Mrs. Gertrude Kokesh, Mrs. Clara Martens and Mrs. Bill Dick Riehemann called on Mrs. Irene Phillips on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hampton and family from Upton and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Riley from Moorcroft enjoyed touring the Spearfish and Black Hills areas on Sunday.

### 100 Years Ago May 5, 1921

The \$135,000 school bond issue which was asked for the purpose of erecting and equipping a new and modern high school building was defeated by a ballot of almost three to one at the school house here Monday during the annual election of officers of School District No. 1.

The presentation of the Cambria local talent play, "Deacon Dubbs," a three-act comedy-drama at the City Hall Monday night was thoroughly enjoyed by Newcastle citizens, and as a result the Health Center fund was greatly increased.

Tuesday, May 10th, marks the date on which the citizens of Newcastle will be called upon to ballot for a mayor and two councilmen to guide the destinies of Newcastle during the next twelve-month period.

What is known as the Trimble well on section 5-46-64, six miles west of Newcastle, started operating Tuesday after a shut-down of several weeks, during which time changes were made in the operating force.

J.E. Long and Chas. Jacobberger motored to the oil city Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Howard De Vol were down from Cambria Monday evening.

BAKE and TAKE Dance at the Boyd Hall, Saturday, May 14th. Boys, get together and have a good time. Good music. Everybody invited.

D.L. Prill, representing the Western Newspaper Union of Billings, Mont., was doing business with local trade the first of the week.

Blue rock enthusiasts were out Sunday cracking at the clay birds and some excellent scores are reported.

W.R. Conley and wife of Missouri arrived in Newcastle last week with equipment for starting life on their homestead west of Newcastle.

Peter Peterson of the west country was doing business with local merchants and shaking hands with old friends in Newcastle the latter part of last week.

Baseball has again "copped" the minds of the diamond backers and it is said that Newcastle will put forth an effort to have a good team again this year.

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<i>May 2021</i>			
<i>Weston County Meetings &amp; Events Calendar</i>			
<b>May 7-9</b>		Carquest Auto Parts Grand Opening	17 S. Railroad Ave.
<b>Fri May 7</b>	5:30PM 6PM	BINGO Chelsie (Gorzalka) Todd Benefit Dinner	VFW Hall Upton Community Center
<b>Sat May 8</b>	1PM 7PM	WCHS Program with Author John Waggener Ireland Family Fundraiser	CTK Lutheran Church Cowboy Bar, Upton
<b>Mon May 10</b>	6:30PM	WC Fair Board	Fairgrounds, WC Event Center
<b>Tues May 11</b>	10:30AM 3PM 6PM	Alzheimers/Dementia Support WC Natural Resource District Mtg WC Humane Society	Zoom Location TBD Shelter
<b>Wed May 12</b>	6:30-8:30AM	Wellness Wednesday	WCHS
<b>Thurs May 13</b>	5-9PM	Martial Arts Class	Fairgrounds Event Center

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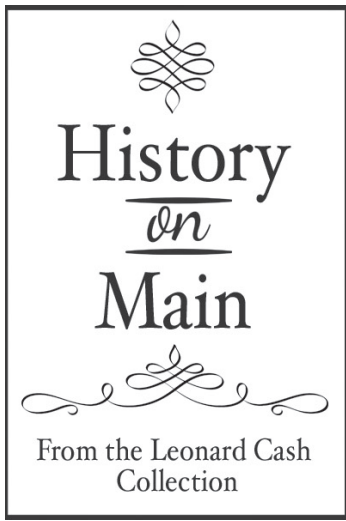
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# For the Ages

News Letter Journal

## Community comes together to rebuild after fire



**Hannah Gross**  
NLJ Correspondent  
With Leonard Cash,  
historian

In last week's installment of "History on Main," Leonard Cash dug out his records on the 1998 fire that blazed through block 10 of downtown Newcastle, destroying many buildings and businesses. Despite the destructiveness of the fire, however, the calamity built up unity among the people.

According to an article from the Dec. 24, 1998, *News Letter Journal*, Newcastle citizens did what they could to save items from "nearby buildings in the event that the fire should spread further." John Buffington saved the animals from the pet store, except the fish and some reptiles, and Bill Spence saved a moving van, as well as many of the other items on the lower floor of A1-Agency.

Although it was a trying time, it revealed the true heart of the community. The townspeople gathered at the Weston County Senior Center to offer sympathy to the fire's victims and reminisce the tragedy. Firefighters were able to take shelter from the cold temperatures and were fed by donations from local businesses. Glenda Mefford, activities director at the senior center, also "joined others in marveling at the outpouring of support victims received from throughout the community," including her son who had lost everything because he was

staying in an apartment with a friend above the sweet shop.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Rich Hallcroft said that "the Volunteer Fire Department put their hearts and souls into this" and claimed there was no better group of people. Hallcroft guessed the fire was most likely started by heat from exhaust vents for two water heaters on the second floor (the wood stoves were eliminated as causes in the accidental fire). Thirty men from Newcastle, along with others from Osage and Upton, arrived to lend a hand. As one of the largest of the many fires to victimize Newcastle over the years, the town was fortunate to not suffer any human fatalities, although there were some minor injuries.

One of the news articles claimed that "word of fire spread faster than the flames as the Newcastle community rallied in support of those who lost their homes and businesses." The radio station was set up at the senior center, and the kitchen staff "kept slinging chili, sandwiches and hot drinks all day and night." Mefford said that local businesses and people donated enough food to feed an army.

Another example of helping others came from Sharon Connell, owner of Black Hills Mortgage, who thanked Lone Wolf Construction Co. for saving her business by pulling together trucks and workers to rescue what they could. The American Red Cross, Salvation Army and Newcastle Ministerial Association also got involved to help in the recovery efforts. Business leaders and community members came together to create a cleanup plan, and Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce President Annette Hawk expressed the board of directors' support for the community.

Another article from the same issue reported that Newcastle Farm Bureau Insurance agent Clyde Bayne announced that the buildings affected by the fire were to be "up to the individual owners and community



Photo courtesy of Leonard Cash

The Main St. fire left a hole that built up unity within the community.

itself. The value of the buildings themselves depends upon their age, condition, original quality, upkeep, and will vary." The older buildings could only be insured for cash value because stonework and the like couldn't be replicated. Other insurance agents involved were Bill Spence of A1-Agency, Ralph Lyons of First State Bank and Ron Moody of State Farm. Relief funds were set up at the bank and senior center.

Not only did the fire take away the buildings and businesses, but it took away something of irreplaceable value, reported in an article titled "Fire consumed history."

"While many of the victims lament the loss of photographs, artwork, awards and other memorabilia that represents their own personal history, the town of Newcastle lost four buildings that have been a

part of Newcastle's landscape almost as long as Newcastle itself," the article says. "Gone, now, are the buildings where boots and spurs were sold to historic figures like Johny Owens, Billy Miller and Frank Mondell. Teddy Roosevelt spoke from the shadows of those buildings early in the century, and Judy Garland clicked her heels together, and reminded everybody that there was no place like home, on the buildings' walls."

A news report was printed in the paper, which provided a chronology of the fires on Main Street. In 1893, Mary Miller supposedly started a fire by knocking over an oil lamp, which ended up costing her life. Around 1900, stables behind downtown buildings were burned to the ground. The following year, everything west of Antler's Hotel, including

the post office, restaurant and bakery suffered from \$10,000 worth of damage. A gasoline stove exploded in a tailor shop around Easter of 1912, leaving many people without their new Easter duds. Another 1912 fire, known as the "Thoeming fire" since it started in the lumber yard of the Thoeming Mercantile (where First State Bank is presently located), was arguably the largest fire in downtown Newcastle, wiping out the "finest business block." Mayor P.J. Kinney bought the Kilpatrick building only to lose it to yet another fire in 1920 with \$125,000 of damage. Many other fires that preceded the 1998 fire were discussed in the article, but they demonstrated the hardships this town has faced through the years.

"This town had its share of fires," Cash said. City engineer Bob Hartley

Senior Happenings	
<b>WC Senior Services</b>	
<b>FRIDAY May 7</b>	
Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON
Rolls	9AM
Belstone	9AM
Bridge	1PM
<b>MONDAY May 10</b>	
Exercise Room	8AM-NOON
Walking	8AM-NOON
Exercise Class	9AM
<b>TUESDAY May 11</b>	
Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON
Dominoes	1PM
Bridge	1PM
<b>WEDNESDAY May 12</b>	
Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON
Exercise Class	9AM
<b>THURSDAY May 13</b>	
TOPS #218	7AM
Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON

decided to use this time to encourage the community to "take advantage of public resources" that prevent fires, including keeping buildings up to fire code, according to a news report titled "City engineer turning up the heat on fire safety." The article said the leading causes of winter fires include dirty chimneys, portable space heaters, flaws in construction and improper fuels in heaters.

By Dec. 31, 1998, the *News Letter Journal* announced the good news that even though some had a longer recovery road than others, businesses were up and running again with high spirits.

And that wraps up the history on the 1998 fire, as well as the series on block 10. Next week, Cash will continue to move down behind the street, starting with 17 S. Seneca.



### Fixing the banner

On April 22, Newcastle city workers welded new side bars onto the light pole outside of the News Letter Journal office on Main Street. The bars were too far apart," said city worker Jessie Redo, pictured. "So we need to bring them closer together to fit the city banners." Using an argon arc welder Redo and Cameron Williams put new upper bars in place at the proper spacing.

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# Fraud reports surface related to WDH breach

The Wyoming Department of Health is warning residents about fraudulent calls from people falsely claiming to represent the department in connection to a recently announced WDH health information breach.

WDH recently described a mistaken exposure of laboratory test result data involving more than 164,000 Wyoming residents and others including hundreds from Colorado. The incident involved COVID-19 and influenza test result data and breath alcohol test result files mistakenly uploaded by an employee to private and

public online storage locations on servers belonging to GitHub.com.

Jeri Hendricks, Office of Privacy, Security and Contracts administrator with WDH, said the department is hearing reports of Wyoming residents receiving fraudulent calls from people claiming to represent the department in connection with the breach.

“The callers falsely claim to represent us, say they are calling about the breach and then ask the individuals they’ve reached for insurance, Medicare, Medicaid or other

financial information. In some instances, it seems they have been able to make it appear as if the calls are coming from state government phone numbers,” Hendricks said.

“No one representing the department will ask you for insurance, Medicare, Medicaid or personal financial information. No one representing the department will call you about the breach unless they are returning a call you made to us first,” Hendricks said.

Hendricks emphasized the affected files did not contain social security numbers, or

banking, financial, health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid information but did include name or patient identification, address, date of birth, test results and dates of service.

A special WDH information line dedicated to the breach has been established at 1(833) 847-5916. The phone line is available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

WDH has advised Wyoming residents who received COVID-19 or influenza tests anywhere in the United States between January 2020 and March 9, 2021, but who do not

receive a written notice within the next two weeks to call the information line to learn if their information was involved. In addition, anyone who received a breath alcohol test performed by law enforcement in Wyoming between April 19, 2012, and January 27, 2021, who doesn’t receive a letter should also call.

A year of free IdentityForce protection has been offered by WDH to people affected by the breach. IdentityForce provides advanced credit and dark web monitoring, along with identity theft insurance and medical identity theft coverage. Affected

individuals can call the WDH information line at 1(833) 847-5916 for an IdentityForce verification code to allow online enrollment for the service.

Scams related to the health information breach should be reported to the Consumer Protection Unit in the Wyoming Attorney General’s office by calling 307-777-6397, by emailing [ag.consumer@wyo.gov](mailto:ag.consumer@wyo.gov) or by submitting formal complaints online.

An official WDH notice about the breach can be found online at <https://health.wyo.gov/admin/privacy/>.

## Overman

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be performed separately within a week of each other for it to be safe. Overman had his first surgery scheduled before Thanksgiving and was already on his way to Denver when he was notified that the surgery was canceled.

“That had been heartbreaking because I had already worked myself up to it,” Overman said.

The cancellations and rescheduling continued with the rise and fall of COVID-19 cases, but by Jan. 29, Overman finally completed his last surgery. Doctors implanted a battery-operated neurotransmitter that sends electrical stimulation to the directional lead, which delivers the pulses to the area of the brain responsible for movement.

What is unique about this surgery is that the doctors woke Overman up in the middle of drilling and asked him to move certain muscles to test if they had accessed the correct location on the brain. Overman said it was not much different than having a dentist drilling on a tooth — he was aware of what they were doing, but he didn’t notice or feel much. The painful part was the brace holding his head steady.

Because Overman didn’t know anyone who had gone through the same process that he could question, he did a lot of research on the internet before his surgery. He also had a doctor who was both “personable and professional.”

“The doctor in Denver was super,

super good,” Overman said.

At first, the stimulations made it hard for Overman to complete basic functions such as walking or moving his hand, which was difficult for him to deal with, he said. But it’s all part of the process, and soon he was better off than he was before, returning to a state of normalcy.

“After the surgery, I felt great — better than I had in a long time,” Overman said. “You forget how far you were from that (normalcy).”

One of the main reasons Overman wanted to give the technology a try is because he didn’t like the effects of his medication, and the more stimulation he does, the less medication he needs. He has been on the same medication for five years, but he is getting close to his goal of no longer needing it. Another bonus is that the treatment is iPhone compatible because “Abbott neuromodulation patients (can) use a proprietary iOS+ software mobile application known as the St. Jude Medical™ Patient Controller Application (Patient Controller Application) to control prescribed programs on their implanted neurostimulation device,” according to the company’s website.

This process was recently approved by the FCC, and Overman tried it out for the first time a few weeks ago on April 15, saving him an all-day trip to Denver for a mere 15-minute appointment. He

is thankful for his wife, Susan, who would do the driving, he said, but oftentimes, he was released from the hospital the same day he had the surgery, so the constant driving back and forth became wearisome for Susan on top of the struggle of watching her husband suffer from Parkinson’s.

“It’s just been hard to see him go through all this stuff to get back to kind-of-normal,” Susan said.

Both Overman and his wife are grateful for the support of the community. Overman said he is encouraged to know that things are getting better and looks forward to returning to a normal, active lifestyle.

“You don’t know how much support you’ve got until you go through something like this,” Overman said. “The support we received was just unreal.”

If the experience has taught him anything, Overman said, it is that people should do what they can while they can still do it.

“Don’t take things for granted because it can be gone in a day or two,” he said.

He wants people to know that if they are going through something similar or have questions to feel free to call him to talk. He knows how important talking to someone in person can be, and he wants to help ease the minds of others and be reassured about what they are going through.

## Taking home a plate



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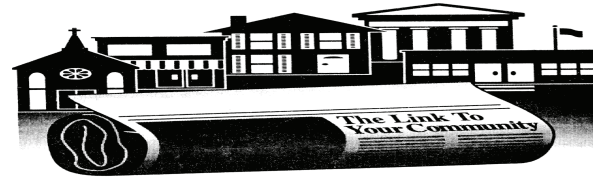
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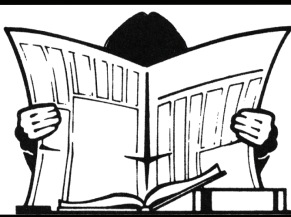
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Another icon comes down



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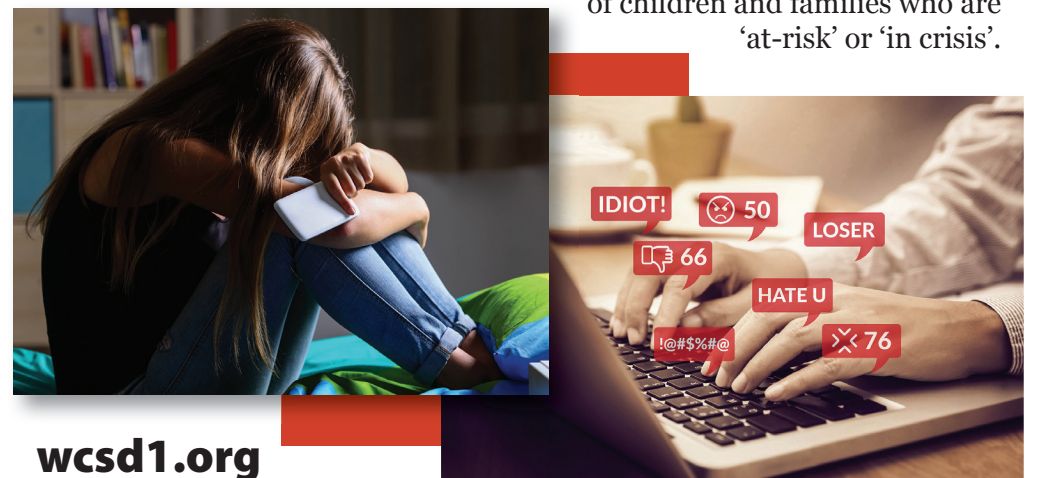
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# Sports

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**SPORTS SCHEDULES**

**NEWCASTLE:**  
**NHS Men's Soccer**  
 5/6 JV/V Torrington HS A 4PM  
 5/8 JV/V Rawlins HS A NOON  
 5/15 JV/V Douglas HS A NOON

**NHS Ladies' Soccer**  
 5/6 JV/V Torrington HS H 4PM  
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**NHS Track**  
 5/7 V9 Torrington A TBA  
 5/14 V9 3A Regional @ Torrington A TBA  
 5/15 V9 3A Regional @ Torrington A TBA

**Rodeo**  
 May 6-9 Jr. High State Finals @ Gillette A Fri 4PM  
 A 9AM

**NMS Track**  
 4/29 Wright A TBA  
 5/8 NE B District H 8:30AM

**UPTON:**  
**UHS Track**  
 5/20-22 State Casper A

**UMS Track**  
 5/8 Districts Newcastle A 8:30AM  
 5/10 Best of the East Douglas A

# Defense wins – or ties – games

**Sonja Karp**  
NLJ Sports Reporter

A defensive battle raged Friday as the Lady Dogies made the long, grueling trip to Riverton for a rematch against the Lady Wolverines. In their first matchup, Newcastle defeated them 2-0 at home, however head coach Cami Willyard expected a much more challenging contest the second time around — and she was right, for a number of reasons.

“First we had a long bus ride and then it was the hottest game we’ve played so far with temperatures in the 80s,” Willyard began. “We also played on a turf field which was probably about 30 yards wider and 20 yards longer than we are used to, so that definitely came into play. The first pass of the game went out of bounds because the ball travels so quickly on turf.”

The two squads went at each other hard through the first 80 minutes of play, and though each had opportunities to put the ball in the back of the net, the scoreboard read 0-0 at the end of regulation.

“It was a really back and forth game the whole time,” Willyard nodded. “There were definite moments when they were possessing more than us, but we had our opportunities as well.”

Keeper Angel Perez and the Lady Dogie defensive line were pivotal in keeping the Lady Wolverines out of the net, and toward the end of the second half the offense put a dangerous ball over the top, which drew the Riverton keeper out of the box.

“She took Gabby [McVay] out which gave us a free kick from just outside the 18,” Willyard explained. “Unfortunately, we weren’t able to put it on frame so we missed out on that opportunity to get one on the board.”

In the first 10-minute overtime, Willyard determined that her team



Keeper Angel Perez, along with her back defensive line, was pivotal in both of the Lady Dogies contests over the weekend. Here she dove on the ball to stop a Lady Blazer’s attack on goal, and saved a PK late in the contest to help her team take the 1-0 win over Torrington on Monday.

Photo courtesy of Andrew Towne/Torrington Telegram

dominated Riverton, but were unable to find the back of the net, and the Lady Wolverines had control in the second, and final, 10-minute overtime period.

Defense again prevailed for each team, so after 100 minutes of play the score remained as goose eggs for both, and the conference match ended in a tie — a shutout for both.

Perez ended the contest with six

saves, and McVay, Alaina Laurence and Caitlyn Pehringer combined for five shots on goal.

Defensive prowess also triumphed on Monday when the ladies traveled to Torrington to make up their earlier scheduled contest which was postponed due to weather. There the Lady Dogies were faced with the extreme opposite field conditions than they had

dealt with on Friday.

“The grass was long and thick, and the ball almost seemed to get stuck at times,” laughed Willyard. “That certainly didn’t help our scoring, but they were playing in the same conditions.”

Offense struggled to get on the board, but defense held the line and

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## Anti-social media

I am going to be totally transparent and admit wholeheartedly that I watch reality TV. I’m not proud, but I’m not ashamed either.

The irony is that reality TV is as far from reality for most of us as it can get. However, as I was watching one of the “Real Housewives” franchises the other night, a sudden reality hit me — a real truth



Sonja Karp  
Karpe Dogie

that all of society shares, and that is that social media has desensitized us to what being a good person means.

We see it every day on every platform where people spew venom at others simply because they may have different beliefs than we do.

When we are able to hide behind a keyboard, it makes us bolder in our attacks.

I think that everyone should

— See Karpe, Page 10

# Dogies qualify in three more events

**Sonja Karp**  
NLJ Sports Reporter

The annual Buffalo Twilight meet Friday afternoon and evening was a good one for head coach Chad Ostenson’s track crew. Several personal bests were achieved, and Shelby Tidyman added to

her state slate while Gunner Ramsey made an impression with his first foray into an all-individual meet by qualifying in two events.

“It was a great day for us,” said Ostenson. “Shelby crushed the 200 and Gunner was impressive. We decided to see what he could do and he

qualified in two of his events and was close in the other two as well.”

Ramsey usually mans one of the legs of any of three relay races, but this week he got to try his hand — or rather feet — at four individual events. It was his first time running the open 100 and 200, as well as

the first long jump competition of his career.

He opened up strong, finishing fourth overall in the 100 Meter Dash with a 3A State qualifying time of 11.65 and was the first 3A athlete to cross the finish line. He also cleared six feet in the high jump for the first time this

season to add that event to his state slate.

In the 200 Meter, he was a mere .25 of a second short of qualification with his seventh-place finish of 23.71. Once again, he was the first 3A athlete to cross the finish line.

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## Leaps and bounds



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The Newcastle Middle School track team traveled to Douglas on April 24 for their second meet of the season as two prior meets were cancelled due to inclement weather. Newcastle fared well in the ranks of the eight teams competing that day, which included Lusk, Glenrock, Wheatland, Guernsey, Midwest, and Encampment as well. The NMS seventh grade boys and seventh grade girls teams and eighth grade boys team were ranked No. 1 and the NMS eighth girls team took fourth overall, after tallying 15 events. The next meet will be Friday, May 7, in Newcastle for Northeast "B" District Track Meet, where Wright, Sundance, Twin Spruce, Sage Valley, Moorcroft, Hulett, Upton and Newcastle will compete with field events beginning at 8:30 a.m. and running events start at 11 a.m. Lillie Morrill, above, perfects her form prior to the hurdle event in Douglas. She placed 5th in Douglas in the 100 hurdles with a time of 22.06 and placed 3rd in the 200 hurdles with a 38.01.

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## Ladies from Page 9

kept them out of the goal to take the 1-0 win.

It was the combination of a talented Trailblazer keeper and the drag from the grass which contributed to the lack of scoring for the Lady Dogies. However, the squad had a plethora of opportunities to put the ball in the net with 20 legitimate shots on goal throughout the contest, but were only able to connect on one.

The pivotal score came about five minutes into the second half. Willyard had challenged her girls to ramp up their intensity and play their game during the break, and the team took it to heart.

The set-up for the goal began as the Lady Dogies executed some great combinations down the side of the field. McVay then sent a through ball to the corner, and Lara Lopez cut the angle of her defender, attacked the goal and finished on the left side with her left foot.

A scary moment for Newcastle occurred with about 10 minutes left to play. They had held the 'Blazers scoreless up until that point, but a questionable foul call on LaKacee Lipp in the box gave Torrington a penalty kick.

**NHS Ladies' Soccer**

**Newcastle @ Riverton 4/30/21 0-0 OT**  
Alaina Laurence: 0-2 shots on goal  
Gabby McVay: 0-2 shots on goal  
Caitlyn Pehringer: 0-1 shot on goal  
Angel Perez: 6 saves, 1 shutout

**Newcastle @ Torrington 5/3/21 1-0**  
Lara Lopez: 1-3 shots on goal  
Claire Beastro: 0-2 shots on goal  
Alaina Laurence: 0-6 shots on goal  
Gabby McVay: 0-3 shots on goal, 1 assist  
MacKenzie Conzelman: 0-5 shots on goal  
Shawnee Miles: 0-1 shot on goal  
Angel Perez: 3 saves, 1 shutout

Perez then had the play of the game as she was put under the immense pressure of defending the goal against that PK and in the mano-a-mano face-off, she made a diving save low and on the right side of the net. That would turn out to be the pivotal save to secure the win.

"As a keeper, your best bet is to pick a side and commit to it. Angel chose to dive to her right and she chose correctly, making a fantastic save on a nice, low ball shot," Willyard exclaimed. "I say it every week but our back line is tough. We've only allowed seven goals all season and those came in our first two games of the season."

Perez ended the contest with three saves while Lopez, Laurence, McVay, Claire Beastro, MacKenzie

Conzelman and Shawnee Miles combined for the 20 shots on goal.

The Lady Dogies will have a quick, two-day turnaround before they host the Lady 'Blazers for a rematch Thursday, and will travel to Rawlins on Saturday to take on the Lady Outlaws for the second time this season.

"Our goal going into Thursday is to do everything that we've been working on and also to finish and get a few more in the back of the net," Willyard determined. "And we need to not let them hang around and think they have a chance, because any team can be dangerous in that situation."

It was imperative that the Lady Dogies won against Torrington, and also that they pick up another win against them this Thursday as well as win out against Rawlins and Douglas. If they do so, they will take the No. 1 seed over Buffalo by one point. If not, even if they tie any game, they will be the No. 2 seed heading into the state tournament.

Action begins at Schoonmaker field on Thursday with varsity kicking off at 4 p.m., followed by a half of a JV contest.

## Karpe from Page 9

consider one very important thing. Are you ready to look someone in the eye and speak the poison you spray on social media to their face?

I would venture to say that most of us would not. At least that is my fervent hope.

Now, smack talking has been a thing since sports began but to be honest, the level it has reached since I played is a little shocking. And not just from players!

I recently heard that an official actually spoke rudely to players and made potentially game changing rulings based on the current score of a contest.

I was flabbergasted! Unfortunately that is the truth, and I would venture a bet that our increasing lack of a sense of accountability that has oozed out of social media platforms may be to blame.

And we also need to face the fact that what we put on social media for the world to see can have repercussions.

A great example of this is what is going on right now with LeBron James, who is in the midst of controversy regarding his tweet about the fatal police shooting of a 16-year-old African American girl in Columbus, Ohio, which he posted on the same day Derek Chauvin was convicted of the murder of George Floyd.

Following the announcement of the verdict,

James tweeted YOU'RE NEXT #Accountability along with the picture of Officer Nicholas Reardon who shot Ma'Khia Bryant four times when she continued to swing a knife at another young girl after being ordered to drop it.

Regardless of your opinion regarding the tweet itself, it has landed James in hot water on several fronts. The owner of Linnie's Pub in Cincinnati, Ohio, posted that he would not be showing any NBA games in his bar until James was expelled from the league, and though in the grand scope of things that means nothing to the basketball star, it ignited a storm of controversy that got everyone's attention.

Most recently, the LAPD Union has sent a letter to the NBA asking for an investigation into James regarding the tweet which he has since deleted because he claimed it led to arousing more hate.

The LAPD is saying that James is a hypocrite and is accusing him of "inciting violence ... towards police officers," and they want the league to look into the situation to see if he has violated any policies by posting the tweet.

I guess I can't imagine that James has violated any policies, but the point is that he brought this situation on himself by tweeting without considering the fallout. Too many of us do that, I think, and maybe it's time to put the "social" back in social media.



# Dogies finish out a tough weekend

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Reporter

Though the score may not reflect it, the Dogies continued to make strides to improve their game in two tough competitions over the weekend. The Riverton Wolverines defeated Newcastle 10-0 on Friday and the No. 1 seeded Torrington Trailblazers got the better of them 7-0 on Monday, however head coach Elyse Dickey insisted that she saw growth in her team through both contests.

"I told the guys that even though the score isn't fun, we are getting better each game," she said. "The previous week we struggled defending corners and Riverton only scored on one after scoring on us four times with corners last time, so that was a big improvement."

Riverton also threw another challenge at the Dogies in that theirs is a turf field, and Mother Nature provided her own obstacle with temperatures in the 80s.

"That turf took some getting used to and it was a little bit of a shock for our guys," Dickey admitted. "It was also the hottest game of the season so far, and the turf heats things up even more. We were subbing out pretty quickly so they could rest up and stay fresh, and they all complained that their feet were hot so it was a learning curve."

Pair the heat with a much larger and wider field along with the turf itself increasing the speed and bounce of

the ball and the Dogies had a definite period of adjustment as play commenced, which Riverton took advantage of to get on the board with two quick goals just a few minutes into the contest.

However, after the first 10 minutes or so, the Dogies settled in and battled pretty well throughout the first half, going into the break down 0-3.

In the second half, however, it all fell apart for Newcastle.

"Riverton looked a lot better than when we played them at the beginning of the season. They talked really well and moved the ball much better, and were just a better team," Dickey said. "They really looked good in the second half and scored seven against us, but I did definitely see some bright spots from our guys."

The Dogies were able to get off five shots on goal throughout the contest and they were dangerous ones that were on frame. However, the Wolverine keeper was very skilled and managed to thwart each attempt.

Dayton McFarlin, Ezra Anderson and Cael Holmes combined for the shots on goal and the Dogie defense was able to save 10 of Riverton's 20 shots. Heath Henkle, the starting keeper, snagged five of those, William Beaström who went in as keeper in the last 20 minutes of the game had three, and Avery Chick and Gavin Gray had one each as defenders.

The No. 1 seeded Torrington 'Blazers came to town to make up the previ-



Photo by Sonja Karp/NLJ

**Aidan Chick had his hands full to try to get around a solid 'Blazer defense in the Dogies' makeup game on Monday. Despite exhibiting some fancy footwork throughout the contest, Chick and his team were unable to find the back of the net in their 0-7 loss.**

ously postponed contest on Monday.

Over the weekend Henkle suffered an injury so Dickey moved Hayden Overman into the keeper position for Monday's game. Overman is usually a forward, however he used his speed and athleticism to save 19 'Blazer shots.

"Hayden is quick and athletic and has great reaction time, so he did really well for not having played the position since middle school," Dickey said. "Only allowing seven

goals, and holding them to just three in the first half was also a bright spot in the game, and it shows that we played even better than we did against Riverton on Friday."

Offensively, the Dogies struggled a little against the fast and well-disciplined 'Blazer squad, getting off only two shots on goal, one each from McFarlin and Anderson. However the defense stepped up given that most of the 80 minutes were played on their

half of the field.

The Dogies have a quick turnaround before they head to Torrington on Thursday for the regularly scheduled rematch, then travel to Rawlins on Saturday for another second-time-around contest. The last time the Outlaws and Dogies played, Newcastle dropped it 1-7, but it was the first time they had scored on the season and Dickey is hoping to improve the outcome this time around.

## Track from Page 9

In the long jump, the senior soared 19 feet, 8½ inches, so was less than a foot short of the qualifying mark.

"We are going to have to think about how to adjust as we head into this week," Ostenson said. "We have some other kids who we can put into relays and still be all right, so we may have to do that to free Gunner up for his individual events."

Tidyman rose to the challenge of a mixed-class race finishing third in the 200 Meter Dash, clocking in at 27.55 and punching her ticket to the state meet in her second event. In doing so, she cut nearly a quarter of a second off her previous best time, and was the first 3A runner to cross the finish line by about a second.

She also had another good showing in the 100 Meter Race which she qualified for last week, finishing ninth overall but second in the 3A ranks. Tidyman had another ninth-place finish with her 15 feet, 4 inch leap in the long jump, but once again was second against 3A competition.

"Shelby had a heck of a run

in the 200," Ostenson said. "That's a tough race, but she looked strong coming around the corner."

Jaylen Ostenson cut nearly .10 of a second off her time in the 100 Meter Hurdle and crossed the finish line in eighth place. Her 17.35 finish was the third best in 3A, as two runners from Buffalo got the better of her. The same two Lady Bison were the only 3A competition to outrun Ostenson in the 300 Meter Hurdle where she finished seventh with a time of 50.46.

"Jaylen took time off her 100 hurdles, and was close to her best time in the 300," Ostenson stated. "Buffalo has a good set of hurdlers, and our conference is just tough overall in the hurdles. It will be a battle."

Tara Carter was the final Lady Dogie to score points for her team as she finished fourth in the two mile run with a time of 15:23.05. Overall, the four girls competing for Newcastle garnered 14 points on the day to tie for ninth place.

The Dogie men scored 59 points, which put them in

eighth place overall. Those who joined Gunner Ramsey in posting points for their team included Zach Purviance and Tristan Troftgruben, who finished eighth and ninth respectively in the 800 Meter Run with a mere .11 of a second difference between them. Only one 3A runner did better than them, with Purviance coming across the line in 2:07.06 and Troftgruben in 2:07.17.

Bridger Alishouse was seventh overall and the second 3A runner with his 11:44.42 finish in the mile run. Though he did not score points for the team, Teegan Hatheway was just two places behind Alishouse with his 11:53.71 finish.

Grayson Ramsey and Dylan Drost finished seventh (43.76) and eighth (44.02) respectively in the 300 Meter Hurdle with only two 3A runners ahead of them, and Christian Santos was seventh in the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 10 inches.

Though shot putters didn't score any points for the team, Jacob Prell, Alex Peterson, Aidan Gorman and Xavin

Gallardo all threw personal best distances on the day.

"Our shot putters had a great day with most of them PRing, and there was some good competition up there," Ostenson began. "Grayson and Dylan both ran well and took time off their PRs in the hurdles so that was awesome."

The Dogie relay teams took the absence of Gunner Ramsey in stride as Drost and McConkey filled in his position in the 4x400 Meter and 1600 Sprint Medley relay teams.

Grayson Ramsey, Troftgruben, Drost and Purviance filled out the 4x4 and finished second behind Sheridan in 3:39.23, while McConkey, Grayson Ramsey, Purviance and Troftgruben made up the sprint medley and were third in 3:53.19 behind Thunder Basin and Buffalo.

"Our medley team did well with the switch and they even had a problem with one of their handoffs," Ostenson explained. "The baton was dropped in the 200 to 200 exchange between Holden and Grayson, but it stayed in the lane so we were

NHS Track		
<b>Newcastle @ Buffalo Twilight Invite 4/30/21</b>	4. Buffalo 130	7. Bridger Alishouse 11:44.42
<b>Women's Team Results:</b>	5. Tongue River 117.5	9. Teegan Hatheway 1:53.71
1. Sheridan 153	6. Big Horn 97.5	13. Conrad Prell 12:57.57
2. Thunder Basin 136	7. Douglas 84	300M Hurdles:
3. Cody 86.5	8. Newcastle 59	7. Grayson Ramsey 43.76
4. Buffalo 74.5	9. Torrington 55	8. Dylan Drost 44.02
5. Tongue River 72	10. Ten Sleep 28	4x400M Relay: 3:39.23
6. Douglas 45	<b>Men's Individual Results</b>	2. Grayson Ramsey, Tristan Troftgruben, Dylan Drost, Zach Purviance 1600 Sprint Medley Relay: 3:53.19
7. Torrington 29	100M:	3. Holden McConkey, Grayson Ramsey, Zach Purviance, Tristan Troftgruben High Jump:
8. Big Horn 19	4. Gunner Ramsey 11.65	2. Gunner Ramsey 6-00 3AQ Long Jump:
9. Newcastle 14	3AQ	4. Gunner Ramsey 19-08.50
9. Ten Sleep 19	16. Dylan Drost 11.98	7. Christian Santos 18-10
<b>Women's Individual Results:</b>	15. Holden McConkey 24.30	16. Thomas Prell 15-05.25
100M:	16. Dylan Drost 24.42	Shot Put:
9. Shelby Tidyman 13.56	43. Dillon Kenney 27.03	20. Alex Peterson 36-04 PR
200M:	52. Robert Humes 29.30	25. Travis Scribner 35-03.25
3. Shelby Tidyman 27.55	200M:	17. Aidan Gorman 32-06 PR
PR 3AQ	77. Gunner Ramsey 23.71	36. Xavin Gallardo 30-02.25 PR
19. Tara Carter 6:57.99	15. Holden McConkey 24.30	41. Leo Orban 28-02.50
3200M:	16. Dylan Drost 24.42	Discus:
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100M Hurdles:	52. Robert Humes 29.30	32. Christian Santos 91-11
8. Jaylen Ostenson 17.35	400M:	34. Jacob Prell 84-01
300M Hurdles:	6. Zach Purviance 2:07.06	35. Nate Strickland 83-04
7. Jaylen Ostenson 50.46	800M:	
Long Jump:	2:07.17	
9. Shelby Tidyman 15-04	24. Jacob Prell 2:26.57	
Shot Put:	26. Thomas Prell 2:35.13	
34. Sierra Blaney 22-09.75	1600M:	
Discus:	14. Bridger Alishouse 4:57.19	
21. Sierra Blaney 79-09	15. Teegan Hatheway 5:12.45	
<b>Men's Team Results</b>	17. Jacob Prell 5:15.72	
1. Sheridan 360	25. Conrad Prell 5:44.82	
2. Thunder Basin 226.5	3200M Run:	
3. Cody 154.5		

able to finish the relay and not be disqualified. That took some seconds off, so their time was pretty good considering."

This week is the final competition of the regular season,

and the Dogies will be traveling to Torrington on Friday which will give them the opportunity to run on the regional meet track venue prior to that culminating event next week.

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Ag Day



Above, Austynn Savage, 9-year-old fourth-grader from Upton, learns how to handle a lariat under the instruction of Tell Tavegie. At left, especially popular with the younger students, the children get to pet a bunny.

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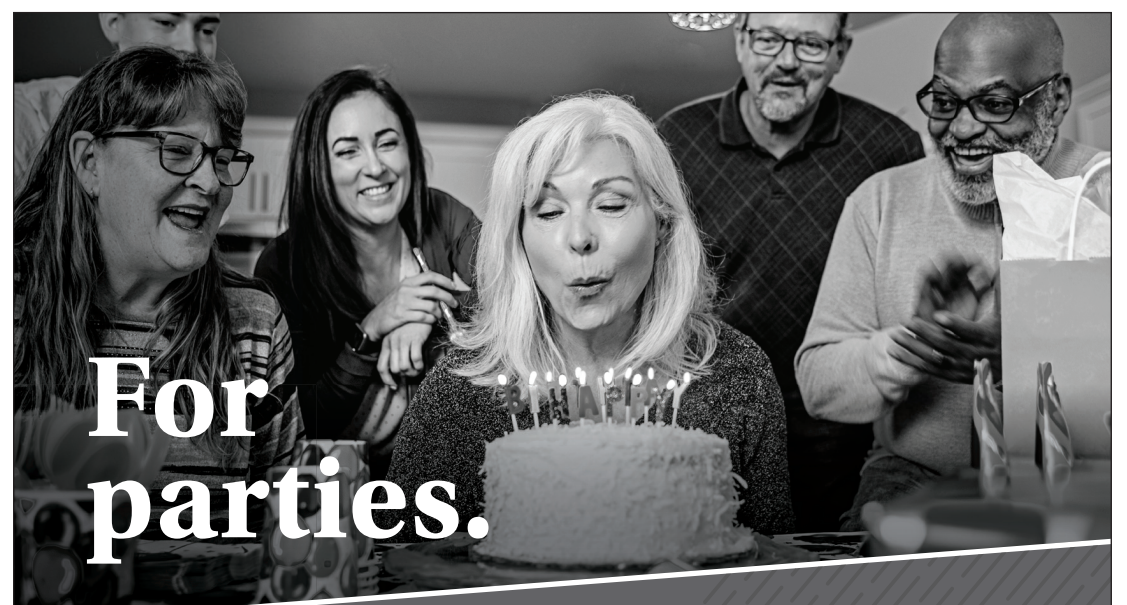


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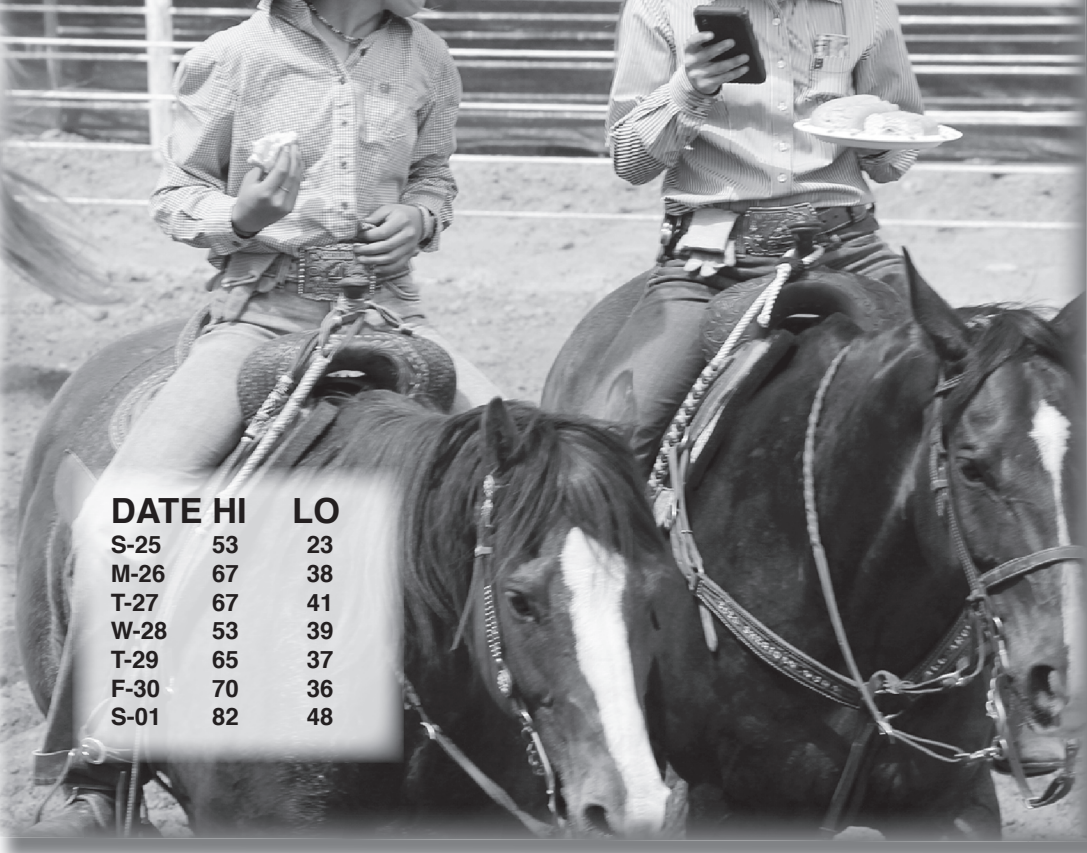
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## WCSD#1 Warrants

**WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 GENERAL FUND WARRANTS OVER \$500 APRIL 2021**

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AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$1,635.12
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## Hearing Notice

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of School District Number One, Weston County, State of Wyoming, will hold a public hearing on their intent to levy the following additional mills on all property in the District:

**One half (1/2) Board of Cooperative Educational Services mill for Adult Education.**

**One (1) mill for Recreational purposes.**

Said hearing will be held on May 11, 2021 at 8:00 pm in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 116 Casper Avenue, Newcastle, Wyoming.

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**WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 FEDERAL FUND WARRANTS OVER \$500 APRIL 2021**

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PINE COVE CONSULTING, LLC	\$11,587.9
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## Gwamma

by JaNel M. Farnsworth



## Hearing Notice

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the preliminary budget for Weston County School District Number One for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 will be held at the Board Room of the Administration Building on the 11th day of May, 2021 at 8:00 p.m., at which time any and all persons interested may appear and be heard respecting the expenditures and revenues of the following budgets:

- General Fund
- Capital Construction Fund
- EWC BOCES Fund
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- "\_\_\_\_\_ of the morning!"
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- Back of the neck
- Chew the fat
- Country dance formation
- Greek goddess of fertility
- Waterwheel
- \*Drunk and, incidentally, Huck Finn's Pap
- Metallic sounding
- Quite a stretch
- Place to dry out
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- \*Luke's and Leia's father
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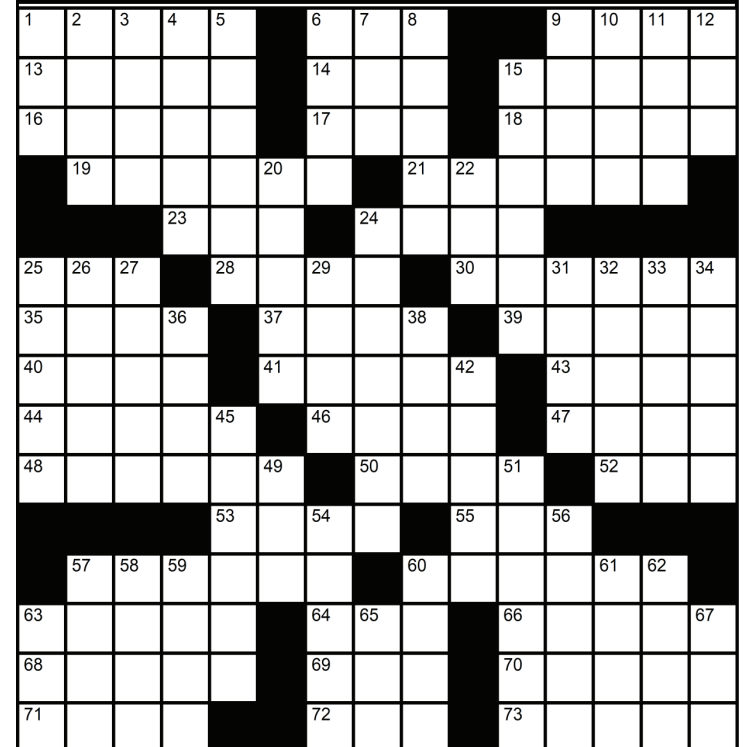
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- Capital of Switzerland
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- Flood survivor
- Father of psychoanalysis Sigmund
- Garlicky mayonnaise
- \*Both father in "Mary Poppins" and father in "Father of the Bride"
- Unfledged hawk
- Casino chip
- Pine
- \_\_\_\_\_ of dog!
- "I \_\_\_\_\_" at the altar
- Middle Earth and Kingdom of the North, e.g.
- Courage in the face of

## danger

- 56. Smokeless tobacco brand
- 57. Short skirt
- 58. It was Brezhnev's domain
- 59. Unplayable baseball
- 60. Old in Scottish
- 61. Cuzco valley empire

- 62. Straight pour from the bottle
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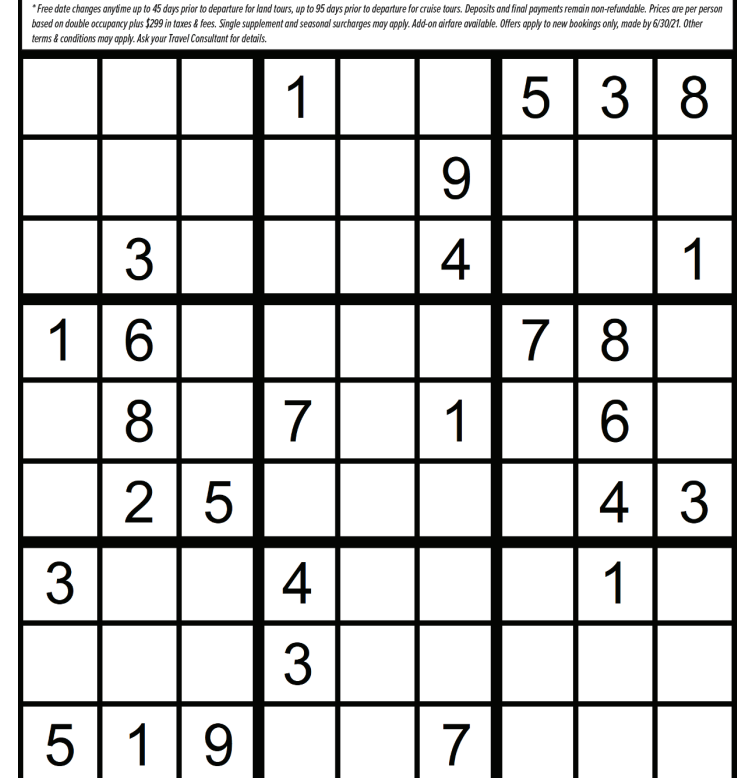
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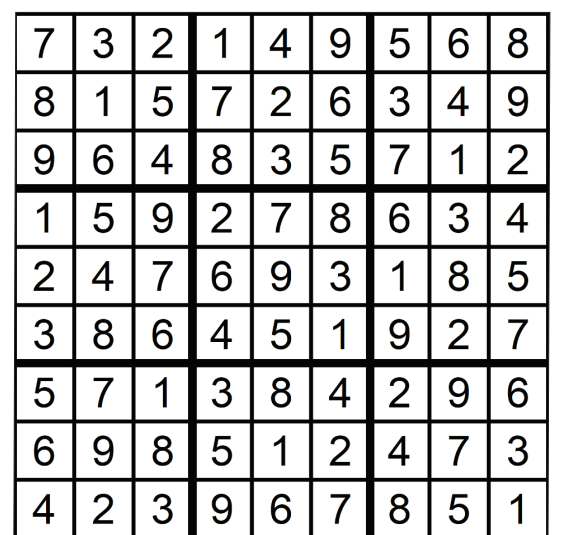
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**Legal Notice**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Default having occurred and all prerequisites to foreclosure having been met, notice is hereby given that the mortgage given by Edward C. Kiesling and Beverly A. Kiesling, Trustees of the Edward and Beverly Kiesling Trust Dated the 16th day of October, 2014, mortgagors, in favor of Pinnacle Bank Wyoming, mortgagee, dated August 13, 2018, recorded August 14, 2018, in Book 380 of Photos, Page 242, in the Records of the Clerk of Weston County, Wyoming, given to secure payment of a note in the original amount of One Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and 00/100 (\$126,378.00). A modification of mortgage was recorded on December 20, 2019, in Book 388 of Photos, Page 913 of the Records of Weston County, Wyoming, and a modification of mortgage was recorded August 18, 2020, in Book 392 of Photos, page 700 of the Records of Campbell County, Wyoming. The amount due as of April 8, 2021, is One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Three Dollars and 16/100 (\$139,553.16), plus accruing interest, fees and costs. Said mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of default the owner of the Note and Mortgage declares to have become operative and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued. Written notice of intent to foreclose

the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten days prior to the commencement of this publication. The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale and any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting the bid.

Therefore, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the real property described as:  
 TOWNSHIP 46 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST, 6TH P.M., WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING  
 SECTION 24: E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4  
 SECTION 25: NW1/4NE1/4  
 which has the address of 347 Oil City Road, Osage, Wyoming 82723, to be sold by public auction by the Sheriff to the highest bidder, for cash, at 10:00 a.m. on May 18, 2021, at the front steps of the Weston County Courthouse, 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701. The sale will take place only if a representative of Pinnacle Bank Wyoming, or its agent, is present.

Pinnacle Bank Wyoming  
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 Chapman Valdez & Lansing  
 125 West 2nd Street  
 P.O. Box 2710  
 Casper, WY 82602  
 (307) 237-1983

(Publish: April 15, 22, 29, and May 6, 2021)

**Cowboy State Look-In**

*Courtesy of the Wyoming News Exchange*



**Gas prices increase**

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Wyoming gas prices have risen 0.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.90 per gallon as of Monday, according to GasBuddy.com’s daily survey of 494 stations in Wyoming.

Gas prices in Wyoming are 0.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago, and stand \$1.10 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the

cheapest gas in Wyoming was priced at \$2.55 per gallon Monday, while the most expensive was \$3.49 per gallon, a difference of 94 cents per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 0.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.89 per gallon Monday. The national average was up 1.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.13 per gallon higher than a year ago.

**Wyoming gas seeks rate hike**

GREYBULL (WNE) — Wyoming Gas Company customers in the Big Horn Basin would see a 43% increase in their monthly bills starting June 1 if the company’s application for an emergency rate adjustment is approved in the coming days by the Wyoming Public Service Commission.

In a press release, Wyoming Gas Company (WGC) announced that it applied for authorization to adjust its Gas Cost

Factor from \$0.2904/ ccf to \$0.6220, citing as the reason “a very specific Extreme Pricing Event in the natural gas market that occurred for

a week in February of 2021.”

The average residential customer uses 76ccf per month, so the average monthly bill will increase from \$58.54 to \$83.74, an increase of \$25.20 per month.

According to the WGC, the cost of purchasing and transporting gas to WGC’s system is passed directly through to the customer as the Gas Cost Factor and a regulated utility is not allowed to make or lose money of the cost of gas.”

The Extreme Pricing Event that the company referenced in its release was Winter Storm Uri, which between Feb. 13-17

“hit a large portion of the middle of the United States, sending temperatures plummeting and energy usage skyrocketing.

“Winter Storm Uri had a major impact on the state of Texas, straining the electrical grid to the point that many people were out of electricity for days,” said the company in the release. “Unfortunately, as electricity producers scrambled to fill the gap left by the loss of renewable energy and the lack of natural gas from frozen production, the wholesale market price for natural gas, which is unregulated, rose astronomically.”

**Legal Notice**

**FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE**

Payment default occurred under the terms of a promissory note (“Note”) and real estate mortgage (“Mortgage”). The Mortgage dated November 3, 2017 was granted by Jason Donner (“Mortgagor”) to Sundance State Bank (“Mortgagee”) as security for the Note of the same date executed by Jason Donner. The Mortgage was recorded on November 7, 2017 in the office of the Weston County Clerk as Document # 763909, Book 375, Page 766 at the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming.

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

Written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale was served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication. The amount due upon the Mortgage as of the date of first publication of this notice of sale (4/29/2021) is calculated as \$7,229.26, which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$6,154.89, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$123.62, plus \$40.00 in late charges, plus \$910.75 in attorney fees and costs. Fees, costs, interest and late charges continue to accrue from and after the date of first publication of this notice.

Sundance State Bank, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as provided by law by causing the mortgaged property described below to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston

County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o’clock in the forenoon on June 1, 2021 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit (the “Mortgaged Property”):

LOT 5 AND THE WEST 25 FEET OF LOT 6 IN BLOCK 29 OF SAWMILL ADDITION OF THE TOWN OF UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED APRIL 21, 2014 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 750924, which is sometimes commonly known as 439 Division Street, Upton, WY 82730, together with all improvements thereon situate and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures thereto.

The Mortgaged Property does not include the 2000 Redman Bonanza mobile home VIN # 450027701540 presently located at 439 Division Street, Upton, WY 82730, or any personal property not encumbered by the Mortgage. Sundance State Bank anticipates offering the mobile home for sale separately. Please contact Sundance State Bank for information concerning the mobile home.

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

Sundance State Bank  
 By: Bradley C. Sweat  
 Crowley Fleck PLLP  
 111 West 2nd Street, Suite 220  
 Casper, WY 82601  
 1-844-280-7990

(Publish April 29, May 6, May 13, and May 20, 2021)

**Legal Notice**

**SALE NOTICE**

Sundance State Bank holds a security interest in a 2000 Redman Bonanza mobile home, VIN # 450027701540 (the “Personal Property”), pursuant to an agreement dated August 11, 2017 executed and delivered by Jason Donner to Sundance State Bank. Sundance State Bank intends to enforce its security interest in the Personal Property by causing the Personal Property to be sold at public venue to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o’clock in the forenoon on June 1, 2021 at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse located at 25 North Sumner, Newcastle, Wyoming Weston County.

The Personal Property is located at 439 Division Street, Upton, WY 82730 as of April 23, 2021. Prospective purchasers may contact Sundance State Bank at (307) 283-1074 for additional information.

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**Public Notice**

**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 Mac Midstream, LLC to modify Air Quality Permit MD-233 for the Newcastle Gas Plant by replacing two (2) 150 hp Waukesha 1197G engines (ENG004-ENG005) with two (2) 379 hp Waukesha F18SEU engines (ENG006-ENG007), adding a debutanizer tower, updating loading emissions (LUD001), and updating fugitive emissions (FUG001). The Newcastle Gas Plant is located in the NW1/4 of Section 9, T42N, R64W, approximately twenty-three (23) miles southwest of Newcastle, in Weston County, Wyoming.

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 F000893 and permit number P0032668 under permits. Additionally, during the state of emergency declared by Governor Gordon on March 13, 2020, if you have questions about or need assistance accessing the materials, please contact Nancy Vehr, Air

Quality Division Administrator, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, by fax at 307-635-1784, via phone at 307-777-3746, or via email at [Nancy.vehr1@wyo.gov](mailto:Nancy.vehr1@wyo.gov). 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 at (307) 635-1784. Please reference A0012129 in your comment. In addition, comments can be submitted electronically at <http://aq.wyomingdeq.commentinput.com>. However, comments submitted by email will not be included in the administrative record. All comments received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 7, 2021 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. For the duration of the state of emergency declared by Governor Gordon on March 13, 2020, public hearings will be conducted telephonically. Para español, visite [deq.wyoming.gov](http://deq.wyoming.gov).

(Publish May 6, 2021)

**Public health orders extended**

CASPER (WNE) — Wyoming’s last public health orders will stay active for at least two more weeks, the state health department announced Wednesday.

Just two health orders remain in Wyoming with COVID-19 infections low and vaccinations widely available. One order imposes limits on large indoor gatherings. The other requires masks in educational facilities, like K-12 schools and college campuses. Those rules have been extended through May 16.

The latter requirement has caused some controversy in the Natrona County School District, which plans to seek an exception to the mask mandate at a May 10 board of trustees meeting.

COVID-19 cases in Wyoming have fallen drastically since the height of the pandemic here this fall and winter. At one point in November,

nearly 12,000 people — 2% of the population — had an active COVID-19 infection. Nearly 250 people were hospitalized with the virus in late November.

This spring, active cases have hovered between 300 and 550 and fewer than 25 people statewide have been hospitalized with the virus since March.

Eighteen Wyoming counties are now categorized as having low or very low virus transmission levels, according to a White House task force. The state overall is categorized as having moderate transmission.

Nearly 25% of the state is fully vaccinated against the virus. Further broken down, 32% of adults 18 and over and more than 55% of adults 65 and over have been vaccinated, according to the health department.

**Drug Take Back Day successful**

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Across Wyoming, 1,242 pounds of unused and unwanted prescription drugs were collected last weekend during the most recent National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, said David Tyree, resident agent in charge of Wyoming’s Drug Enforcement Administration field office.

That’s 1,242 pounds less than could end up accidentally consumed by a child, or taken from a medicine cabinet by someone to whom they aren’t prescribed. National Prescription Drug Take Back

Day usually takes place in April and October of each year, and is a partnership between the DEA and local law enforcement.

“It’s just an opportunity to remove risk ... just making sure that if someone is struggling with substance use, that those opportunities to maybe grab some old pills or something like that, that those opportunities are removed,” Wyoming Institute of Population Health’s Brittany Wardle said.

According to the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health conducted by the U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services, 9.7 million people over the age of 12 misused prescription pain relievers, 4.9 million misused prescription stimulants, and 5.9 million misused prescription tranquilizers or sedatives.

The same survey found 50.8% of misused prescription pain relievers were given by, bought from or taken from a friend or relative.

Wardle, who was present at a Pine Bluffs collection site over the weekend, said more than seven pounds of unused prescription drugs were collected in the town of just over 1,000 people.

**ITC to host carbon capture research**

GILLETTE (WNE) — Less than two weeks removed from announcing the winners of the NRG COSIA Carbon XPrize, the Integrated Test Center is at the center of another large, high-profile carbon capture project.

Gov. Mark Gordon announced Friday afternoon that the ITC, attached to the Dry Fork Station coal-fired power plant about 10 miles north of Gillette, will host one of two large U.S. Department of Energy CO2 capture research projects.

The DOE has awarded \$99 million to a pair of projects to continue their research into Phase III of the federal Demonstration of Large-Scale Pilot Carbon Capture Technologies program.

One of those Phase III projects is from a group called Membrane Technology and

Research (MTR), which was awarded \$51.7 million. Along with other non-federal financial backing, the project will bring more than \$64 million in research money to Wyoming and Campbell County, Gordon said in a press release announcing the funding awards.

“This is exactly the type of research that was envisioned when the ITC was developed and Wyoming will continue to support these efforts,” Gordon said in a news release.

CarbonBuilt, a research team from the University of California-Los Angeles, was one of two teams of scientists that tested their CO2 capture and reuse technologies at the ITC last summer. On April 19, CarbonBuilt was announced as one of two XPrize winners, with each getting a \$7.5 million award.

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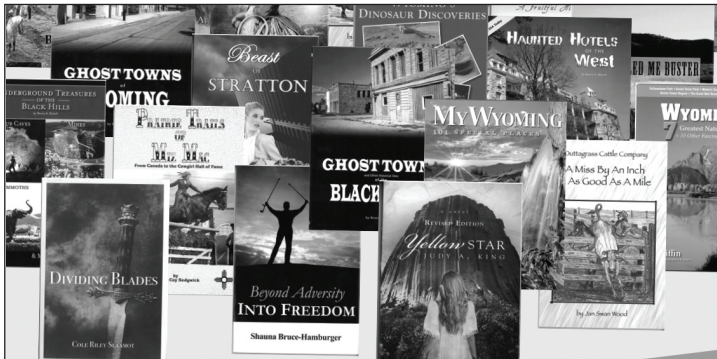


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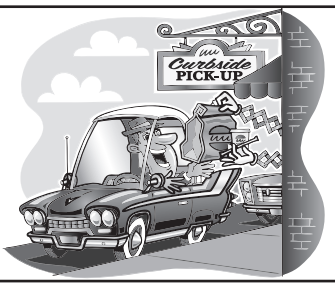
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# ROUGH TRAILS & Blue Skies

I love nature and the unexpected that sometime grace my life. One of the surprises I've had over the past two and a half years has been the quality of people, good acquaintances and beautiful friendships I have encountered in Newcastle. And, of course, my job at the *News Letter Journal* has allowed me to experience events and places I would never have been able to otherwise.

One of those experiences came up on Saturday. The weather outlook was fantastic for the weekend, and Don Taylor had a brilliant brainstorm. Even though it was early in the season, he felt that it was a great idea to put together an ATV run. He started to organize it on Tuesday. By Saturday morning, 14 of us met in Decker's parking lot with seven ATVs and one four-wheeler. We shortly caravanned to Sturgis, South Dakota, for a 41-mile trek through the Black Hills National Forest. R.J. Ludwick, of Sturgis, and a friend of Garrett Borton, let us park the trucks and trailers at his place, right



behind the Black Hills National Cemetery, and then we were off, taking a leisure drive into the Hills.

I was privileged to be able to ride in Don

Taylor's side-by-side. I had the wrong idea about what to expect, though. Now I know these ATVs have some power. It was that fact that influenced my perceptions about what off-roading was all about. I

expected everyone to gun the engines all the time, flying over hills and catching air. And while I was excited about this run, I was experiencing some apprehension because Garrett had invited me to take pictures. To be fair, he and Don had told me that this was not going to happen, but I hold on to things sometimes.

"It's really kind of lazy fun," Don told me, "You take your time and enjoy the mountains."

He was right. We covered 41 miles that day, but it took hours. The first leg of the adventure was going up steep trails, sometimes rough, sometimes pretty smooth, but always at a leisure pace. I was astounded, at



Walter Sprague  
Walter-Doodles



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**Taking a trip in the Black Hills outside of Sturgis, a group of 14 Newcastle individuals put in 41 miles on side-by-side ATVs of rough trails on Saturday. Above, Mike Hodge continues the ATV run in his Talon, after lunch.**

first, how well these ATVs handled the tracks. Not once did it feel as if we were out of control. Garrett and Holly Borton were in the lead, towing a trailer and carrying their dog, Sniper. Even the trailer never looked as if it were in danger. It was a lazy, perfect ride. It took us an hour or so to ascend about 1,300 feet from Vanocker Canyon south of Sturgis to an elevation of 5,300 feet in the Black Hills National Forest. For the record, I am hooked on ATVs. I must get one soon.

We stopped at the top of the mountain, had lunch, and the most important thing of all, we had great camaraderie. I got to meet new people and grew closer to friends I already had. More about this in a bit.

Don had brought a small portable grill, some cheddar brats and potato salad. There was also plenty of cold beers, cola and water to help wash the dust down. I'm not sure how long we all stayed on top of that mountain, but it was a nice long break, filled with good food and great conversations.

And that view! We had an almost 360-degree panoramic view of the Black Hills and the rolling plains off in the distance. Bear Butte was magnificently on display. The butte is a geological laccolith feature located near Sturgis and was made a state park in 1961. If you've never seen this feature, I highly recommend it.

I've seen the Black Hills on several occasions, of course, but I had never viewed them like this. I've been to lots of mountains and forests, but there is something extra-special about the beauty in the Black Hills that has captured me. I think the jutting rock formations are the best I have ever seen. Don said that, although ponderosa pine may be sort of ordinary individually, when they are all grouped as they are there, they are magnificent. He's right. It is quite a view.

For me, the most important and

memorable part of this day was not the ride nor the raw beauty of nature. It was the people. Once again, I was able to connect with some wonderful people in this area. And I am convinced there is no place on earth where the people are more genuine and full of love for one another. I got to know Troy Cade, the Bortons, and especially Don Taylor a little bit better. And I am looking forward to more days where I will be blessed to be around such wonderful friends. It was also an honor to meet some new people, such as Karol and David Garduno, Jack and Cedar Scribner and Mike Hodge. I also got to laugh along with the children's antics. Carlee and Braylee Borton and Tyler Mills' daughter, Ashlynn, were a delight. Again, my perception of

some wild ride and catching air was shattered. It was an event meant for simple friendships and the whole family, with plenty of fun for the kids as well.

That's what I think will be the true meaning of what took place that day. We spent a few hours in which problems were shed. What mattered was spending time with one another. And as marvelous as it is to get away from it all and enjoy nature, the most important and lasting reason for doing things like this is just that: family and friends. Nothing else holds a candle to the bonds made among people when your goal is nothing more than just getting together and loving each other. Those are the moments I will cherish for the rest of my life.



Above, even though the weather was beautiful on Saturday, there were plenty of muddy and wet areas on the trails for the ATV run. At right, the group moved down some of the trails that are part of the Black Hills National Forest. Above, inset, Don Taylor brought a portable grill and cooked some cheddar brats for friends.



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