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Your 2022 election roster is complete

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

The 2022 election season is shaping up to be an interesting one in Weston County, with several contested seats,

high profile races and new candidates making their debut on the local political scene.

Filings for various seats at the city, county and state level officially closed on May 27 in Wyoming, and

several hopefuls threw their hats in the ring during the final week of the filing period.

That said, several positions — including the Weston County assessor, Weston County District Court clerk,

Weston County treasurer, Weston County attorney and Weston County coroner — only produced one candidate when the filing period ended. Incumbents Kara Lenardson (assessor), Tina Cote (district court

clerk), Susie Overman (treasurer) and Michael Stulken (attorney) are all running to refill their respective seats for another four years. The only

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Not as wet as you think

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The significant amount of moisture received by Weston County over the past two months gives hope for the upcoming wildland fire season, according to Weston County Fire Warden Daniel Tysdal.

“May has been a good month for us for moisture so far. The temperatures have remained cool during the month as well, and green-up has been progressing slowly — dampening the overall current fire danger,” he said.

With over 1.5 inches of rain in April, and at least 1 inch more in May (May totals are yet to be reported online), the county has seen more precipitation in the past two months than in the previous six, according to data from the National Weather Service.

This moisture, Tysdal said, serves to dampen the fire danger at this time, but it could lead to an increased danger in the future.

“It seems our growing season is just now ready to really start

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Former prosecutor appointed as judge

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Gov. Mark Gordon didn't have to look far to find a new judge for the circuit court, and the face that greets attorneys and residents from behind the bench will be a familiar one to those in local legal circles.

Former Deputy Weston County Attorney Lynda Bush (Black) was selected in late April by Gov. Gordon to serve Crook and Weston County as circuit court judge, replacing new Sixth Judicial District Judge Matthew Castano, according to a press release from Gordon's office.

Since 2017, Bush has worked as the Crook County deputy and prosecuting attorney. Before that she served in Weston County for roughly two years. She currently

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Still in bloom

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Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent

On April 26, 1992, Charles Martin married his “yellow rose of Texas,” Rita Thurber, blending their five boys and one girl to form a family of eight. Thirty years and two more kids later, not to mention 22 grandchildren and one great-grandchild with another one “in the oven,” the Martins are still happily married and enjoying all the adventures that come with it.

To celebrate, the whole family rented a few cabins and gathered at the same location where they spent their first Christmas together as newlyweds. Joined by extended family and friends, a total of 75 people witnessed Charles and Rita renew their vows.

“We have wonderful kids. ... We have 23 grandkids, and we absolutely love all of them,” Rita said. “It was just a precious time to be together under the same roof again.”

Blending families always brings difficulties, but the Martins were committed to working through the hardships because they felt it was worth it. Rita said it's important to never become too proud or ashamed to ask for help.

“It's never a dull moment. There were challenges along the way,” Rita said. “It's really worth holding on. There are hard days, but it's really rewarding and worth holding on to.”

Rita admitted that marriage is hard, and blending makes it even harder. She said they could not have done it without their faith.

“The Lord has gotten us through,” she said.

What Rita admires most about her husband is his deep relationship with the Lord. She described Charles as her rock because of his steady, calming effect on people. When she first met him, Rita didn't know what to expect because he was so quiet, but she has grown to value and appreciate it.

Rita was living in Texas with her two sons and daughter when she first met Charles, who had three sons and owned Tri-State Recycling Services at the time, a company he began in Newcastle. After the persistent match-



Submitted photos

Above, Charles and Rita Martin pose for a photo during their wedding vow renewal celebration on April 9. The photo at left was featured in the Feb. 14, 2008, News Letter Journal with Rita Martin's winning love story.

making of mutual friend Tami Franklin, it did not take long for the couple to realize they were in love.

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After the wedding in Burleson, Texas, the couple headed north to Newcastle with their six children to begin raising their family. The oldest was 15 at the time, with the youngest at 10. To accommodate the family's size, they invested in a 15-passenger van, which they took on their annual family vacation to Jackson Hole in July.

“People asked where our youth group was from,” Rita said.

Six kids, especially five growing boys, always meant large appetites. On trips, Rita said, they would find the all-you-can-eat restaurants, so they could feed their sons enough without breaking the budget too much. Even grocery trips were an adventure when the bill frequently totaled \$1,000, and Rita wondered if they would get through it all.

“Are they really going to eat all this food?” Rita said she would ask herself. “And they did.”

Their family grew even larger when Rita and Charles welcomed two more girls, Rachel and Sarah, into the world. Because of the significant age gap, the older kids spoiled their younger sisters.

“They got doted on quite a bit. They were really good siblings,” Rita said,

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Chicken fans flock to special meeting

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NLJ Correspondent

Chickens once roamed the backyards of Newcastle until the City Council outlawed the ownership of livestock and fowls, which includes domesticated chickens, within city limits several years ago, according to City Ordinance Chapter 4, Article I.

A growing group of community members have been pressing for a reversal of that ordinance, however, and the council listened to their feedback during a special meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25.

“Everyone knows why we want chickens. We have shortages of supplies. ... I have three boys. I live in the middle

of Wyoming with not a lot of resources, so it would be nice to have that security,” said Jennifer Proffer, a local mom. “The whole purpose is so that people can be more self-sufficient.”

Former city council member Linda Hunt opened the meeting by presenting some of her concerns based on personal experience. She explained that chickens have been a part of her ranching life, but they are considered farm animals and should not be in town. Chickens can be chaotic and unclean because the manure gets everywhere when people track it into their homes, cars and businesses from their shoes, she said.

“When I visited a distant relative in Boise, while we

“We're in Wyoming, we're in Newcastle, we're small. If these big cities can have chickens, how hard can it be for us to have chickens? Let's just be Wyoming. Let's just be Newcastle. Let's just have chickens.”

— Shirley DeMerritt

were sitting on the patio table eating or having something to drink in her backyard, the chicken would fly up on the

table, fluff its feathers, and all the dust and bugs would land on food and us,” Hunt said.

On the issue of noise, Proffer said that she understands the concern but clarified there would be no need for roosters, so they would only be dealing with hens.

“I know that some people find the cawing of the rooster annoying,” local resident Jacob Elliot added. “But, on the other hand, some people need to wake up that early anyway for their jobs — might be a little more refreshing.”

Proffer also commented on the bird flu concern. Based on her research, she said, 19 countries reported a total of 860 infections since 2003, stating the bird flu was a low risk to the public, according to the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“You just need to figure out how to be smart about raising chickens,” Elliot said.

Meegan Carr said that chickens are not difficult to take care of and that it just takes knowledge and planning. In addition to providing eggs and meat, Carr noted, as scavengers, chickens will eat grasshoppers and other bugs, as well as table scraps. In turn, the manure can be used as garden fertilizer.

Proffer said that raising chickens would be a great learning opportunity for her children, and Shirley DeMerritt suggested having a class for people on how to

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 67, Lo 49



Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 71, Lo 50



Saturday
Partly Sunny
Hi 68, Lo 51



Sunday
Thunderstorms
Hi 65 Lo 49



Monday
Thunderstorms
Hi 63, Lo 47



Tuesday
Showers
Hi 56, Lo 43

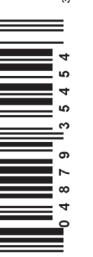


Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 64, Lo 48



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Pile on the PANCAKES!

Join the First State Bank team and the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, June 4th, as we PILE ON THE PANCAKES from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the bank parking lot in downtown Newcastle. Breakfast is free, but donations to the local fire department are welcome and appreciated.



End of the year



Photo by KateLynn Slaamot/NLJ

Awana kids and their friends and family gathered for the end of the year Awana awards ceremony on May 4. Pictured are kids and leaders as they perform a song for those in attendance.

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resides in Sundance with her husband and children. Before moving to Wyoming, Bush worked as a state's attorney in Edmunds County, South Dakota. She earned her bachelor's degree from Northern State University and her juris doctorate from the University of South Dakota, the press release states. "With the position of circuit court judge for Crook and Weston counties becoming vacant after Judge Castano's appointment to district court judge, I felt it was the perfect opportunity to serve the citizens of the counties that I have lived or worked in since moving to Wyoming," Bush told the News Letter Journal. "It is also very important to me to see a judicial presence in Crook and Weston counties continue." She noted that she enjoyed working in Weston County and is excited to have the opportunity to serve the citizens again. "Ms. Bush's humility and her experience with both the Crook and Weston County courts will serve her well in the role of Circuit Court Judge," Gordon said in the release.

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candidate running for coroner is newcomer Scott Beachler, as incumbent Cindy Crabtree did not file for re-election.

Weston County Clerk Becky Hadlock is also seeking another term, as is Sheriff Bryan Colvard, but both will be running in contested races.

Patricia Baumann had initially filed to run for Weston County Commission, but changed that last week to run instead for county clerk while Upton Police Chief Susan Bridge and Newcastle police officer Richard Hillhouse both joined the race last week to take on Colvard for the role of sheriff.

One incumbent, Nathan Todd, is running to retain his seat on the Board of Weston County Commissioners, but there are three seats up for election. Challengers F. Henry Nessul, Michael C. Sears, Vera Huber, Ed Quinones, Justin Liggett, Garrett Borton and Shane Crawford have stepped forward to seek those spots.

All county positions are partisan and all candidates are registered Republicans. No Democrats have filed to run for county office.

The Newcastle City Council will have four positions on the August ballot, one two-year seat and three four-year seats. Those positions are nonpartisan, and only two individuals, incumbents Don Steveson and Ann McColley have filed to run, leaving the door open for a slew of write-in candidates to emerge

Current Weston County Commission chairwoman, Marty Ertman, will not seek reelection to the commission, and instead filed to run for the Senate District 3 seat in the Wyoming State Legislature. She will face incumbent Cheri Steinmetz, R-Lingle.

Weston County's other senator, representing Senate District 1, Ogden Driskill, R-Devils Tower, will face a pair of challengers in Bill Fortner of Gillette and Roger Connet of Sundance.

Chip Neiman, R-Hulett, is running unopposed for the seat he currently holds in House District 1, while Allen Slagle of Newcastle will run against incumbent J.D. Williams, R-Lusk, who was recently appointed to the House District 2 seat long held by Hans Hunt.

Wyoming voters will also be voting for governor, secretary of state, treasurer, auditor and the superintendent of public instruction this year, but Wyoming's highest profile race pits current Congresswoman Liz Cheney against lawyer Harriet Hageman, a former gubernatorial candidate. Several others are running for the Republican nomination in the general election — including Anthony Bouchard

Ground Rules

"Wyoming law stipulates that parties conduct open primaries for congressional and state-level offices. While a voter must be affiliated with a political party in order to participate in its primary election, any voter, regardless of previous partisan affiliation, may change his or her affiliation on the day of the primary," ballotpedia.com says about Wyoming's primary elections. "Winners in Wyoming primary elections are determined via plurality vote, meaning that the candidate with the highest number of votes wins even if he or she did not win an outright majority of votes cast."

of Cheyenne, Denton Knapp of Gillette and Robyn M. Belinsky of Sheridan — but Hageman is a candidate favored by former President Donald Trump.

Vying for the Democratic nomination for Wyoming lone seat in the U.S. House of Representatives are Lynnette Grey Bull of Fort Washakie, Meghan R. Jensen of Rock Springs and Steve Helling of Casper.

Gov. Mark Gordon, who is seeking reelection, has three challengers in the Republican primary, Brett Bien of Sheridan, James Quick of Douglas, and Rex Rammell of Rock Springs. Running for the Democratic nomination are Rex Wilde of Cheyenne and Theresa A. Livingston of Worland.

For secretary of state, voters will choose between Casper's Chuck Gray, Centennial's Mark Armstrong, Cheyenne's Tara Nethercott and Afton's Dan Dockstader, all of whom are registered Republicans.

Wyoming State Auditor Kristi Racines is seeking reelection and running unopposed, while State Treasurer Curt Meier has competition in his re-election bid for the Republican nomination in Cheyenne's Bill Gallop.

For superintendent of public instruction, recently appointed Brian Schroeder is seeking reelection, and will square off against Laramie's Megan Degenfelder, Casper's Jennifer Zerba, Rock Spring's Robert J. White III and Sheridan's Thomas Kelly. All of them are seeking the Republican nomination for the seat, as only one person has filed for the Democratic nomination, Sergio A. Maldonado Sr. of Lander.

The 2022 primary election is on Aug. 16, and the general election will be held on Nov. 8.

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MY NAME IS SUSAN BRIDGE

I am a resident of Weston County Wyoming and have the honor serving the citizens of Upton as their police chief for over 5 years. It is with great excitement that I announce my decision to run for Weston County Sheriff. During my 19 years of experience in law enforcement I have served a number of different roles. I have had the opportunity to work as an investigator, patrol officer, dispatcher, school resource officer, as a Drug Enforcement Agency operative and work on special assignments through inter-agency special task forces. I actively patrol and work to provide solutions even thinking outside the box when necessary to focus on community-based solutions.

I believe that being an active community member and leader is essential. I have also enjoyed many, many years volunteering in my community from groups like Cowboys for Christ, 4-H, FFA, Bridger Valley food pantry, church youth group leader, 4-H leader, fair superintendent, 21 Alliance prevention coalition, WCADVSA (Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault), and I am also a member of the Weston County Fair Board.

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- Work to improve services for mental health concerns and work to build assistance for families struggling with a family member with mental illness.
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- Work along side prosecutors to find better accountability for criminal convictions

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Our View School's out, summer is here

School is out, summer is here and it is once again time for us to remind everyone to be safe and aware as we head into the warmer months.

The National Safety Council, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, public service organization promoting health and safety in the United States, highlights several of the most important safety reminders as we head into the summer months.

1. Pedestrian safety: cell phone distraction is a huge problem, and rarely are we more vulnerable than when walking, crossing streets and negotiating traffic. Pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility and those driving must remain aware of those around them as well.

2. Beat the heat: anybody can be at risk for heat-related illness, although those who work in the heat, infants and young children, people older than 65 and those who are overweight are at higher risk. Following tips including taking extra breaks and drinking lots of water can help to beat the heat.

3. Bug safety: mosquitoes can cause a number of illnesses, including Zika Virus and West Nile. To help prevent mosquito bites, use Environmental Protection Agency-registered insect repellent with DEET and wear

long-sleeve shirts and pants.

4. Playgrounds: emergency departments see more than 20,000 children ages 14 and younger for playground-related traumatic brain injury each year. Nearly 80% of the 200,000 reported playground-related injuries are related to falls so checking for playground hazards can help prevent injuries.

5. Fireworks: summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades, firework displays — and plenty of visits to emergency rooms, especially during July. It is important to follow safety tips including limiting the use of fireworks by children and not using fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol. Even better, according to the NSC, is to leave the fireworks to the professionals.

6. Water Safety: drowning caused 3,709 deaths in 2017 and younger children are at greater risk. Being cautious and aware can help to prevent drowning risk, find a full list of tips at nsc.org.

7. Bicycling: bicyclists must take extra precaution when they ride. They often share the road with vehicles, but injuries are possible anywhere.

For more tips and tricks for staying safe this summer please visit nsc.org.

POLL of the WEEK

QUESTION: Did the Uvalde shooting change your perspective on firearm regulations?

Yes

No

Go to newsnj.com to vote! Look for results in next week's News Letter Journal.

RESULTS:

Will we be able to shoot fireworks this 4th of July?

Yes75% 9 Votes

No25% 3 Votes

Military Museum owner thinking about Ukraine

Wyoming's foremost military historian hosted the grand opening of his massive 140,000 square foot museum south of Dubois Saturday — but he couldn't help thinking of the Russia invasion of Ukraine.

Dan Starks is proud of his new museum which might be the best museum in the world in detailing how World War II was won and how the Korean and Vietnam Wars were fought.

The crowd of 5,000 that showed up for the grand opening of the National Museum of Military Vehicles was thrilled by what they experienced.

Perhaps the main message expressed at his museum is how American manufacturing ultimately made it impossible for any other country to triumph over the USA during World War II.

And that causes Starks to keep thinking about the war in Ukraine.

"Today when we look at that history of 75 years ago — of course, we should have intervened earlier back then. Too bad we waited too long. Eventually that war took over everything," he said.

"And now it's another thing to have the exact same thing happening right

in front of our faces," he said. "It is instructive to remind people today that everything seems so difficult to find the best policy in the face of Putin. Well, just imagine the exact same question back then with Japan and Hitler?"

A primary focus of his museum is how American manufacturing was our secret weapon in winning World War II. Now Starks worries that we have lost that edge. He said he has heard that we are sending 7,000 of our 21,000 supply of Stinger missiles to Ukraine. "We have no way to build any more

of them. These were built in 2002." But last Saturday all eyes were focused on the museum. There were tank rides, a shooting gallery with really big guns, some ceremonial events, a Black Hawk helicopter, five food trucks plus Gov. Mark Gordon and the first lady Jennie.

The museum hosts the largest private collection of military vehicles in the world. Starks and his wife Cynthia have been collecting these for years. The way the equipment is displayed tells the amazing stories about World II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars, too.

When it was first announced, the National Museum of Military Vehicles was viewed as one of Wyoming's next

great museums. Now that it is open, it is obviously much more than that. It is one of America's great museums.

The \$100 million museum had to postpone its grand opening because of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. Founders Dan and Cynthia Starks have self-funded the project entirely on their own.

They are passionate about how the United States won World War II. During one of the rare tours that he presents, Dan starts off his narrative by describing the state of the American military at the start of World War II.

"We just lost most of our ships in Pearl Harbor," he says. "Our Pacific army was in the Philippines. Pretty soon, the Japanese bombed the heck out of them and forced them into surrender. We lost 75,000 of our finest young men," he said.

"Across the other ocean in North Africa, we joined the British in an attempt to attack the German General Rommel. He routed us. Rommel captured 183 American tanks and just destroyed our expeditionary force. We retreated over 50 miles to get away from the Germans, leaving all of our equipment behind. It was a disaster."

But from that lowly beginning, Starks said, America figured out a game plan to defeat enemies at two fronts, the

Germans in Europe and the Japanese in the Pacific. How they did it is described in great detail in his new museum.

Starks has huge murals detailing how America used its vast manufacturing capability to gradually provide enough tanks, trucks, airplanes, and other items to keep a 12 million-member Army supplied. Plus, the USA was supplying other countries like Russia, Britain, and Australia. Examples of all this are on display at the museum.

Starks, 67, who is not a veteran, has such a high degree of respect for those who served that he sees this project as his life work.

Besides the main museum facility, the Starks built a large building just off Main Street in Dubois to hold many of their vehicles and to be a shop to keep them running. Cynthia has also built a bowling alley, arcade, and bakery in downtown Dubois.

"We love Wyoming. This is our great adventure," Starks concluded.

Bill Sniffin is a retired newspaper publisher who has penned a number of books about Wyoming. Check out additional columns written by Bill at www.billsniffin.com, and find volumes from his coffee table book series, which have sold over 30,000 copies, for sale at the News Letter Journal.

Supreme Court rules on secrecy vs. public's right to know

The Pentagon Papers Case, which proceeded through the federal courts at record pace, presented the U.S. Supreme Court with a sharply drawn question of great importance to the First Amendment: Does the judiciary have authority to prohibit publication of information whose secrecy is characterized by the president as critical to the nation's security?

On June 30, 1971, the Supreme Court rendered a historic decision that upheld the right of the New York Times, Washington Post and, eventually, dozens of newspapers, to publish the so-called Pentagon Papers. The Court's decision, hailed by a Times' editorial for "strongly" affirming "the guarantee of the public's right to know," opened a window onto the government's decision-making, and deceit, in the conduct of the Vietnam War.

Although the ruling represented a landmark victory for freedom of the press, it was not heralded in the form of an unlimited, absolute right of newspapers to publish governmental documents. Rather, the High Tribunal's

decision, delivered as a per curiam opinion — an opinion issued in the name of the court rather than an individual Justice — reminded the citizenry that prior restraint remained lawful, but only if publication represented a "grave and immediate danger to the security of the United States."

The Nixon Administration had sought an injunction to prevent the newspapers from publishing the Pentagon Papers. Solicitor General Erwin Griswold, the legendary former Dean of the Harvard Law School, told the Justices that publication would be akin to Chief Justice Hughes's prohibition on "the sailing time of a troop vessel" since it would endanger the lives of American soldiers, undermine the peace process and impair diplomatic relations with other countries whose secrets might be exposed.

The attorney for the New York Times was Alexander Bickel, an eminent constitutional law professor at Yale, who was presenting his first oral argument before the Supreme Court, indeed, his first argument before any court. Bickel contended that the Times did not assert an absolute right of publication.

Rather, the administration had not met the "heavy burden" of proving that such harm would occur upon publication. Bickel agreed that prior restraint was the proper way to prevent the death of soldiers, but not justification for avoiding "the impairment of diplomatic relations."

The Justices were divided on the legal rationales for the Court's ruling that newspapers enjoyed a First Amendment right to publish the Pentagon Papers. The common thread that linked the 6-3 majority, as the Court's per curiam opinion stated, was the government's failure to meet "the heavy burden" necessary to justify prior restraint. The opinion, prepared by Justice William Brennan at the request of Chief Justice Warren Burger, emphasized the Court's defense of the Free Press Clause and declared that any "system of prior restraints of expression comes to this Court bearing a heavy presumption against its constitutional validity." The six Justices agreed that the administration had not met the burden of proving that publication would result in "direct, immediate and irreparable damage" to the United States.

The Court's resort to the use of a per curiam opinion in the case likely reflected the fact that its Term was at an end, leaving too little time for the Justices

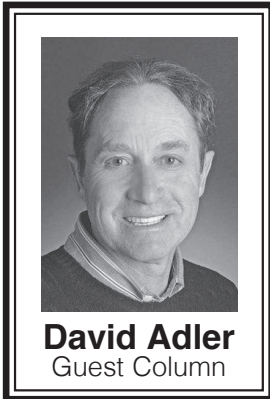
to cobble together a majority opinion before the onset of the summer recess. As it happened, each Justice wrote an opinion, but no opinion was joined by more than three Justices.

The most memorable of the opinions was that written by Justice Hugo Black who, throughout his 34-year career on the Court, had been a champion of First Amendment rights. Black's opinion in the Pentagon Papers Case was his last. Declining health forced him to retire on September 17 — Constitution Day. He suffered a stroke and died on Sept. 25. Justice Black's beautifully written, majestic opinion was celebrated by newspapers across the nation, as an emphatic endorsement of the essential purposes of the Free Press Clause. As it happened, it was the first Supreme Court opinion that I ever read as a teenager, and it spawned a life-long love affair with the Constitution and a fascination with constitutional law.


Justice Black praised publication of the Pentagon Papers as performing precisely what the founders hoped a free press would do in fulfilling its service to "the people's right to know." The courtly Alabama Justice, in penning his swan song, wrote: "And paramount among the responsibilities of a free press is the duty to prevent any part of the government



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DIANE KAY HOBBS
Feb. 11, 1956–May 25, 2022

Diane Kay Hobbs, 66, of Upton, Wyo., passed away on May 25, 2022, at Weston County Manor in Newcastle, Wyo.

She was born Feb. 11, 1956, to Louis and Mary Hoagland of Hastings, Neb., where she helped on the family farm. She moved to Alliance, Neb., in 1979, where she had her two sons, Corey and Casey Bonsall. She married Michael "Big Mike" Hobbs on June 17, 1995. They moved to Wyoming in 2003, where she spent her time pursuing her passion for her award-winning quilting, fishing and gardening with Big Mike. Diane also enjoyed canning and cooking for her family.

She is preceded in death by her father and mother, Louis and Mary.

She is survived by her husband, Mike Hobbs; sister, Linda Hoagland; brother, Alan (Connie) Hoagland; children, Michael



Diane Hobbs

(Sunny) Hobbs, Corey Bonsall (Jessica Wempen), Casey Bonsall, LeAnn (Matthew) Schumann, and Theresa Hobbs; and nine grandchildren.

A graveside service will be performed at a later date in Glendo, Wyo.

LEROY HOUSTON LAMB
April 10, 1935–May 27, 2022

Funeral Services for LeRoy Houston Lamb will be Monday, June 6, with visitation at 10:30 a.m. followed by funeral service at 11 a.m. at Newcomer Funeral Home, 710 East Second St., Casper, WY, 82601. Interment will be at Highland Cemetery following funeral.

until his retirement in the late 1980s. Richard married three times and was father to six children.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Charles Ahartz; siblings, Robert, Margie, and Betty; his first wife, Barbara Hendricksen; and his first two children, Ricky and Linda.



Richard Lehman

RICHARD CLARK LEHMAN
Oct. 18, 1934–May 17, 2022

Richard Clark Lehman passed away peacefully on May 17, 2022. He was born Oct. 18, 1934, in Terry, S.D., to Clark Charles and Julia (Hendricksen) Lehman.

He grew up in the Black Hills, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force straight out of Lead High School, then worked for AT&T in California, Wyoming, Utah, and Arizona

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Evelyn Lehman; ex-wife, Marlene M. Lehman; sons, Delroy (Judy), Kurt (Annette), Karl (Erin), and Erik; and his wife, Francine (Ries) Lehman. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren (and their many spouses); 40-plus great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Richard was a quiet, unassuming man, an avid reader and outdoorsman who loved the woods and solitude. He was stoic and generous, and he will be greatly missed. Services will be held at a later date.

Weston County ingenuity



Located in the Osage Oil Field in northeastern Wyoming lies the historical field known as the "Waldo." Drilled in 1919, these three remaining wells are in remarkable condition given their age. Examples of the old-style "Oklahoma Jacks," these pump jacks were powered by a central power unit which were connected by a rod system. On May 6, these three pumping jacks were delivered to the Anna Miller Museum by Osage Partners, where they are now on display. Though no longer producing, the Waldo serves as a reminder of the ingenuity used in the early years of Weston County's rich oil and gas history.



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faith & values

Daily Devotional Reading

June 3 Romans 8:1-17	June 7 Acts 2:29-47
June 4 Romans 8:18-39	June 8 Acts 9:1-25
June 5 Acts 2:1-13	June 9 Acts 9:26-43
June 6 Acts 2:14-28	Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

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A PIECE OF HISTORY

**25 Years Ago
June 5, 1997**

On May 22, Newcastle Christian Academy celebrated its annual awards banquet at First Christian Church. The event was attended by parents, students, and supporters of Christian Education.

In recognition for superior work, the Wyoming Trucking Association named Jimmy Dixon their 1997 Mechanic of the Year. In a ceremony, at their 58th annual convention, Dixon was presented his award.

Starting Tuesday, June 3, Weston County Library invites all children to "Celebrate Reading" by signing up for our summer reading program. We will have special events each week, drawings for prizes, a contest and lots of books,

books, books!!

Janet Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Davis of Newcastle, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Black Hills State University on May 10. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting.

The Ancient Trails Chapter of the Wyoming Archaeology Society will meet at the Weston County Library at 7:30 p.m. on June 10. Dr. Alice Tratebas will give a slide presentation on her recent trip to Bolivia and Chile. The talk will include the Chile geoglyphs, giant ground figures that are similar to the Nazca lines.

Jill and Jared Foy won all-around senior division buckles at the Alzada Junior Rodeo. Jill was second in the barrel race and fourth in pole bending.

She tied her goat in 10.98 for second, and was third in the breakaway roping to win the all-around buckle. Jared was second in the breakaway with a time of 4.48. He and Jill won the ribbon roping and Jared and Logan Perino were third in the team roping.

Six shooters will blaze at noon June 7-8 at the Old Mill Inn parking lot for the Wyoming State Quick Draw Championships. Thirty shooters from a four-state region are expected to vie for \$500 in cash and trophies.

**50 Years Ago
June 1, 1972**

The Miss Weston County Pageant will be presented Saturday evening, June 3, with six girls competing for

the coveted honor to represent Weston County in the Miss Wyoming pageant. The pageant, sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2516 will start at 8 p.m. in the Newcastle high school auditorium. The theme of this year's pageant is "Love Makes the World Go Around".

Valerie Carr was crowned Newcastle high school rodeo club queen last Saturday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Carr.

Leonard Cash, produce manager at the Safeway Store in Newcastle, has filed for the office of mayor of Newcastle. Cash's filing brings to three who are seeking the office. Others who have filed are Lloyd Avery and Rex Shenton. Mayor Don McColley has announced he will not seek re-election. He has served two terms as mayor.

In the Second Grade Softball Throw Sara Reitenbaugh won first and Fern Morris, second for the girls; and Cooper Slagle, first, Tony Garhart, second and Kevin Stanton, third for the boys.

Roberta Willenbrecht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Willenbrecht, was recognized for four years of attendance at Newcastle high school with no absence and no tardiness. Roberta is the second person in four years to receive the award. Two years ago her brother received the same recognition.

Art Williams drove his pickup to Belle Fourche Monday for alignment. Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Clay George, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Quest, Kenneth and David Pollat branded at the Pollat ranch.

Mrs. Bessie Popham and Mrs. Georgia Clark and Patty visited at the Herb Quest ranch and got some young cottonwood trees. They have been getting summer pastures ready to move stock.

Monday Clay George, Herb Quest, Kenneth Pollat, Rick Popham and Steve Mirich repaired fence in the community pasture.

**100 Years Ago
June 1, 1922**

The car which was stolen before daylight Friday morning belonging to Ben Rumpeldis and which was standing in front of the Coffey residence was found Sunday. The finding of the car was accidental as the thief had gotten as far as Bert Maxwell's ranch, eleven miles west of Upton, when Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Nichols, who had just arrived at the Maxwell ranch to spend the day, became suspicious of the man who inquired of him that the carburetor of his car was not working and that he was out of gasoline, and as Dwight had heard of the stolen car, at once phoned to Sheriff Howell the description of the car and the actions of the man. Sheriff Howell, thereupon left at once for the Maxwell ranch and questioned the man as to the car and found it was the car belonging to Mr. Rumpeldis. He gave his name as Laurence Beckett. He was placed in jail here awaiting trial and he would plead guilty. He realizes this will mean several years at Rawlins, but he said it has been a good lesson to him. The man claims to be about 21 years of age, however, they say he has the appearance of about 26.

The Mammoth Oil company to which the government awarded the lease on all the lands within Naval Reserve No. 3 (Teapot Dome), has commenced active operations under the provisions of the contract.

Last Friday the seniors planned a hike in honor of the last time the class would all be together again for some time. They all met at the Library and about the time they were ready to start it began to pour down rain.

Arthur Dixon spent Memorial Day in the city. Arthur is now employed at the Brown ranch east of town.



Courtesy of Weston County Historical Society/Vera Cooper Collection

This is a photo of Wm. S. Bell and his wife, Lydia, in front of their log home in 1924.

WHAT'S UP June 2022

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

Fri. June 3	8AM 9AM 1PM 5:30PM	TOPS #322 Caramel Rolls Bridge BINGO	W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center VFW Hall
June 3-5		RPM Days	W.C. Fairgrounds
Sat. June 4	8AM 9AM	Free Fishing day in Wyoming FSB & NVFD Pancake Feed Newcastle Amish Auction	First State Bank Parking Lot Eagleview Trail, 3 mi N. on Hwy 85
June 4-5		Cambria Bowhunters Shoot, reg 8-2	6 mi E. of Newc, signs posted
Mon. June 6	9AM 11AM-4PM 11:30-5:30PM 7PM 7PM 7PM	Property Tax Refund Deadline Exercise Class Monument Open House Vitalant Blood Drive Right to Life Mtg. Alcoholics Anonymous Newcastle City Council	W.C. Treasurer W.C. Senior Center Meridian Mortuary W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center Newcastle City Council Chambers
Tues. June 7	9AM 11AM 1PM 1PM	W.C. Commissioners Story time Bridge Dominoes	W.C. Courthouse W.C. Library W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center
June 8-10		Black Hills Natural Resources Youth Camp	Mallo Camp
Wed. June 8	6:30-8:30AM 9AM-1PM 9AM NOON	Wellness Wednesday GiGi's Closet Exercise Class Dirt Daubers joint luncheon and installation	WCHS First United Methodist Church W.C. Senior Center TBA
Thurs. June 9	7AM 1PM 7PM	TOPS #218 Crafts Alcoholics Anonymous	W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center

NOTICE

All Memorial Day flowers at Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle need to be removed by June 15, so the cemetery can be mowed.

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Fairy Tales



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Martins

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adding that they remain close today. Even after the older kids moved out of the house, the Martins still enjoyed going on trips with the two girls. Because he owned his own business, Charles could bring his work with them, giving him the flexibility to travel. One of Charles' favorite trips was their vacation to Hawaii, especially the deep sea kayaking and snorkeling. "Hawaii) was beautiful. It was a very fun trip," Rita said. "We got spoiled there for a week." Not all of their trips have been vacations, however. Rita and Charles, along with Sarah, joined Chuck and Tami Franklin on a mission trip to Peru. They hosted free medical clinics in poverty-stricken areas, where most people couldn't afford the medical care they needed. They brought medications for malaria and other diseases prevalent in that location, and Rita took with her a variety of prescription glasses to give out because of her background as an ophthalmology technician. "I took care of vision because ophthalmology was my field of care,"

she said. "They were just so thrilled to have something close to what they needed. ... They're just so grateful for anything you can do." Charles described Rita as "the most caring person I've ever met." He stayed by Rita's side, helping in whatever way he could. Because there was no translator, Charles often used a Spanish-English dictionary to help ease the language barrier to better understand the needs of the people they were serving. Although Rita did not join them on this one, Charles and Sarah took another mission trip to Nicaragua. Rita remembers the two retelling their adventure with tears in their eyes, heartbroken over the conditions of the people. "She (Sarah) said it was one of the hardest things she had done," Rita said. Filled with compassion and realizing how many blessings they had back home, the father and daughter decided to give away everything they brought with them, except the clothes they were wearing. "Everything they brought in their

suitcase, they left there," Rita said. Over the years, life has taught the Martins many lessons, and their experiences continued growing them. Around 2000, Charles sold his company in Newcastle and fulfilled his dream of "living off the grid" by purchasing a solar-powered home in Montana. Everything was powered by either solar or generator, and they didn't have a television. Rita said everyone loved this time, even her girls, because they used the extra time to read books together. "I look back at it now, and it was the time I was probably closest to the Lord," Rita said. "It was a very different time — it was awesome. ... If he (Charles) could do anything he wanted to, he would go back to that." After living off the grid for about three years, the Martins received the tragic news that their son Michael had been in a car accident and was in a coma. They decided they wanted to bring Michael home, so they left Montana and bought a 120-acre ranch in Alva, Wyo. Unfortunately, Michael lost his life from injuries sustained in the accident. It was hard on the

Martins, but they persevered and continued their new life on the ranch. They raised goats, chickens, guineas, cats and dogs, but the animals they really loved were the sheep. They didn't raise them to sell but named every single sheep they owned. They even brought the babies into the house until they graduated into the juvenile stage, and Rita noted that birthing all those animals is what started Rachel's interest in becoming a midwife. "It was just really fun," Rita said. "The girls really learned a lot during those years." The rest of the family loved the ranch too and frequently made visits. However, they were forced to sell the ranch when Charles suffered a heart attack. That is how they landed in Cheyenne in 2013, where Charles began another business, Beyond Orion Refining. "He is an entrepreneur. He doesn't know how to retire," Rita said. The happy couple still lives in Cheyenne, where Charles continues operating his oil refining company. They love spending time together, and the Martins still carry on the

tradition of going to Jackson Hole every year. Although not everyone can make it, they are now joined by the grandchildren. Both Charles and their oldest son, Aaron, are white-water raft guides, so they enjoy spending their time rafting, canoeing the calm waters, and hiking the Tetons. "We just have a blast," Rita said. Life hasn't always been easy, but it has taught the Martins many lessons. Charles advises newlyweds and younger families to always put each other first and be intentional about setting aside time for each other. He said it's important to always listen deeply to the other person, hearing their heart, to truly understand their needs. "Keep in mind that stormy days always pass, and the sun comes out again," he said. The Martins say they are grateful the Lord brought their two families together three decades ago, and they've enjoyed the many memories they've made along the way. Just as much in love as they were on their wedding day, they look forward to the memories they'll continue making in the future.

Drought

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after the cool start to May. Hopefully, we don't end up with the extremely hot temperatures the first part of June like we did last year, and the wetter, more moderate temperature pattern prevails," he said. "Having said that, we could end up with good grass growth that will ultimately increase the fuel load for fires later in the season though." He noted that the fuel models appear to be trending slightly

lower in fuel moisture for this time of the year, although the recent moisture has helped the situation. The chance of seeing continued moisture is unlikely, though, as the Farmer's Almanac reports that Northeast Wyoming and the state as a whole are expected to get less than the average annual 16.44 inches of precipitation. The National Weather Service also reports that drought

conditions are expected to persist throughout the upcoming season. Despite the moisture received in April and May, drought conditions persist in the county. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, all of Weston County is categorized as being 100% D1, or moderate drought. This classification is described as having low hay and forage yield, elevated fire danger and fewer wildflower blooms.

Of that 100%, 25.18% of the county's land is classified as being in D2, or severe drought. Traits of a severe drought include poor pasture conditions, stressed trees and vegetation and low water pressure and levels. Since March, the area of the county experiencing severe drought has dropped from 44.1% to just over 25% seen now. At the same time, Wyoming

as a whole is classified as being 100% in D0, or abnormally dry conditions with 92.59% of the state being classified as D1 or higher and 47.06% of that as D2 or higher. Of that 60.6%, 5.65% (down from 20% in March) is classified as being in D3, or extreme drought with poor snowpack and inadequate surface water for ranching and farming. With the anticipation that drought conditions will con-

tinue, Tysdal said that it is important for the public to remain aware. "As we move into our warmer, drier months and wild-land fire season approaches, we urge residents to use caution when doing controlled burns, or any outdoor activity that could start a fire, and be certain the burns are completely out before abandoning them," Tysdal said. At this time, there are no fire restrictions in Weston County.

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Looking to the skies



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There was a total lunar eclipse on Sunday, May 15, so the Weston County Library hosted a “star party.” This was one of the darkest lunar eclipses anyone would ever see and was among the so-called “Blood Moons.” In addition to the eclipse, people enjoyed a tour of other objects in the night sky given by Dan Pullen, using the Orion Starblast 4.5 inch dobsonian reflector telescope. At right, the moon, just after sundown already shows the shadow of the earth as it starts to creep across the face, turning it a distinctive red color and darkening it greatly. Above, Brenda Ayres looks through the Starblast telescope.

Chickens

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raise chickens. “I want to use it to teach my children how to care for animals and where their food comes from,” Proffer said. Proffer said she also talked with the Community Service Officer Rebecca Swentesky about implementing regulations for people to register their chickens, which would bring in more money for the city. The rules would need to be completely laid out with no “gray

area,” she explained, so that it would be clear if people are not in compliance with the regulations. They would have to meet the city’s approval before even purchasing chickens. One of the main concerns from those opposed to legalizing backyard chickens is a lack of enforcement of the ordinances. “I would love to have chickens,” Nichole Gregory said. “But my concern is that the majority of people in my

experience will not properly care for them. Issues are going to arise, and there are going to be quite a few of them. I know everybody is short-handed. How are those ordinances going to be enforced ... and will they truly be enforced?” She wondered whether there would be enough manpower to enforce the rules, not only now but years down the road. Hunt added that even though the city implemented dog registration

to maintain the canine population several years ago, only about 50% of the dogs in town are registered. “My experience is that the law enforcement and/or ordinance officers seldom consider the enforcement of ordinances a priority. I do not see this additional task being enforced unless a neighbor, etc., is finally forced to complain,” Hunt said. In a letter to the city regarding the chicken issue, the author expressed concerns about the current cat problem in town, even after ordinances were passed, and is worried that the same thing will happen with chickens a few years down the road. Swentesky suggested that those who register for chickens be required to sign an agreement accepting the responsibility of paying the court fees if they fail to comply and are no longer eligible to own chickens. “That way, that’s a little more fire to hold their feet to,” Swentesky said. “We can enforce that ordinance without the city having to pay for it if they (the owners) wanted to fight keeping their chickens if they’re not maintaining them properly.” Barb Crow questioned the need to even implement an additional ordinance specified to backyard chickens. She said that there are ordinances for health hazards and nuisances already in place that would encompass any issues involving chickens. “The basic question here in Newcastle, Wyoming, is do we penalize the responsible animal owner because somebody might be irresponsible?” Crow asked. “Our issue should not be a whole ordinance about chickens. We already have ordinances that cover everything people already complain about chickens. If they’re noisy, if they’re dirty, if they attract predators, so do house cats. ... Why do we need to control chickens? We just need to control the irresponsible chicken owners the same as we

would control the irresponsible dog owner.” Several citizens brought up the fact that many larger cities, such as Casper and Denver, allow chickens. Linda Miller said that Hot Springs recently implemented backyard chickens, suggesting they could be used as a reference and source of information. “There will be people who abuse it, but I mean there’s people who abuse everything. ... If you are going to restrict people based on that, we’d be in trouble,” Miller said. “We’re in Wyoming, we’re in Newcastle, we’re small. If these big cities can have chickens, how hard can it be for us to have chickens?” DeMerritt said. “Let’s just be Wyoming. Let’s just be Newcastle. Let’s just have chickens.” Recently retired Newcastle City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James was unable to attend the meeting, but expressed his thoughts in a letter which was read aloud by Mayor Pam Gualtieri. Because this has been an issue dealt with by the city years in the past, he argued that the current ordinances banning backyard chickens have already been carefully discussed and analyzed. “I can think of no valid argument that should sway the council to reconsider the previous decision on this matter,” James said. “Also, it is an irrelevant argument that other communities allow it. That should have no consideration in the discussion.” He said many people do not want barnyard animals, which includes chickens as defined in the ordinance, in their backyards because of the pestilence they would bring. He warned that chickens in town would increase the number of wildlife predators, including raccoons, bobcats and even mountain lions. Chickens would become the doorway to justifying other barnyard animals such as goats, pigs, or even miniature horses. “I ask you also to consider those whom you are not hearing from who are also opposed. Not

merely those vocal views who are in favor,” James said. Councilman Don Steveson added that backyard chickens were once legal in town and the ordinance was put in place specifically because people were not taking care of them. “It got so bad (because) people weren’t taking care of them, and that had to be taken away. So, it’s been done before,” he said. The discussion on backyard chickens was held at the request of Councilman Ty Owens, who had made it a campaign pledge. He said he wanted to still address people’s concerns and acknowledged the necessity of an ordinance to ensure enforcement. Different regulations regarding square footage, number of hens, and method of avoiding chicken escapees would have to be considered, but he said they could tailor it to best fit the needs of the community. If the council were to move forward with the backyard chicken ordinance, Owens told the audience, they would need volunteers to be on a committee to “weigh-in” on the ordinances. He also suggested that the show of support in the room spoke volumes about the will of the community. “Another thing I would like to throw out too is that everybody that read the paper or was on the Facebook page had access and knew that this meeting was happening tonight. And it seems like about 95% of the people in the audience right now are interested in possibly keeping chickens in their backyard, so I don’t know where all these other people are that Mr. James was talking about,” Owens said. “The overwhelming majority seems to be in favor.” The council took no action during the meeting, and Gualtieri thanked everyone for bringing their insight and promised that the council will not go into this decision blind. She welcomed anyone to contact council members if they have additional comments, questions or concerns. The next City Council meeting is June 6 at 7 p.m.

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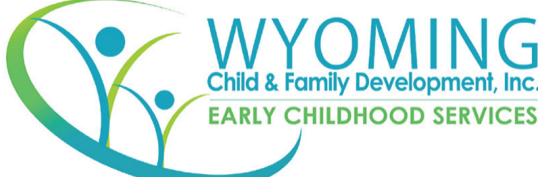
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Two more Dogies to play college sports

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

Aidan Chick and Hayden Overman signed their names on the dotted line May 18, as each committed to continue their athletic careers at the next level.

Chick will be taking his hoops skills to the Missouri Baptist University basketball team in St. Louis, Mo., next year, while Overman is keeping it “local” by attending Central Wyoming College in Riverton where he will be on the soccer pitch with the Rustlers in the fall.

Coming from a family history of collegiate, and even professional, athletes, Chick had his father’s footsteps to follow and has a brother already committed to play college volleyball in Kentucky. He too, had always dreamed of continuing his career by playing basketball, the sport about which he is passionate, at the next level, so he set out to do just that.

“I’ve wanted to play basketball beyond high school for as long as I can remember,” Chick explained. “Since my dad played college football and hearing his stories, I really wanted to follow in his footsteps and do it myself, only doing it with my passion, which is basketball.”

Standing at 5 feet, 9 inches, Chick does not bring a great deal of height to his resumé, but determined to overcome that disadvantage, he set out to Missouri a few weeks ago to show the coaches what he was capable of on the court first hand.

“Getting the opportunity to play beyond high school when you’re my height is more difficult than you might think,” admitted Chick. “Height plays such a role and they look for that. When you’re small you have to be able to shoot better, have better handles than anyone else, and know the game better than

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A family that touched the sky

KateLynn Slaamot
NLJ Reporter

Lori Materi remembers flying almost everywhere growing up.

It was just something her family did, and they rarely drove long distances. Her father, Lawrence Materi, can be credited with the legacy he left to his family — a legacy that reached new heights and allowed him and his family many opportunities to touch the sky, even after he died in 1998.

Lawrence was born in Upton in August 1924. He graduated from Upton High School in 1942 and then attended the University of Wyoming. At the end of the first semester, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and went to a navigational school.

His time in the service introduced him to flying, as he was a navigator aboard a Boeing B-29 aircraft. He was stationed in Guam for a time and even took part in the Tokyo air raids that occurred between 1942 and 1945.

Lawrence returned to the states after the war ended.



Photo courtesy of Ryan Lunde

Lori Materi, daughter of pilot Lawrence Materi, decided to get her pilot license about 10 years ago, even though she was terrified of flying as a child. Now, she continues to keep his memory alive high up in the sky.

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Tribute



Photos by Walter Sprague/NLJ

The American Legion and Auxiliary and the VFW and Auxiliary held a service at Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle on Monday, Memorial Day, to honor fallen service members. Attendance for the service was high, despite the steady rain that soaked the area all day. At left, Corey Pillen of the American Legion delivers “Taps,” to end the service. Above, Deb French of the American Legion delivers a short speech honoring and remembering our fallen servicemen. Also pictured is Don DaFoe of the American Legion. The day prior, on Sunday, flags were placed on the graves of the Veterans and Auxiliary. Pictured is Christine Swentesky placing a flag.



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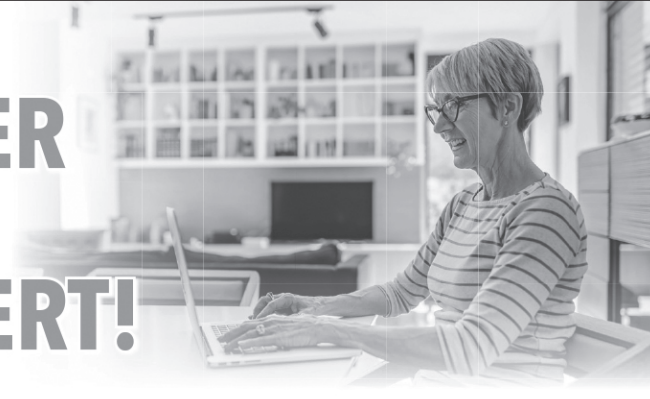


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McKenzie Lange
3rd, Mrs. Wynia

As the school year winds down it is a good chance to reflect on all the growing our students have done throughout the year. This month's Good Citizen has blossomed into an extraordinary young lady. Her classmates had many wonderful things to say about her. They said that she always comes to class ready to learn, she is a hard worker, and stays on task. They said that when they feel down, she is there to cheer them up. They said that she shares her supplies, is honest, and plays nice with others. Another classmate said this month's Good Citizen always sees the good in everyone. She is a shining example of what it means to be a good citizen. Congratulations to our third-grade Good Citizen, McKenzie Lange.



Mya Stoudt
4th, Mrs. Jones

This fourth-grade student has demonstrated the qualities of a good citizen all year long. Her motivation to do her best, eagerness to learn, and willingness to help others has stood out in our classroom. We often find this young scholar patiently helping her peers, cheering them on and congratulating them for a job well done. We hear her say "Good job!" or "That's awesome!" She is quick to give out compliments and praise with a contagious attitude. Besides her positive mindset, this young lady constantly pushes herself to the limit. This can be seen in everything she is involved in. Not only does she push herself completing daily school work and special projects, but she also strives to excel in music, art activities and sports. Regardless of the activity, she gives 100%. Her determination and drive are a model for all of us. This responsible, respectful, and gracious young lady is truly a deserving good citizen. Congratulations, Mya Stoudt!



Calad Stroh
5th, Mrs. Hebbing

The end of the school year has arrived. The students are on their way to higher academics, school sports, and a new building to explore. Life at school may be slightly different in the middle school, but I know this student will thrive and achieve many things in the future. He has a Calm demeanor in class and that has evolved into leadership skills that have helped his peers learn. He has high Academic achievement in all subjects. He is Laid back and goes with the flow. On a daily basis, he is Attentive and always gives A-plus effort. He has Distinct interests in ranching, engineering, and turtles. This student has been a joy to have in class and has even kept me on track this year! Congratulations, CALAD STROH!

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Taylor Lenardson celebrates as her plane flies through the target as Ava, Jace and Charlie look on.

Tumbleweeds take flight

Erin Pershe
Weston County 4-H Educator

The Weston County 4-H Cloverbud Club, the Tumbleweeds, met on May 19 at the Weston County Fairgrounds to enjoy root beer floats to celebrate the beginning of summer — despite a few snowflakes flying.

The group then got busy creating paper airplanes. The youth created several different types of paper airplanes and then had numerous test flights. The Tumbleweeds tested to see which plane would fly the farthest and which plane flew with the most accuracy. Members attending the May 19 meeting were Thatcher Benson, Lily Hach, Taylor Lenardson, Charlie Pzinski, and Ava Malsam. Siblings Jace Malsam and McCall Benson also participated.

Cloverbuds is an introduction into the 4-H program for youth ages 5-7 (as of Jan. 1 of the current year) and is designed to introduce young people to cooperative learning and the many things that they can do in 4-H. To participate in Tumbleweed activities the youth need to be enrolled in the Weston County 4-H program; information on how to enroll your youth in 4-H

can be found at wyoextension.org/westoncounty. The Tumbleweeds goals are to meet new friends, gain self-confidence, explore a variety of different things about the 4-H program, learn by doing, and experience the fun of learning!

The Tumbleweeds are encouraged to enter exhibits at the Weston County Fair, which will happen July 22-30. Members can enter a dog, cat, bum lamb or goat, rabbit, poultry, or any other animal that is manageable by the member for animal entries. They can also enter arts and crafts, foods, and nutrition, sewing, gardening and horticulture, or any other non-animal related item.

The Tumbleweeds are also able to participate in the annual Presentation Contest (happening on June 2 at 2 p.m. at Pinnacle Bank) or the Fashion Revue (July 22 at the Weston County Senior Center).

Tumbleweed meetings will resume in the fall on Sept. 15. For more information or to enroll your youth in the Weston County 4-H program, please reach out to Erin Persche, Weston County 4-H educator, at the Weston County Extension Office at 746-3531, by email at epersche@wyo.edu or find more information on the website at wyoextension.org/westoncounty.

Sports

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anyone else. I think what has helped me the most was that I studied the game and gave a pretty good basketball IQ, so I think that helped."

Chick started his college quest at the beginning of 2021. He put together a highlight reel of his time on the court and sent that, along with his academic information and his goals, to any and all colleges he could find.

"I didn't get any answers until a week before I headed out to my St. Louis trip," Chick said. "My first one came from Coach [Preston] Ingrassia at Missouri Baptist, and the same day I got his answer I got four more, all in the same area."

After touring, and working out with the team at four different schools in the St. Louis area, Chick and his mother Tina came to the decision that Missouri Baptist University offered him the best post-secondary opportunities.

"The biggest thing that attracted me to the campus was that it wasn't too big, and

it wasn't too small, it was just right. Everyone was so nice and it is just such a beautiful campus that it really stood out to me," Chick said. "And the coach there was just the most inviting and I really connected with him as well."

Chick has already begun his summer workout program and will head to St. Louis in August to begin his collegiate career and is excited to be taking his game to the next level.

"I'm beyond excited and I can't wait to get started," Chick said. "I've got a great summer workout program which includes basketball skills, weight training and nutrition that I am already starting on."

Preseason begins when Chick arrives on campus in August with the season beginning in October. Chick will be redshirting his first year, and as yet his major is undecided until he sees where his life trajectory takes him.

Overman's thoughts of a post-secondary athletic career came about a little later than Chick, but after moving to the

goalkeeper position last season due to necessity, he found that he had a talent and began to imagine extending his career beyond high school.

"After we beat Douglas in the last game of the season last year, I started to think that maybe I could play at the next level," Overman said, with a grin. "That's when I started to think about putting myself out there to see if there would be any interest from colleges."

Overman set up an account with Next College Student Athlete in April with the hope of drawing some attention. The website helps athletes with hopes of playing at the next level set up a profile with videos and stats and hooks said players up with coaches who show an interest.

For Overman, that interest was shown very quickly through the men's soccer coach at Riverton. Shortly after Overman set up his account, they reached out to express interest in his skills as goalkeeper.

"One day the coaches texted me and said they got my number from my NCSA coach, and wanted to talk to me about playing," Overman explained. "So we texted back and forth for a little bit, and then bam, they offered me a scholarship."

Overman had uploaded a video from the first tournament from this season, which is what drew the coaches' interest. As such, he took advantage of a scheduled high school soccer match in Riverton to meet the coach the day before the Dogies' match against the Wolverines in Riverton.

"I went down there the day before the game to take a tour of the college and meet with the coach," said Overman. "I really liked it and plan to major in entrepreneurship while I'm there."

Overman will begin the team's prescribed summer workouts soon and then will head west to check in and get his season under way on Aug. 2, and the Rustlers hit the pitch for their first contest on Aug. 13.

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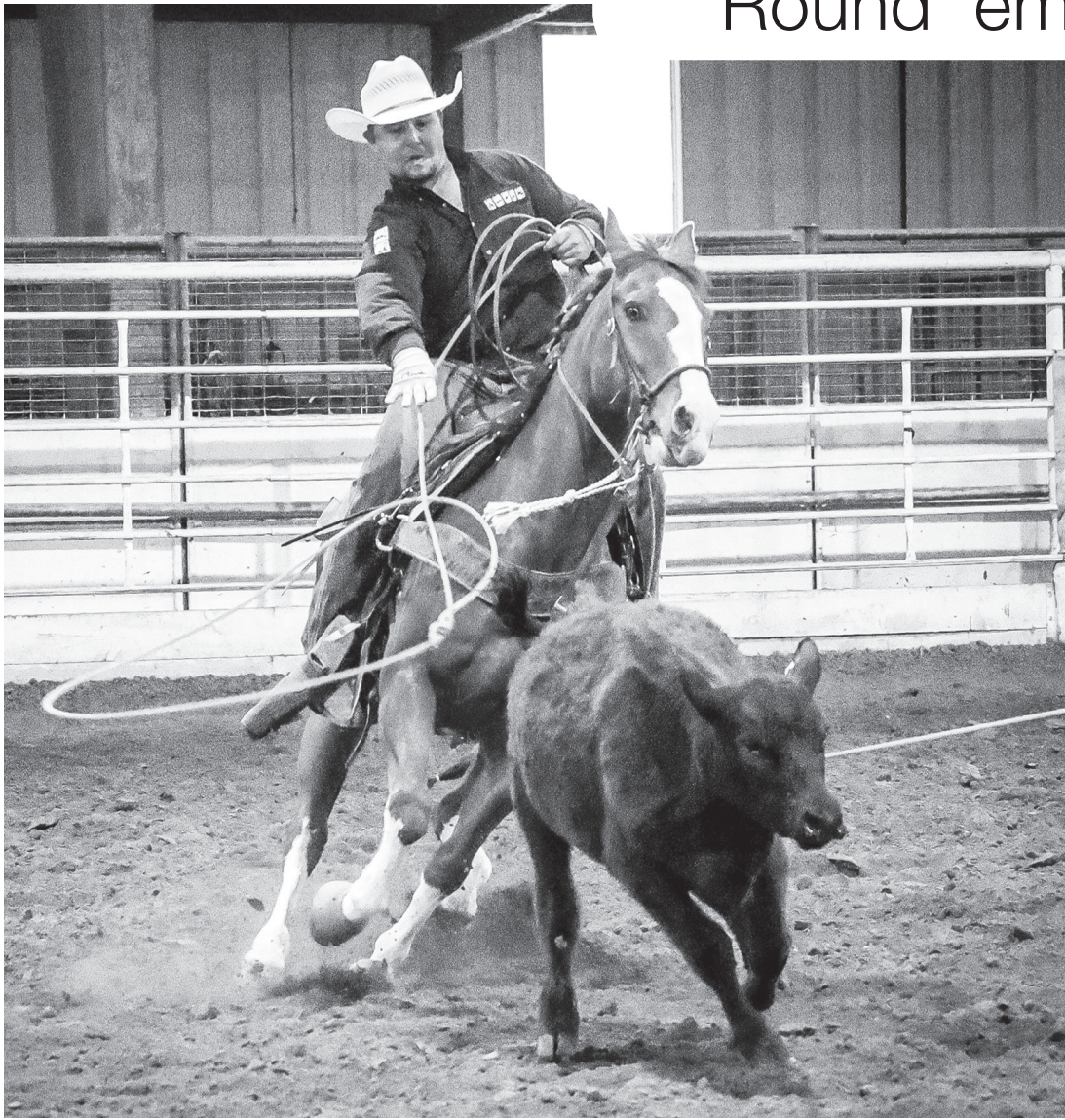


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Fifty horses were sold at the 13th Annual Full House Horse Sale at the Weston County Fairgrounds over Memorial Day weekend. The ranch horse preview started at 8 a.m. followed by the calf horse and team roping. The actual sale began at 2 p.m. Above, Cattalogue (sorrel gelding), consigned by Craig Deveraux and family, brought \$62,000. One Kool Shiner, at right, was the top seller at the sale.

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“ I remember being strapped in the backseat of the Cub with my twin sister. And he would always go up and do a loop, and I'd be saying 'no, no,' and my sister would be saying 'yes, yes.' So we'd do one and land on the road, and that was my first memory.”

—Lori Materi

“He had told me once that when they landed back in the U.S. ... he got out and kissed the ground and said he was never going to fly again,” Lori said, with a laugh.

Of course, that resolution didn't last long. Shortly after coming home to Upton, he purchased a Taylorcraft plane, and then a Piper PA-11, to help on the Materi Ranch with brothers Dean and Jim. He didn't have a pilot's license at first, but he taught himself how to fly the plane and even put skis on the Piper.

Lawrence did get his license in Newcastle sometime within the next couple of years.

During the blizzard of 1949, his flying skills served him well. He made 50 trips from Upton to Spearfish, South Dakota, and back in one day to bring aid to those who were stranded.

“He was real proud that he made 50 trips in one day,

between here and Spearfish, helping people with that Cub (plane), dropping out stuff,” said Tim Barritt, Lawrence's son-in-law.

Lawrence even figured out how to fit a square bale of hay into the back seat of his Piper and drop it out of the plane for those who needed it. He also did the same with jugs of water.

Lawrence discovered his favorite plane when he went to Utah and to the Grand Canyon because they were in need of pilots to take magnetometer surveys to look for iron deposits. Lawrence saw that they had a magnetometer strapped to a Cessna 180 airplane, and when he flew it, he immediately fell in love with it, according to Tim.

He then purchased a 180 from Army Surplus around 1955. Tim said that he got his own license with that plane.

The plane was then used in the operations of Materi Exploration, the drilling company Lawrence started.

“Lawrence Materi founded Materi Exploration in 1954 with the purchase of a small truck-mounted core drill for uranium exploration work in the Black Hills/Powder River Basin area,” says a vintage pamphlet for Materi Exploration.

The company, which operated until 1991, offered a number of services, such as drilling, mineral exploration, geothermal exploration, oil and gas exploration and more.

The company completed jobs all over the West in a number of different states and owned a large number of drilling rigs.

Lawrence used his Cessna



Submitted photo

Lawrence Materi left his family with a legacy that touched the sky, even after he died in 1998. The avid pilot's first introduction to flying was when he was a navigator aboard a Boeing B-29 in World War II. After coming home, he purchased a plane and began flying to help with ranch chores. Later, he began his drilling company, Materi Exploration, and used air planes in his operations to fly crews and equipment.

180 to fly to locations where they were working on projects, and he also had a bigger plane, a pressurized twin-engine Piper P-Navajo, to fly equipment and crews around. The Cessna, being a smaller plane, was agile enough to land in rough terrain.

“We landed on some unbelievable little spots.... He could make that thing (Cessna) do some pretty amazing things,” Tim said.

Tim said there were flaps on the wings of the Cessna 180 that allowed a slower and more controlled speed, but the plane still had plenty of power to get out of tough spots. The planes were a valuable asset to the company.

At its largest, the company employed around 60 workers, who were often scattered around, working on various projects.

Tim began working for Lawrence in 1975, getting his pilot's license in 1976, and worked until the company was sold in 1991. Tim then bought a couple of the drilling rigs when the company was sold and kept them to start his own company shortly after, called Soda Butte Services.

While Materi Exploration ended, drilling continued on in the family through Soda Butte Services, and later Tyvo Drilling, which Tim also operated. The drilling legacy continued until just last year when Tim sold the last of his drilling rigs.

“Tim has pretty much kept the legacy going, honestly, for drilling,” Lori said. Even now, Tim still consults on drilling projects.

And as for flying, it was just a part of everyday life for the Materis, whether for Materi Exploration, personal use or just for fun.

Lori remembers when they kept the Piper PA-11 in a hangar behind their house, and Lawrence would often get the plane out on Sundays and give rides.

“I remember being strapped in the backseat of the Cub with my twin sister. And he would always go up and do a loop, and I'd be saying 'no, no,' and my sister would be saying 'yes, yes.' So we'd do one and land on the road, and that was my first memory.” Lori reminisced.

Lori would also ride with her father in the planes to visit her siblings at the colleges

and universities they were attending.

However, despite growing up exploring the sky, Lori admitted that she was afraid of flying for most of her childhood.

“I was terrified of it as a little girl, honestly,” Lori said.

After Lawrence passed away in 1998, Lori said, no one did much flying for many years, and all their planes were sold, even though a number of Lawrence's children and sons-in-law had their pilot's licenses.

Lori eventually got over her fear, however, and she got a license of her own in 2012. That decision was prompted, Lori said, by the time she tried to explain to her two daughters what it was like flying in a small plane because they had never experienced it.

“I just decided ... I guess I better get my license,” she said. “I wasn't even sure because I was always so terrified, and it had been many, many years since I had been in a small plane.”

So she took a lesson and initially thought that was enough, but her instructor asked when her next lesson was, and she just kept going back.

“So then I just started taking lessons, but I thought I'm not going to solo because I can't fly an airplane. Then I soloed. And then I really enjoyed it and became passionate about it, and ended up getting my instrument commercial rating,” Lori said.

About the same time, Lori's brother Keith also renewed his Certified Flight Instructor rating and became an instructor for a period of time.

A couple years after that and with renewed passion for flying, Lori and Keith formed

an airport board for the Upton Municipal Airport in 2014, working to revitalize it and get it back in working order. They even now have a master plan in place that leaves room for future building and expansion.

Continuing on Lawrence's legacy through flying and helping with the Upton airport is a way of keeping his memory alive, Lori said.

“I think of him every time I go up because he was definitely the person that introduced me to the sky, and I think about him every time I do it,” Lori said. She admitted that the thought regularly crosses her mind that she wishes she started before he died, as she has thousands of questions she could ask him about flying.

“Then I thought to myself one day, I remember whenever I did something I wasn't supposed to, ... he'd be like 'well I guess you won't be doing that again, will you.' And I was thinking that would probably be his response,” Lori said, with a laugh.

Tim added that Lawrence was always a matter-of-fact kind of man who always got right to the point.

“He was my inspiration. ... That probably wouldn't have even occurred to me that I could've done something like that (flying,) but I watched him do it, and I'm still ... fascinated and amazed that he did what he did during those times,” Lori reflected.

“I never take that for granted that I'm able to fly and that I grew up that way. ... I never take for granted that that was a huge part of my childhood and something that was super special,” she concluded.

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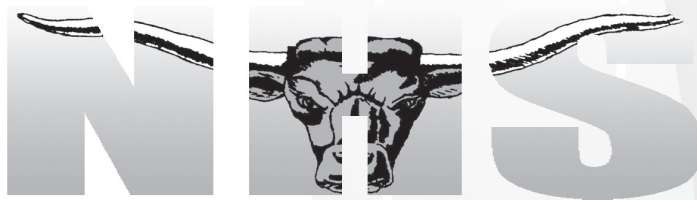


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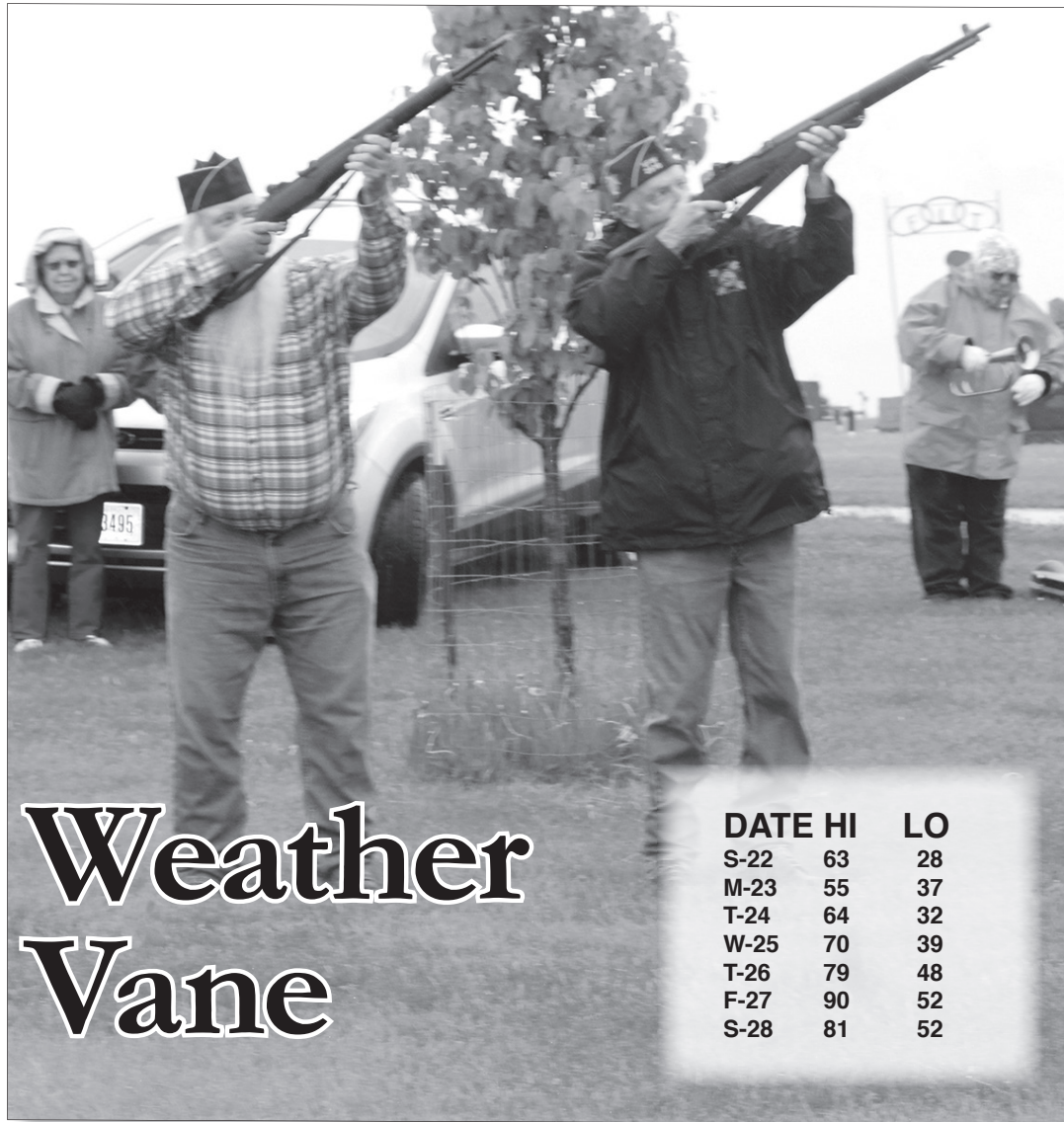
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Police Blotter

May 22
Attempt to Locate Person Reported. Suicidal Subject Reported. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Welfare Check Requested. Lost Property Reported. Civil Standby Requested. Parking Complaint, Verbal Warning Issued. Traffic Complaint. Suspicious Activity Reported.

May 23
Domestic Problem Reported. Careless Driving Complaint, Citation Issued. School Walkthrough. Assist Other Agency. Assist Other Agency. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued.

May 24
Alarm Reported. Civil Standby Requested. School Walkthrough. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. School Walkthrough. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Public Assist Requested. 911 Misdialed. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued.

May 25
School Walkthrough. School Walkthrough. Threats made. Public Assist Requested. Traffic

Stop, Written Warning Issued.

May 26
VIN Inspection Requested. 911 Misdialed. School Walkthrough. School Walkthrough. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. School Walkthrough. Medical Assist. Theft Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. VIN Inspection Requested. VIN Inspection Requested. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, ERO Issued.

May 27
Arrest Warrant Issued. Barking Dog Reported. School Walkthrough. School Walkthrough. MIP Nicotine, Citation Issued. Public Assist Requested. Report of a Dog at Large, Impounded. VIN Inspection Requested. VIN Inspection Requested. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Protection Order Issued. Juvenile Problem Reported. Medical Assist. Traffic Complaint. Medical Assist. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Two Vehicle Accident Reported, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Ministerial Assistance Requested. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued.



DEADLINE FOR LEGALS IS FRIDAY

Bid Notice

INVITATION TO BID DAIRY 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Weston County School District #1, Newcastle, Wyoming, will receive at the office of Superintendent, 116 Casper Ave, Newcastle, Wyoming, bids for fresh milk and dairy products for the 2022-2023 school year, up to but no later than 10:00 am on July 1, 2022. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud in the Board Room of said district (116 Casper Ave, Newcastle, Wyoming) beginning at 10:00 am on July 1, 2022.

The Invitation for Bid can be obtained by e-mailing andersond@wcsd1.org.

(Publish May 26 and June 2, 2022)

Bid Notice

INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Weston County School District #1, Newcastle, Wyoming, will receive at the Office of the Superintendent, 116 Casper Ave, Newcastle, Wyoming up to, but no later than 1:00 P.M. on Friday, June 10th, 2022 for a:

Bus camera system for 14 buses, with each system consisting of seven cameras (4 interior and 3 stop arm cameras), HD DVR with a 500GB Hard Drive, GPS Receiver, Wireless Capable, Security Cap and Panic Button.

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(Publish June 2 and 9, 2022)

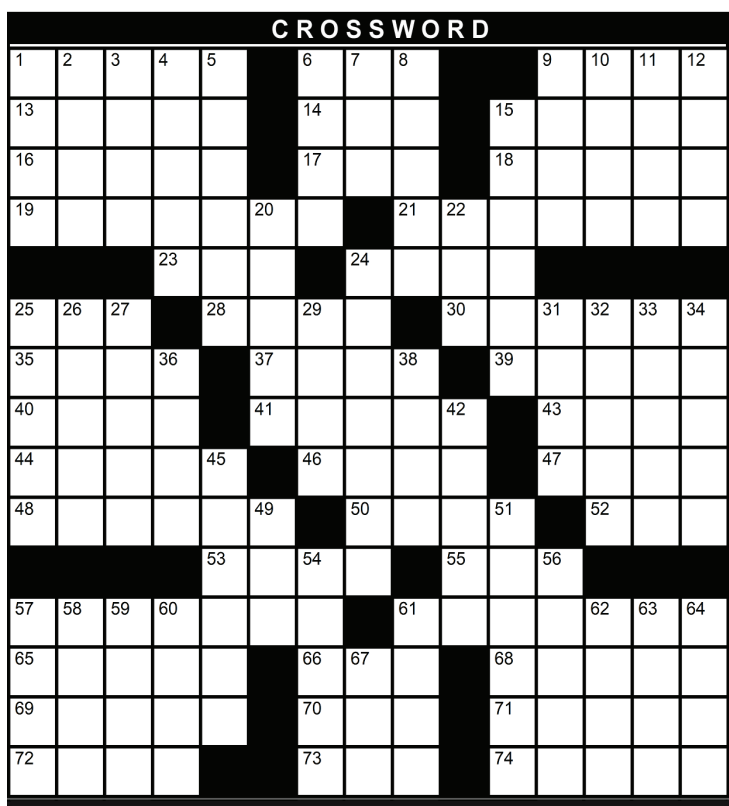
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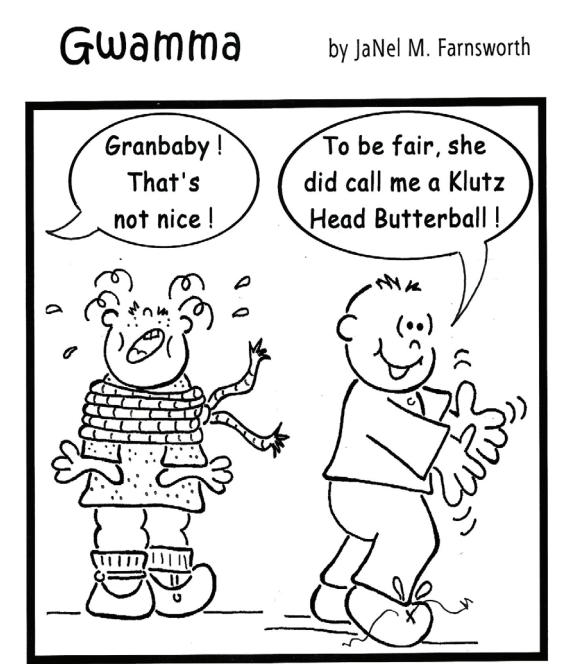
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FIND THE SOLUTIONS IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER



Photos by Kim Dean/NLJ

Several students received awards at Newcastle Elementary School's awards day, which was held on Thursday, May 26. Above, Science teacher Shannon Huber group hugs several fifth-grade students, including Nevaeh Russell and Libby Nessul, after the awards assembly. Below, NES Principal Brandy Holmes presents Mya Stoudt's music award while Music teacher Sarah Whipple looks on.



Accomplishments & farewells



Photos by Hannah Gross/For NLJ

Eight-graders Kahlen Mullen, Preslee Fitzwater, Callie Christensen, Kaitlyn Blumenthal, Drew Conzelman and Collin McConkey were recognized for being on the Principal's Honor Roll by maintaining a 4.0 grade-point-average at the Newcastle Middle School Awards Day on the final day of school, May 27, at the Crouch Auditorium. Below, Sam Cunningham and Callie Christensen were awarded plaques for completing the annual eighth-grade triathlon with the fastest times. The middle-schoolers had to complete a one-mile run, two-mile bike ride, and 150-yard swim.



Cowboy State Look-In

Courtesy of the Wyoming News Exchange



Big Piney water losses puzzling

PINEDALE (WNE) — The town of Big Piney is producing many more gallons of municipal water than customers are paying for, and staff are trying to find out where it's going.

The town pumped 5.36 million gallons of water from April 19 to May 16, said water-sewer manager Mike Wagstaff at the Big Piney Town Council's meeting that night.

However, only 2 million gallons were paid for by its customers "for a 50-percent loss," he told Mayor Tyler Maxfield and council members. On the outgoing end, 5.826 million gallons

were transported by pipeline to Marbleton's wastewater treatment facility.

Wagstaff said he sent 50,000 gallons to the Big Piney's sewer lagoons. The town's crew has tried to locate leaks, patch up lines and seal manholes but the high unaccounted-for numbers have been reported for months now.

Mayor Maxfield asked Wagstaff to "keep a close eye on the aquifers" as drought conditions extend across the state.

This story was published on May 24, 2022.

Mountain lion rules considered

PINEDALE (WNE) — Just because you don't see something doesn't mean it isn't there. That especially goes for mountain lions, whose elusive and silent natures often keep them hidden from public view.

For Wyoming Game and Fish, mountain lions' hunting seasons are set on a three-year management cycle, so hunting seasons approved in July for this autumn will carry over for two additional seasons. This next three-year cycle begins on Sept. 1.

Game and Fish uses this three-year cycle to combine and update mortality, conflicts, objectives and harvest data into reports for pre-

season meetings like the May 16 meetings at the Pinedale Regional Office.

The Wind River Management Unit consists of hunt areas 3, 4, 17, 18 and 28.

"The goal is to sustain mountain lion populations within the core habitat with 'umbrella guidelines,'" Lander large carnivore biologist Justin Clapp said, with large areas of contiguous habitat across the state. "Mountain lions can be found anywhere in the state."

The public can submit written comments at www.wgfd.gov through June 3 at 5 p.m. on the proposed hunting season regulations for mountain lions (Chapter 42) and

gray wolves (Chapter 47).

The purpose is to gather comments so the Game and Fish Commission can study them before voting on both trophy game hunting seasons at its July 18-20 meeting.

Clapp presented trends for the state and Wind River Management Unit shown with hunting-harvest data rather than individual animal counts. Without seeing any animals but those killed, biologists inspect those for sex, age, lactation status, location, hunter's selectivity of trophy animals, if outfitted and days hunting.

This story was posted May 27, 2022.

Pilot dead following plane crash

CHEYENNE (WNE) — A single-engine experimental plane crashed at around 8 a.m. Monday into a storage unit on Crook Avenue, near Nationway.

The crash appeared to have caused a relatively small blaze that was extinguished within about half an hour. Besides the pilot, there were no other fatalities.

The pilot of the aircraft, which federal air authorities described as an Express 2000 RG, was its sole occupant. The person, who authorities did not identify by name, has died, according to an update the Cheyenne Police Department distributed by email at around 1 p.m. Monday.

The individual was an adult male, CPD spokesperson Alex Farkas said by phone Monday afternoon.

"No further injuries have been reported," according to the police department's news release.

The airplane had taken off from Cheyenne

Regional Airport and was headed to Texas, according to National Transportation Safety Board spokesperson Jennifer Gabris.

Coroner Rebecca Reid said in a brief phone interview that it might take a few days to get a positive identification of the pilot.

When the plane crashed, Cheyenne Storage was closed to customers, a co-owner said by phone Monday afternoon; she would not provide her name.

Both the FAA and the NTSB will investigate the incident, an FAA spokesperson wrote in an email to the WTE. In approximately 15 business days, the NTSB will release a preliminary report on the crash, Gabris said.

A final report, with an analysis and suggesting a probable cause of the crash, will be released within a year or two, the spokeswoman estimated.

This story was posted May 30, 2022.

Wolverines may become protected

JACKSON (WNE) — Wolverines are once again proposed to be listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act.

That's the result of a Wednesday ruling in federal court that marked the latest swing in a decades-long see-saw over the mustelids' status under federal law.

Judge Donald Molloy, of the U.S. District Court for Montana, said in a 15-page decision that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must revisit a 2020 decision in which it decided against listing the species as "endangered" or "threatened." Molloy said that "serious errors undermine the Service's decision" and gave the agency 18 months to reconsider its ruling.

Molloy's order came after

environmentalists challenged the 2020 decision to withhold protections. They argued that wolverines face localized extinction as a result of climate change, habitat fragmentation and low genetic diversity.

The 2020 decision, which came under the Trump administration, was based on research suggesting the animals' prevalence was expanding, not contracting.

Biologists estimate that fewer than 300 wolverines exist in the lower 48 states, where environmental groups are calling for them to be listed. Populations in Canada and Alaska are relatively healthy.

Wednesday's decision doesn't offer wolverines protection under the Endangered Species Act.

It also won't change much

of how wolverines are managed in Wyoming. The state considers them a "Species of Greatest Conservation Need" and manages them as non-game species, meaning hunting them is prohibited.

Between 2001 and 2008, researchers identified four adult wolverines regularly inhabiting the Tetons, with kits — in the years they were reared — beefing the population up to seven. But in 2015, researchers trying to determine the impacts of backcountry recreation on wolverine numbers in the Tetons were only able to find one animal.

State wildlife officials were unavailable Friday to update those numbers.

This story was published on May 28, 2022.

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