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Skull Creek fire scorched 880 acres

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

The Skull Creek Fire burned over 880 acres 6 miles northwest of Osage before 100% containment was achieved on June 11 — just over 48 hours after the fire was reported on June 9.

Earlier in the day on June 11, according to a press release from Weston County Emergency Management, fire crews were able to hold lines overnight and containment had increased to 80%. Fire crews increased containment to 100% later that evening.

The priority of the fire fighting effort had been firefighter and public safety with pre-evacuation orders being issued for the Sundowner Trails Subdivision, the Skull Creek subdivision and Dry Creek Subdivision over the course of the fire's life, although no evacuations or road closures were required, according to Emergency Management Coordinator Gilbert Nelson.

The multi-agency effort, according to the release,



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Water tenders with the Weston County Fire Protection District had to travel down miles of dirt road back into Osage while fighting the Skull Creek Fire on June 9. The fire burned more than 880 acres in just over 48 hours when 100% containment was achieved.

included more than 40 fire professionals, several fire engines and multiple water trucks,

dozers and blades. "Cooperators managing the fire include Weston County

Fire Protection, Wyoming State Forestry, Weston County Sheriff's Office,

Weston County Emergency Management and the United States Forest Service Thunder

Basin National Grassland unit," the emergency management release states.

In addition to the Skull Creek fire, approximately 9 fires have been reported in the county since Friday, June 5. According to the release, most of the fires were lightning caused and Fire Warden Daniel Tysdal said that all were extinguished quickly except for the Much Creek Fire on June 4, scorching 262 acres.

Both Fire Warden Daniel Tysdal and Nelson encourage the public to remain vigilant in preventing and reporting potential fires as the drought continues and fire danger is rising.

"Tysdal asks that if you see new smoke or columns of smoke to please call 911," the release says.

Tysdal told the *News Letter Journal* that he has officially requested that the board of Weston County Commissioners implement the Open Burn Restrictions, due to the continued fire danger,

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Detour of bypass is a no-go

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A bypass detour "won't go any further this summer. ... I don't know about the future," Mayor Pam Gualtieri told the *News Letter Journal*. The city had considered requesting a detour of the U.S. Highway 16 bypass on certain occasions, including weekends and holidays.

On May 17, Don Taylor, Weston County Commissioner and an owner of a downtown business, proposed that the Newcastle City Council ask the Wyoming Department of Transportation to detour out-of-county traffic so that it would not take the U.S. 16 bypass and instead be directed to take Main Street through the city. The goal, he said, was to increase traffic on Main Street, potentially benefiting downtown businesses.

At the time, little conversation took place and the council did not discuss

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City will be hopping!

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Whether you like horses, baseball or competitive excitement of the fire-fighting variety, Newcastle is the place to be beginning Thursday, June 17, when the 88th Wyoming State Fireman's Association Convention and Competition begins and continues throughout the weekend. Also beginning Friday are the Full House Horse Sale at the Weston County Fairgrounds and the 8th Annual Mefford Memorial Tournament at the Newcastle Baseball Complex.

Playing with fire

Beginning on Thursday, teams of volunteer firefighters from seven different communities will put their skills to the test in various competitions.

According to volunteer firefighter and team nozzle person (except for one contest) Robert Munger, the event will bring over 100 fire association people to the area for a weekend of meetings and competitions.



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

With the upcoming Wyoming Fire Convention starting on June 17, fire departments have been practicing their skills in Newcastle. Last week the Wheatland Fire Rescue was practicing at the Newcastle Fire Station. Above Bob Glasson, hoseman from Wheatland, hits the second target in the Around The Horn event. He is backed by NVFD fireman Layne Zerbst.

Teams from Afton, Lander, Riverton, Wheatland, Lingle, Torrington and, of course, Newcastle will compete in five different events designed to test the skills needed on a fire scene.

Contests include the replace, the Y (Wye), the double male/double female contest, the cellar or chop contest and

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Voelkers receive honors at Dakota Wesleyan University



KateLynn Slaamot
NLJ Correspondent

Wyatt Voelker and Lexus Voelker, son and daughter of Ryan and Donna Voelker,

Submitted photo

Wyatt and Lexus Voelker, both Dakota Wesleyan University students, recently received honors. Wyatt was awarded the DWU Scotchman Award at a ceremony on April 30, and Lexus was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society in a small ceremony on April 28.

recently received recognition and honor at Dakota Wesleyan University.

Wyatt, who just finished his senior year at DWU with a bachelor's degree in wildlife management, received the university's Scotchman Award, a highly competitive award given only to seniors of exemplary character and academic achievement, at the school's awards ceremony on April 30. According to Donna, the students must have a grade point average of at least 3.25, and they must be known for serving the community and taking part in campus activities.

"Those eligible submit a

resume of activities and awards, and a student-senate-appointed panel chooses the top male and female candidates. The top candidates are interviewed by a committee of students, staff and faculty who choose the winners," Donna said.

Lexus, a sophomore at DWU, with junior credits, was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Lexus received a letter in the mail notifying her of her induction, and there was a small ceremony on April 28. She is majoring in elementary education at DWU.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 86, Lo 57



Friday
Sunny
Hi 83, Lo 59



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 88, Lo 58



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 74, Lo 48



Monday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 73, Lo 51



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 80, Lo 56

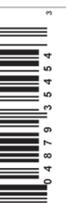


Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 80 Lo 56



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The great horse debate

City grants variance for Amish-owned horse

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Jonathan and Linda Stoltzfus, owners of The Howdy Bakery, were granted a special use variance by the Newcastle City Council, which allows them to keep a horse on the property. Several community members dedicated to helping prevent the closure of the bakery are credited with helping to bring about the city's action.

Months ago, the couple was informed that their business and home located at 834 S. Summit Ave. were not zoned for horses. At the council's June 7 meeting, when the variance came under discussion, community members insisted that the council find a way to allow storage of the horse at the Stoltzfus property. Speakers cited unique circumstances and the need for the city to welcome the alternative lifestyle as reasons for finding a solution.

The horse is also the family's means of transportation.

City Attorney Michael Stulken stated that he was unsure of a way to allow the horse per current city ordinance. Stulken had suggested a possible religious exemption from the variance, although he said that was a stretch. But Sandra Martin had discovered a special circumstance variance.

"There is a zoning exception allowing for land use in particular situations. ... This would give them a year of contractual use and the city can reevaluate," Martin said while reading from her phone at her meeting.

"Right now, we are shutting down a business if they cannot have the horse. ... This is negative towards the community. Let them have the horse for a year and see how it goes," she added.

Mayor Pam Gualtieri, after reviewing the exception noted by Martin, confirmed that the special circumstance provision

could be used in this instance as it appeared that the need for the horse met all criteria, including allowing the occupant reasonable use of the land and/or building.

Despite expressed concerns from both Councilman Michael Alexander and Councilwoman Ann McColley about a potential "can of worms" the variance could create, but the motion to grant the special circumstance variance was approved with a list of requirements.

The requirements state that the horse must remain located behind the business, proper hygiene must be followed after caring for the horse and returning to the business, the horse's area must remain clean, pest control must be employed, and shade, food and water are necessary. The council also stated that the community service officer will be responsible for guaranteeing compliance and that the variance could be revoked at any time.

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Dangerous roads



Photo submitted by Robert Stepp

On Jan. 8, a semi truck traveling westbound on Highway 450 lost control and began moving into the oncoming lane of travel, according to Lt. Tim Boumeester with the Wyoming Highway Patrol. A severe thunderstorm with heavy rain and high winds appeared to be a factor in the incident, Boumeester indicated. The driver, a 69-year-old male from Salt Lake City, Utah, was transported to Weston County Health Services with non-life threatening injuries. This photo of the wreck was taken when Robert and Keren Stepp were passing through on their way home to Knoxville, Tenn.

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"I was honestly surprised when I got it," Lexus said.

Lexus said that only the top 7.5% of juniors and top 10% of seniors are inducted into the honor society. Inductions are awarded mainly based on academic excellence.

The siblings are both involved in campus life. Some of Wyatt's include DWU Resident Life, Ministry Council, Conservation Club, golf and McGovern Engagement Group. Lexus is involved in Leadership Team, a women's ministry group called Delight, and Future Teacher Organization.

Both Wyatt and Lexus expressed excitement and gratitude for the honors.

"It just means a lot. (It) made me feel good that people actually appreciated the work that I did," Wyatt said, noting that his goal is to always treat others with kindness and respect.

Lexus said that academics have always been very important to her and being recognized for her hard work was meaningful.

Their parents are also very proud of the accomplishments of their kids — not only in college but also their entire school careers. Lexus and Wyatt were both consistently on the A honor roll. Wyatt was prom king at Newcastle High School, and he also took part in FFA, going to nationals in his last year of high school where he took eighth place, according to Donna. Lexus was also an honor society member in high school and went to nationals with FBLA when she was a senior at NHS. Lexus also received valedictorian honors when she graduated from high school.

"We are so very proud of them," Donna said.

"What more could a parent ask for?"

In addition, Wyatt is only the third person in DWU history to be crowned homecoming king and receive the Scotchman Award.

However, beyond all of Lexus' and Wyatt's outstanding accomplishments, Ryan and Donna said that they are most proud of the character of their children and the young adults they have become.

"We are mostly proud of Wyatt and Lexus because of the young man and woman they have become. They work hard and strive to do their best. They put a lot of effort in to everything they do," Donna said.

Donna noted that both Lexus and Wyatt are kind and caring to those around them.

Wyatt and Lexus credit both their hard work and the involvement of their parents for their success in life, they said.

"They've always pushed me to do my best," Lexus said.

Ryan and Donna said they have always been intentional about being involved in the lives of their three children, Wyatt, Lexus and Mercedes, and encourage them in whatever they choose to do.

Wyatt has been accepted into graduate school at Nichols State University, where he is going to pursue a master's degree. After that, he hopes to come back to the Midwest and research predator conservation.

Lexus is going to graduate a semester early, and she hopes to find substitute teaching jobs for the remainder of that school year. After that, she hopes to find a teaching job and eventually pursue a master's degree.

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Letter to the Editor.....

The benefits of the COVID vaccine are clear

To the Editor,
What is the current understanding of the COVID vaccine?

It is a substance created through genetic engineering, a research concept studied for decades, the administration of which causes the recipient's normal immune system to respond by naturally creating an antibody, an "attack mechanism," against a protein (the so-called "spike protein") found on the wall of the invading agent, the COVID virus,



thus preventing the virus from invading the body's cellular system and causing COVID-19. It is a substance the administration of which the created antibody remains detectable for six to eight months or perhaps longer; it

is a substance the result of whose administration studies demonstrate a significant reduction in the incidence and mortality of COVID-19. It is a substance which the entire world is clamoring to have available for the benefit of its populations. Is this a "vaccine" or is it a "therapeutic intervention?"

Surely, this will be argued and studied further, but at this moment with the documented benefits of its use, does it matter?

In any case, though encouraged and encouraging, its use clearly remains a personal choice. However, lacking contraindication, its use by an individual would seem of benefit for the recipient, the family and friends as well as for the community of humankind.

— Tony M. Kiesel

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Our View

A solemn promise

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

For many of us, the Pledge of Allegiance is the first meaningful thing we ever memorized, and the words are imprinted in our memory through repetition — at school, sporting events, meetings, parades and anywhere else Americans gather in the presence of Old Glory.

Because of that repetition, however, the true meaning behind the pledge we make to our flag and the country it represents can be lost to us over time, and it is understandable that the words themselves can lose their impact as we become too familiar with them.

Flag Day is often the forgotten patriotic holiday — sandwiched as it is between Memorial Day and Independence Day — but we would ask that you take a moment now to reflect on Monday's observance and consider what the Pledge of Allegiance really means, and what it means to you.

A pledge is defined as "a solemn promise or undertaking," and the word solemn is synonymous with such terms as "committed," "unconditional" and "wholehearted." So when we say the Pledge of Allegiance, whether it is for the first time or five-thousandth time, we are making an unconditional promise with all of our heart to our indivisible nation.

On June 14, 1954, the phrase "under God" was formally added to the Pledge of Allegiance, and the promise became even more solemn.

We are asking our readers to use Flag Day nearly 70 years later to remind ourselves of the sacred promise we've all made to our country, and we respectfully ask that our leaders set an example in honoring that commitment by avoiding other 'pledges' that may conflict with the promise they've already made to our nation and its people.

We certainly understand the motivation behind the political pledges that have become so popular and are so often circulated in the age of the internet, where we are constantly bombarded with emails and social media posts asking us to pledge our loyalty or our

votes or our money on a range of subjects — from all sides of the political spectrum.

But at a time when truly meaningful things are becoming less meaningful all of the time, we should avoid other "pledges" as they lessen the impact of the Pledge of Allegiance by suggesting any single issue or objective has the same importance as the "pledge" we make to our great nation.

The fact that politics serves as the genesis of these modern "pledges" makes them even more concerning, as modern politics have become so divisive that they threaten the "indivisible" promise we've all spent a lifetime affirming.

In short, the only pledge any of us should be making is the one we recite to our flag, and we shouldn't cheapen or diminish the Pledge of Allegiance by suggesting we make other promises that carry just as much weight.

This is especially true for our state's elected leaders, who make an additional promise when they recite an oath upon taking office.

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the state of Wyoming; that I have not knowingly violated any law related to my election or appointment, or caused it to be done by others; and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity."

Oath is also defined as "a solemn promise," and the oath our elected officials swear to is every bit as important as the pledge we all make to our nation. We don't think they should risk violation of that oath by committing themselves to politically popular "pledges" that could create potential conflicts with that oath, or with the Pledge of Allegiance we all hold so dear.

Calling on our leaders to make new "pledges" to show their commitment to a cause or ideal makes our Pledge of Allegiance and their Oath of Office less meaningful, and cheapens the ideals we hold most dear by suggesting others are just as important.

That's why, on this Flag Day, we remind our leaders that the only pledge they should make is to "liberty and justice for all."

The most mysterious provision of the Bill of Rights

Likely the most mysterious provision of the Bill of Rights, the question of the meaning of the Ninth Amendment has generated numerous interpretations and theories.

Though not invoked by the Supreme Court for the first time in our nation's history until 1965, it has come to play an important role in advancing the rights and liberties of Americans everywhere. The right to privacy, intimate relations, same-sex marriage and raising children in a manner consistent with parental values are but a few of the many rights asserted in the name of this constitutional curiosity.

The Ninth Amendment was brought center stage in 1965, in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, when the Court, in an opinion written by Justice William O. Douglas, declared unconstitutional a state statute that made criminal the use of contraceptives, even by married couples. Justice Douglas famously coupled the Ninth Amendment with "penumbral" rights drawn from the First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Amendments, to produce a "right of privacy older than the Bill of Rights" itself, particularly as it pertained to "the sacred precincts of the marital bedroom."

Critics of the concept of a constitutional right to privacy, including the fact that it purports to rest, in part, on the Ninth Amendment, have accused the Court of creating rights

not grounded in the Constitution. In the roughly 2,000 cases filed across the country since *Griswold* that have invoked the Ninth Amendment to defend this or that liberty, controversy has raged as to its meaning.

The starting point for determining the meaning of any provision of the Constitution is its language. The Ninth Amendment states: "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage other rights retained by the people."

The Ninth Amendment plainly declares that "we the people" enjoy rights beyond those enumerated in the Constitution. Two questions immediately arise. First, why did James Madison, in his introduction of the Bill of Rights of June 8, 1789, introduce the amendment and its protection of unenumerated rights? Second, what are the unenumerated rights "retained" by the people? History affords some understanding.

In the latter days of the Constitutional Convention, some delegates urged the addition of a Bill of Rights as a means of protecting against the possibility that the government might violate its authority and encroach on the rights of the people. The dreaded Necessary and Proper Clause, some feared, might be exercised to infringe such fundamental rights as free speech and religious liberty, unless they were enshrined in the Constitution. Madison and other heavyweights, including Alexander

Hamilton and James Wilson, opposed the idea and argued that a Bill of Rights that enumerated some rights would imply that those not enumerated did not exist. The prospect of an unintentional omission would be dangerous, since it might imply governmental authority that was not conferred by the Constitution. Advocates of a Bill of Rights pointed out that this specific problem already existed in the draft of the Constitution, which protected liberty from religious tests and bills of attainder, among others, but not the great, magisterial rights such as speech, religion, trial by jury and due process of law.

Madison and others recognized the weakness of their position and proposed to remedy it with the addition of a Bill of Rights, after the Constitution was ratified by the sovereign people. In his marvelous speech on June 8, Madison introduced the Ninth Amendment to protect against the very concern that he had expressed in the Convention. Thus, the language, "other rights retained by the people," made it clear that the people enjoyed rights not enumerated. And, whatever else it might mean it is clear that the Bill of Rights was not exhaustive of the rights enjoyed by the people.

While we cannot be certain what rights Madison had in mind, he prefaced his introduction of the Bill of Rights by stating the need to secure "the great rights of mankind." Madison's approach was creative. Indeed, no precedent for it existed. He may have included freedom of speech in that category, for he did not list it as an enumerated right. A friendly

amendment to his motion, by his fellow Virginian, George Mason, converted free speech to an enumerated right. Madison, moreover, may have had in mind protection for "natural rights," which he believed preexisted government and were separate from those that were derived from the Constitution. Also, he probably had in mind the concept of "positive rights," those practices and activities that were familiar to Americans but not prohibited by law, including, perhaps, the right to hunt and fish, and the right not to be taxed except by consent through one's representatives, the right to refuse military service on grounds of religious conscience and, important to all, the right to pursue happiness.

Discussion of the rights embodied in the Ninth Amendment can go on, endlessly, and it likely will. How can it be otherwise in a nation committed to limited governmental power?

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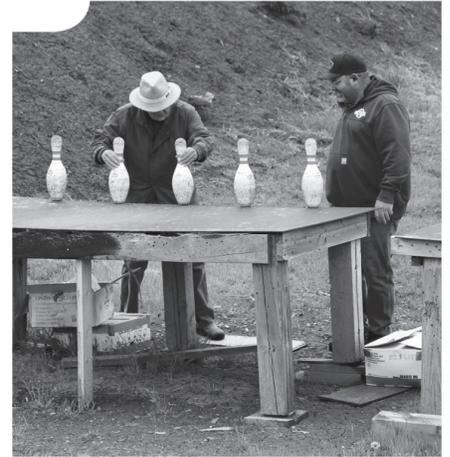
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Bowling pin shoot



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On Saturday this season's Bowling Pin Shoot started at the Weston County Sportsman's Club. The other dates of shooting will be the fourth Saturday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. The contests are for Rim Fire (0.22 caliber) and Center Fire (larger calibers). Clockwise from top: Doug Keierleber; Tom Voss and Ronnie Feehan (Rim Fire winner) set up bowling pins; The final round of the Center Fire event had Doug Keierleber shooting against the winner, Cary Voss. Here, the final pin is seen as it is shot off the table for the win by Voss; Kraig Stewart.



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Daily Devotional Reading

June 18 Isaiah 49:1-26	June 22 Isaiah 55:1-13
June 19 Isaiah 51:1-23	June 23 Isaiah 56:1-12
June 20 Isaiah 52:1-12	June 24 Jeremiah 29:1-23
June 21 Isaiah 54:1-17	<i>Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society</i>

- **ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm
- **BAHA'I FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr, 746-3626
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- **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** Rev. Wendy Owens, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets, 746-9684. haydishall@hotmail.com. Service times: Sunday 10 a.m
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Rob Carr, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am
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- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 8 am; Weekday Mass 7 am
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- AWANA Clubs Wednesday 6:30 pm
- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Brenda Torrie, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7 pm
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- **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Lester Bently 612-240-7536, 78 Old Hwy 85, Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am
- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, Upton. Sunday Mass 5 pm
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Michael Paschall, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am
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This photograph, taken in 1917, depicts the Mundell family sitting on their front porch.

Recapture

A PIECE OF HISTORY

25 Years Ago June 20, 1996

Just 884 voters in Weston County went to the polls last Thursday, but enough of them voted in favor of the museum district to count. With 474 "yes" votes and 410 "no" votes, the museum district barely received approval from voters. The three inside Newcastle precincts proved to be deciding factors in the vote.

The Blotter: June 1 — A man wanted to turn himself in because he thought he had "broken his old lady's arm." June 4 — A truck was spotted on fire. Juveniles on skateboards were jumping out in front of cars. June 7 — A woman reported a calf in her yard, eating her strawberries. June 8 — Kids were reportedly "messing with" two baby deer on the bypass. June 12 — A sheep and a lamb were out on Hwy. 16.

The Newcastle True-Value Minors showed incredibly solid hitting and strong defensive play in their 17-5 victory over the Hermosa Minors girls. Tremaine Versteeg had three home runs, Amy Clarke had one and Misty Brewer had one. The Northeast Wyoming

Eagles put Aaron Berger on the mound against Sheridan last Wednesday night — and Sheridan wishes they hadn't. Berger went the distance in a seven inning 11-1 rout. Brian Mefford's homer in the second inning with two runners on base gave Berger a welcome padding as he held Sheridan to one hit.

The annual Newcastle Babe Ruth Tournament is scheduled for June 21-23 at the Babe Ruth field. Both Newcastle teams will play along with teams from Wright, Rapid City, Spearfish, Sturgis and Crawford, Neb.

The High School Rodeo team has been competing every weekend, building points in preparation for the Wyoming High School Finals Rodeo, June 19-23. Only the top four competitors in each event at State will go to Nationals.

50 Years Ago June 17, 1971

Voters in school district number one will elect three trustees on Tuesday, June 22. The polls at Four Corners school, Clareton school, Newcastle high school gymnasium and the community

building at Osage will open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The thrill of children of all ages, the glamour of the sawdust ring, the beauty of the circus in all its splendor is coming to Newcastle for a one-day performance stand at the Weston County fairgrounds on July 1. Performances will be at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Dale Williamson of Custer scored 109 in the championship flight to win the open golf tournament held in Newcastle over the weekend. Randy Mankin of Gillette was second with 114 and Bob Marlyst of Rapid City was third with 116.

One hundred fifty-six Weston County 4-H members and leaders are attending Mallo Recreation Camp this week. The group went into Camp Sunday and will be coming back out Wednesday. Crafts (this year the making of bronze plaques and leather craft), riflery, square dancing, nature hikes, volley ball, other group games, and on the last evening a tug-of-war across Beaver Creek are some of the many activities participated in by the 4-H'ers.

The City Council has appointed Bob Pease as place

chief. Pease has been acting chief since the resignation of James Passons several weeks ago. Chief Pease has appointed Edwin Foster as assistant police chief.

Vacation Bible School got underway at the Osage community building Monday morning, June 14.

Miss Wrakestraw and Miss Rennard are houseguests of Mrs. Ralph McDonald, and Miss Brown is a houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Julius of Osage enjoyed dinner Sunday evening, June 13 at the Western Cafe in Upton on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Hosts were the couple's children.

100 Years Ago June 16, 1921

Chautauqua week this year is scheduled for July 17 to 22, inclusive, and the Standard Chautauqua System provides attractive series of lectures and entertainments.

The J.W. Howell ranch on Black Tail suffered over \$2,000 damage as result of Monday night's storm. The dam gave way, three wells were washed out, and two windmills carried off, besides other mishaps to barns and outbuildings. Stock had to swim, or find higher ground. Some trouble was experienced rescuing the two motor cars.

After winning two games on foreign ground, the locals fell victim before the onslaught of the Nefsy-Osage nine in their first game on the local diamond Sunday. It was a fine day for baseball and the fans turned out en masse to witness the opening of the home season.

Masonic Hall was damaged Monday evening when the rain came in through a ventilator in process of installation, and torrents sought opening through the metal ceiling of the Antlers Cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Bedell, of Boyd spent a few hours in Cambria Friday. Mrs. Albert Hill, of Edgemont, with her little son, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J.E. Moore, this week.

Edward Jones came in Sunday from the Lucas ranch where he is spending the vacation. He returned Monday.

Mrs. Elias Cause was attending to shopping errands in Cambria Thursday. Mrs. D.W. Patten and daughter Helen were in from the ranch Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Peterson, of Red Butte, were transacting business in Newcastle Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell returned from their homestead Sunday. They will remain for a few days.

Mrs. W.H. Coles and little son Robert, of Newcastle, were calling on friends here last Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. McCoy and young sons were visiting at the Kinney ranch on Sunday. Wm. H. Cash is bailing hay for Mrs. Geo. McCoy.

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WHAT'S UP

June 2021

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

June 16-20	Wyoming Firemen's Convention	NVFD
June 18-20	Mefford Memorial Baseball Tournament	Newcastle Baseball Complex
June 18-19	Full House Horse Sale	Fairgrounds
Fri. June 18 5:30PM	BINGO	VFW Hall
Sat. June 19 2-5PM	Celebration of Life for Kari Daigh	West End Bar and Grill
Sun. June 20 1-4:30PM	Hanson Research Station Open House	Hanson Ranch
Mon. June 21 6PM 7PM	WC Children's Center Directors Mtg Newcastle City Council	WCCC City Council Chambers
Tues. June 22 11AM 3:30PM 6PM 8PM	Story time Alzheimers/Dementia Support Weston County Gymkhana WC Arts Council Outdoor Movie	Library Zoom Fairgrounds Washington Skate Park
Wed. June 23 6:30-8:30AM 1PM 1:30PM	Wellness Wednesday Summer reading program WC Historical Society Book Talk and Book Signing	WCHS Library Library Mtg. Rm.

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History of Assembly of God Church's pastors


History
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Main

 From the Leonard Cash Collection

Hannah Gross
 NLJ Correspondent
 With Leonard Cash, historian

In this week's installment of "History on Main," Leonard Cash begins a new series on the Newcastle Assembly of God Church, located on 216 S. Seneca Ave. The church was started on Nov. 6, 1930, by C. Merrill Johnson and Henry Nygard, at city hall and through various street meetings. Cash said church members also met in a vacant store building across from the city park by Railroad Avenue near Wyoming Automotive. It was officially organized on Feb. 7, 1933, with Melvin Hodges as the "first settled clergyman," according to 1936 WPA project called the State Historical Records Survey.

A permanent building was constructed around 1935 and 1936, while the parsonage was built in 1947 when Taylor Davis was pastor. The present building was constructed in 1949 and dedicated by E.M. Clark on Aug. 21, 1955. That's a brief overview of the church, and now Cash will go into more detail, starting with a newspaper record from May 11, 1933, when the church relocated from city hall to the city park area.

On July 26, 1934, the paper reported that the Rev. Leonard Lanphear, who pastored in Rapid City, South Dakota, arrived in Newcastle to become pastor of the church.

A year later, Lanphear announced in an article from July 25, 1935, that the congregation purchased a lot across

the street from the north side of the high school to build a church (this is its present location). For two weeks, members of the Assembly of God held camp meetings on the land, and they planned to host their annual camp meeting there every summer.

Around May 14, 1936, the church held a fellowship meeting and dedication services to kick off the first day of worship in the new building.

According to the Aug. 17, 1939, paper, Rev. J.L. Schaffer and his wife were the pastors; they had succeeded several other pastors, including O.L. Mabry, Leonard Lanphear, Martha Kummerfeld, Esther Crews, Helen Bryan and Carl Hansen.

By Sept. 21, 1939, the Schaffers were moving to Colorado, so a farewell service was held for them. The local congregation had to vote for a new pastor.

The next article in Cash's records comes from March 9, 1944, and it reveals that Elmer Burry was the next pastor but that he was moving to Rapid City, so Rev. Lloyd E. Wead of Big Springs, Nebraska, took his place. Burry and his family were missed by their friends "who wish them happiness" in the next chapter of life.

By July 10, 1947, the church had a new pastor again. The Rev. Taylor Davis pastored in various cities of Kansas and was assistant director of the Wichita Youth for Christ. A cordial invitation was extended to the community to attend the church services and meet its new pastor.

On April 14, 1949, the church invited the community to its dedication service of the new parsonage at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. J.E. Austell, superintendent of the Rocky Mountain District of Assemblies of God, was the guest speaker at the event. An open house for the parsonage was set earlier that day from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Many visiting ministers were in town at the time due to an annual fellowship meeting that same day.

A month later, the Rev. Neil McDaniel succeeded Davis,



A historical photo of the Newcastle Assembly of God Church.

Photo courtesy of Leonard Cash

who resigned to fill a pastoral role in Wichita, Kansas, according to a news report from May 12, 1949. McDaniel served as a dean and instructor at Black Hills Bible Institute for two years and pastored several churches.

The Aug. 18, 1955, paper announced that dedication services for the new church building were to be held on Sunday, with various ceremonies throughout the day. The Rev. E.M. Clark, producer of "Rivaltime," a National Assemblies of God broadcast, was speaking, and his three children, whose talent appeared regularly on television in Missouri, were the featured singers at the event. District Superintendent Rev. R.G. McAllister delivered the dedicatory address. The paper reported that the Newcastle Assembly of God Church and the Rev. McDaniel were both "recently featured in the organization's official organ The Pentecostal Evangel, which is the voice of over 7,500 churches in America, besides the activities of churches in almost every foreign land."

Articles from the April 12

and 26, 1956, editions of the *News Letter Journal* reported that an open house was being held at the parsonage to honor McDaniel and his wife because he had resigned to take a managerial position at a book store for the national headquarters of Assembly of God in Springfield, Missouri. The Rev. Howard Cummings replaced McDaniel as the new pastor.

A decade later, Cummings and his wife were celebrating their 10th anniversary as pastors in Newcastle on April 24, 1966, according to a news report from April 21, 1966. Throughout their career, they witnessed many changes and improvements, including steady growth in membership and Sunday school enrollment, and in the prior year, "the Newcastle church had the highest average attendance and enrollment" in the Wyoming district. The general budget doubled (the church bought more properties for possible expansion), and the missionary budget quadrupled in the last decade from an annual contribution in 1956 of over \$1,000 to

\$4,800. Missionaries were supported by the church in every continent.

Additionally, the youth attendance grew from fewer than 20 teenagers to over 50. Cummings also made a daily appearance every weekday for a "Heart to Heart Talk" devotional on KASL radio. Many heard this broadcast that had "gospel music and helpful thoughts and suggestions for the day." To commemorate this decade of success, a celebration would be held at church on Sunday, and a "beautiful satin bookmarker featuring helps on Bible usage" would be handed out to everyone who attended.

On July 7, 1966, the paper reported that Cummings was moving to Huron, South Dakota, to become the pastor there. He led a busy life with the Newcastle church and was active in the United Fund, Lions Club and community concert civic work. He was the past president and secretary of the Newcastle Ministerial Association, and at the time of the article, he was serving as vice president.

In 1961, the church members

Senior Happenings

WC Senior Services

FRIDAY June 18

Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON
Rolls	9AM
Bridge	1PM

MONDAY June 21

Exercise Room	8AM-NOON
Walking	8AM-NOON
Exercise Class	9AM

TUESDAY June 22

Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON
Dominoes	1PM
Bridge	1PM

WEDNESDAY June 23

Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON
Exercise Class	9AM

THURSDAY June 24

TOPS #218	7AM
Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON

sent Cummings to Europe and the Middle East for a missionary and educational tour. He was "quite active" in outside speaking engagements and ministered at youth retreats, conventions, fund-raising tours and camp meetings in 10 states. He served as the Wyoming district youth director for nearly three years and on the district board of presbyters.

A farewell dinner was given on July 21, 1966, at the church in honor of the Cummings. The free supper started at 6:30 p.m., and the whole community was invited.

"The church states that if you must be delayed, come when you can. A program in honor of the Cummings family will be given following the supper," the article says.

Next week, Cash will conclude his series on the Newcastle Assembly of God church.

CORRECTION

In the May 20 and 27 installment of "History on Main," on Page 6 of the *News Letter Journal*, the address of the Egert Hotel was incorrectly reported as 314 Stockade Ave. However, it was actually located on Seneca Avenue next to the present-day location of Black Hills Dental. 314 Stockade Ave. was the address of Carl Hinz who took care of the hotel after Marion Mason was murdered. We regret the error and apologize for the confusion.

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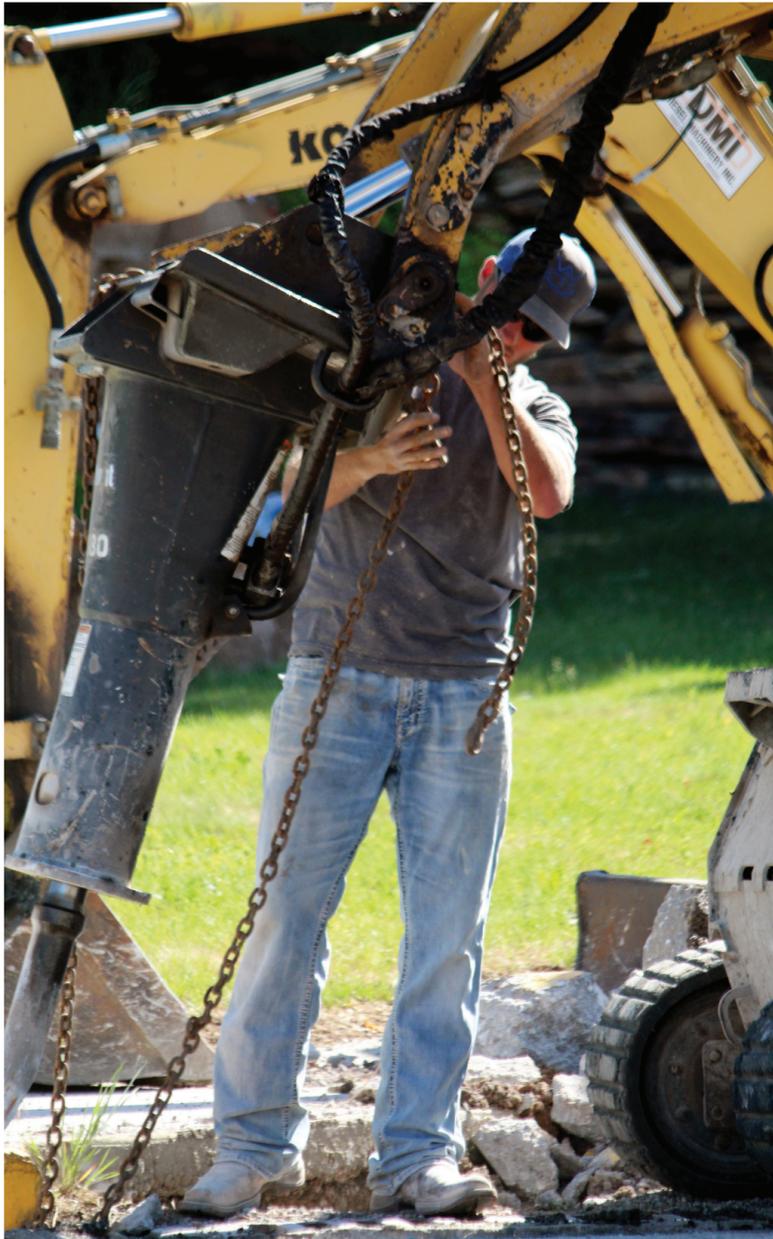


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Contracted with the City of Newcastle, crews from W&S Construction are repairing broken curbs along Newcastle's Main Street.

Events

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the ladder contest.

Spectators are more than welcome to watch the action, beginning at 11 a.m. on Thursday and Saturday and noon on Friday at the fire hall, Munger said.

Baseball, music and prizes, oh my!

A weekend full of baseball action will kick off at noon on Friday when the Newcastle minors team will face off against the Lead/Deadwood minors team in the first game of the 8th Annual Mefford Memorial Tournament.

"We start playing Friday at high noon with the minor kids starting our tournament off, just like every year," organizer Joey Mefford said. "We have four majors teams this year — Newcastle, Upton, Buffalo and Hot Springs from South Dakota."

The major's games begin at 3 p.m. on Friday with Newcastle playing Upton. After the game will be the team introductions at 5 p.m. before Hot Springs and Buffalo take the field at 5:30.

Saturday will feature another day full of baseball excitement with Upton playing Hot Springs at 9 a.m., followed by Newcastle and Buffalo taking the field at 11:30. All four teams will take the field twice on Saturday, with the other games beginning at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, at 9:30 a.m. and noon, the players will leave it all on the field when they take on one last game to play for first through fourth place.

The competition isn't all strictly baseball business, though, according to Mefford. Players will have the opportunity to show off their batting and eating skills on Saturday with a home run derby at

6:30 p.m. followed by a pizza-eating contest.

And, because it is Father's Day weekend, the dads and anyone filling that role can participate in the big red ball challenge at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

"The big red ball challenge, since it is Father's Day weekend, we have all the dads, stepdads, grandpas and other males that fill that role come out to the field. Bryan (Mefford) has purchased a red ball that is pretty impossible to hit very far," Mefford said. "We play music, line them up, have the kids in the field and when they hit it, they stand by the ball wherever it lands. Whoever whacks it the farthest wins, this year the winner will get a DeWalt tool set."

Horses, horses and more horses

Over 60 horses will be up for grabs at the Full House Horse Sale on Saturday, June 19, at the Weston County Fairgrounds. Several of the horses, including 15 from the Deveraux family and others from the Marty and Stolhammer families come from right here in Weston County.

The festivities begin on Friday when all of the 63 horses to be sold on Saturday will be available to view throughout the day. Beginning at 4:30 p.m., a video preview and free barbecue will round out the evening at the Weston County Fairgrounds.

The sale excitement will begin in the outdoor arena at 9 a.m. on Saturday, with the live sale preview before the sale beginning at 2 p.m. with auctioneer Lynn Weishaar.

Information about the horses and sellers, as well as online previews, can be found at full-househorsesale.com.

Bypass

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the topic further until Bruce Perkins, owner of Perkins Tavern on Main Street, told the council on June 7 that he felt there were other more favorable options to increase traffic downtown.

Perkins said he feared the detour could open a "can of worms" that would cost the city money in road repairs, policing and monitoring the detours. He was also concerned about the potential costs for downtown businesses from the effects of local events that close Main Street and parking.

"We have events downtown over the summer that are usually planned months ahead of time. How is it going to work with that? Everything would be

up to the city to do, and I don't think we have the resources to do that," Perkins said.

Gualtieri assured Perkins that the council was not currently pursuing the detour idea and that the conversation had not gone anywhere after the initial presentation from Taylor.

The mayor told the News Letter Journal that while she appreciates Taylor's out-of-the-box thinking, the city did not have time to explore the option further for the 2021 tourist season.

"I see his point, but it is not feasible because of the events scheduled," Gualtieri said. "We have to consider the events and the unnecessary workload we would be putting

on our already short-staffed police force. There is just too much to consider right now. Opinions might change later."

In addition to educating herself and the council on the history of the bypass and its effects on downtown Newcastle in the future, Gualtieri said, it is essential that Newcastle educate local businesses on the different options available to them for promoting their businesses, including using programs through the Wyoming Business Council.

"There are other ways to bring people downtown," Gualtieri said. "We need to educate businesses on the avenues and resources available to them."

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Fires from Page 1.....



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Weston County firefighters filled up tankers in Osage before heading back to tackle the Skull Creek Fire on June 9.

lack of moisture and predicted high temperatures. Burn restrictions, he said, help to limit the number of human-caused fires and preventing any overextensions of the fire fighting capabilities of local governments.

“The takeaway is the drought conditions the past two years and the current hot, dry weather will continue to deteriorate conditions in Weston County,” Tysdal said. “Extreme caution should be used in any outdoor activity that could cause a wildfire.”

As of June 10, the U.S. Drought Monitor categorized portions of Weston County in various stages of drought ranging from D0, or abnormally dry, to D3, which is extreme drought. In between are D1, moderate drought, and D2, severe drought. Historically observed impacts of a D1 drought include low hay and forage yield, elevated fire danger and less available irrigation water.

Once D2 drought is reached, impacts include poor pasture conditions, stress on trees and vegetation, and low water pressure, with D3 drought adding inadequate surface water for ranching and farming

operations. “Precipitation so far this water year, since Oct. 1, 2020, has been below average,” the monitor notes.

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 the end of April of this year, Newcastle received 3.22 inches of precipitation, compared with Upton’s 2.57 inches. A report from the weather services notes that 1.59 inches of precipitation fell in May.

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 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.

The outlook for temperatures in the

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— Daniel Tysdal, Weston County Fire Warden



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Lightning lit up the sky for miles in northeast Wyoming and neighboring South Dakota on Monday, also igniting two different fires in the Weston County. This bolt was one of many that cracked and boomed over Custer Highlands.

area is reported to be above average, while the precipitation outlook for Weston County is below average. According to drought.gov, the county

is predicted to be abnormally dry with the drought persisting for sometime. Currently, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 90.24% of Wyoming

is categorized as D0 drought, 72.3% is listed as D1, 27.1% of the state is in a D2 drought, and 6.3% is listed as being in a D3 stage of drought.

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Walter Sprague
Art and Culture Reporter

“2020 was bleak for the arts and everyone else,” said Tom Voss, president of the Weston County Arts Council, “but we are so happy to be back!”

With that sentiment, WCAC has a full schedule of activities to make summer fun and entertaining and to provide the area with great family diversions.

First up is Warm Summer Nights, three different events that will span four nights.

“We are glad to bring these concerts back to full vigor,” said Walter Sprague, treasurer for WCAC. “It feels like we are back.”

The first Warm Summer Nights event will be on Friday, June 25. The normal fun begins at 5 p.m. in the parking lot of First State Bank on North Sumner Avenue. Nate Smith and the Caddywhompus Band will take the stage from 6 to 9 p.m. Main Street will be closed from Sumner Avenue to Seneca Avenue, and North Sumner will be closed in front of First State Bank. Street closure starts at 4:30 pm until the end of the event. Bring your lawn chairs to enjoy the concert. Seating will be along Sumner between the bank and the Weston County Library, with additional seating on the library’s lawn. There will also be vendors and fun activities. One added activity will be a special chalk drawing contest for children. It will take place at 5 p.m. in front of the library and the courthouse along Main Street. This contest is open to children 12 and younger with two age classes — 8 to 12 years and 7 and younger. Each contestant will receive a small gift for participation, with special prizes given for the first-, second- and third-place winners in each age category. Registration for the event will take place in front of the library starting at 4 p.m., with judging beginning at 5:40 p.m. and awards handed out immediately before the concert. All participants must have parent/guardian consent.

The second Warm Summer Nights will take place on Friday, July 23. The band Kim & the Cue Balls will be the main event from 6 to 9 p.m. The vendors, fun and chalk drawing contest will take place at the same time as the first concert.

On Aug. 27 and 28, instead of the normal Warm Summer Nights, a special two-day musical event will take place at the Weston County Fairgrounds Event Center. Friday, Aug. 27 will feature a singer/songwriter showcase at 5:30 p.m., with food and concession from

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LIVING VIRAL

Couple buys home before TikTok showcases property

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

One couple was lucky enough to purchase the cheapest house in Wyoming, located right here in Newcastle — before a TikTok user chose to highlight the cheapest house in every state.

Andrew and Roseanne Schroff received a call from Jim Perino, a real estate agent, roughly one week after purchasing their home earlier this year, informing them that their new property had been featured in a TikTok video.

“We are very blessed and lucky,” Andrew said of their finding the home before the Tik Tok video went viral.

Their desire to move to Wyoming had grown over the years as their love for the Black Hills and surrounding areas grew every summer they visited.

“We go to Custer State Park every year, and we love it up here. We were looking for a home in the Hills



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Andrew and Roseanne Schroff posed for a photo in their newly bright blue living room at 511 Maple Street, a home they purchased in Newcastle shortly before a Tik Tok video featuring the home went viral.

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Community walks to honor Kohlbrand

Walter Sprague
Art and Culture Reporter

To get people outside by promoting, maintaining and building new trails, the Bent Sprockets organization held 2K and 5K walks on the Flying V trails on Saturday, May 22. The event was named the Cave Man Fun Run/Walk in honor of Bill Kohlbrand. According to the group’s website, “Bill was a local who loved trails and the outdoors. He had a vision for our area to build trails for generations to enjoy.”

“People called Bill the Cave Man Forester, ’cause he liked to do things old school. He would just put his head down and do it. Nothing fancy,” Said Jeremy Dedic, of Bent Sprockets,

Dedic said this first event honoring Kohlbrand would be an annual event, and he is very optimistic that it will be a huge success. Since his passing on March 11, 2015, several people have wanted to do something in the trails to honor his memory and continue what he started. Dedic said the Flying V trails were the perfect place for

that to happen.

Another Bent Sprockets organizer, Caleb Carter, said that the event continues Kohlbrand’s legacy of getting people outside on the trails.

“Bill was always working on the trails with Linda Hunt and others,” Carter said, “His love of forestry and sharing the beauty of the Black Hills with others is something we wanted to honor.”

The sponsors for the walk were Bomgaars, which provided water for all the hikers; Lunatics, which gave T-Shirts; and Weston County Natural Resource District.

Other events will be in the offing soon. While many of them are not, as yet, official,

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Almost 40 people showed up to walk either the 5K or the 2K trails at the Flying V Trails on Saturday, May 22. The organizers of the event were very excited about the turnout despite the misty and rainy weather.



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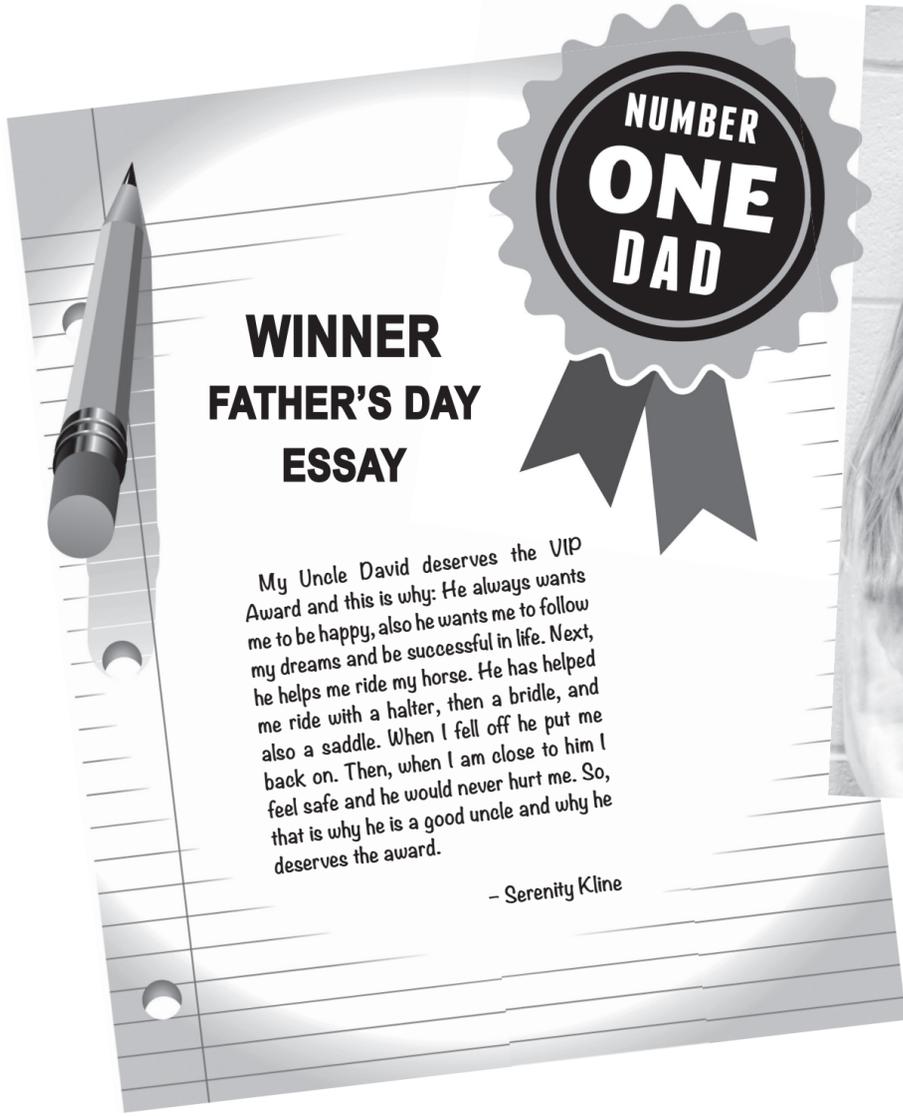
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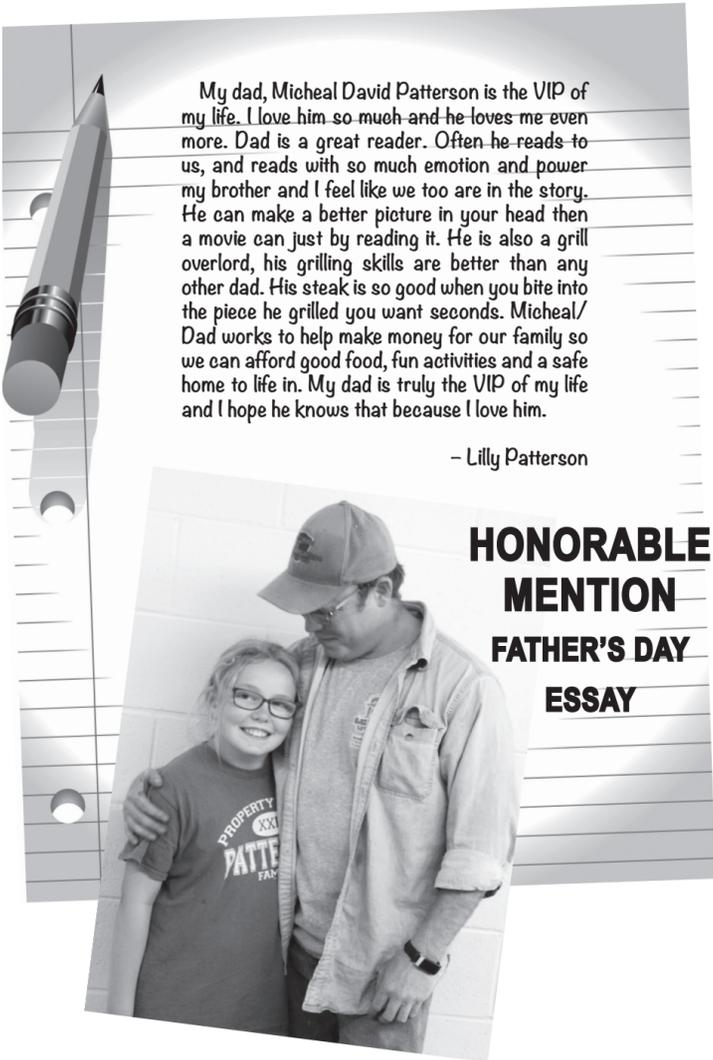
My Uncle David deserves the VIP Award and this is why: He always wants me to be happy, also he wants me to follow my dreams and be successful in life. Next, he helps me ride my horse. He has helped me ride with a halter, then a bridle, and also a saddle. When I fell off he put me back on. Then, when I am close to him I feel safe and he would never hurt me. So, that is why he is a good uncle and why he deserves the award.

— Serenity Kline



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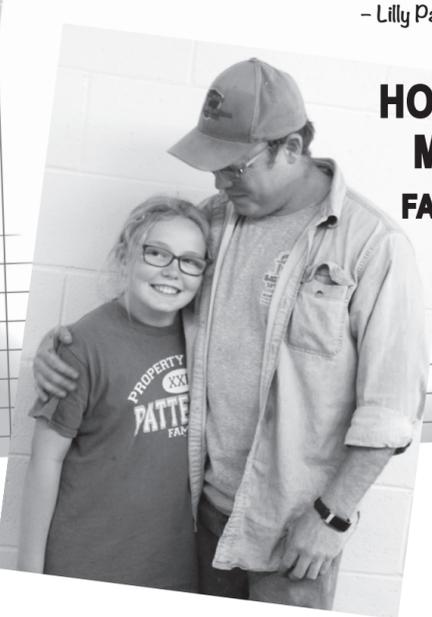
The Weston County CowBelles have sponsored a "Father's Day" essay contest for fourth grade for many years. This year they sponsored a VIP contest and presented awards to three students at Newcastle Elementary School. The overall top award went to Serenity Kline for her essay about her uncle, David. Two honorable mentions were awarded, to Bella Bond for her essay about her uncle, Eddie, and Lily Patterson for her essay about her dad, Michael. Serenity received a gift certificate to the Pizza Barn so she can treat her Uncle David as a VIP with a nice meal and evening out with her. Bella and Lily each received tickets to the Dogie Theatre so they can treat their VIPs to an evening of entertainment with them. Alaina Liggett is Serenity's teacher, Bella's teacher is Laura Giesler and Lily's teacher is Stacy Jones. The essay committee had a very difficult time choosing the winning essay as they were all excellent, so each student of the fourth grade received a prize as well.



My dad, Micheal David Patterson is the VIP of my life. I love him so much and he loves me even more. Dad is a great reader. Often he reads to us, and reads with so much emotion and power my brother and I feel like we too are in the story. He can make a better picture in your head than a movie can just by reading it. He is also a grill overlord, his grilling skills are better than any other dad. His steak is so good when you bite into the piece he grilled you want seconds. Micheal/Dad works to help make money for our family so we can afford good food, fun activities and a safe home to life in. My dad is truly the VIP of my life and I hope he knows that because I love him.

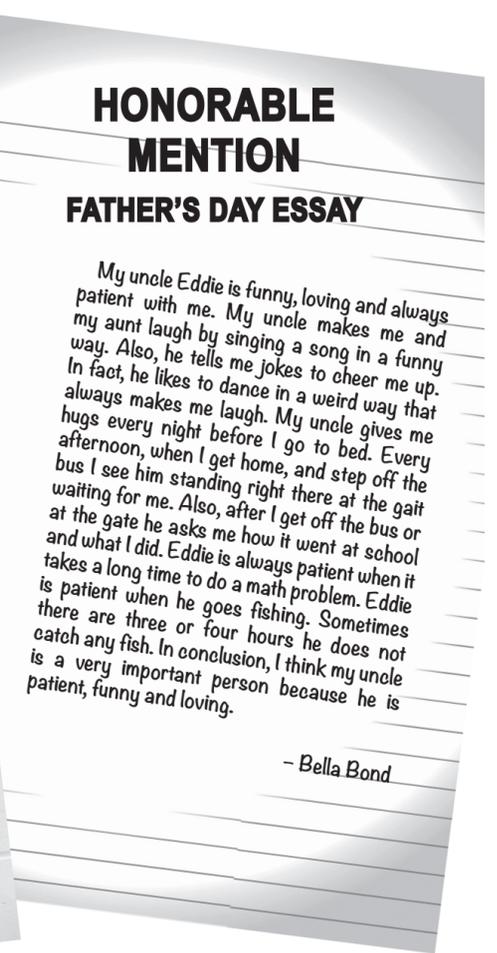
— Lilly Patterson

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"The power of a dad in a child's life is unmatched."

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**HONORABLE
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FATHER'S DAY ESSAY**

My uncle Eddie is funny, loving and always patient with me. My uncle makes me and my aunt laugh by singing a song in a funny way. Also, he tells me jokes to cheer me up. In fact, he likes to dance in a weird way that always makes me laugh. My uncle gives me hugs every night before I go to bed. Every afternoon, when I get home, and step off the bus I see him standing right there at the gate waiting for me. Also, after I get off the bus or at the gate he asks me how it went at school and what I did. Eddie is always patient when it takes a long time to do a math problem. Eddie is patient when he goes fishing. Sometimes there are three or four hours he does not catch any fish. In conclusion, I think my uncle is a very important person because he is patient, funny and loving.

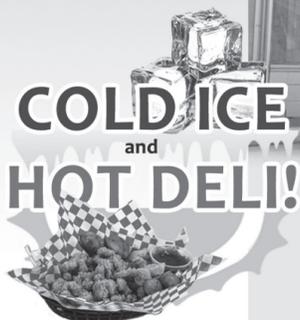
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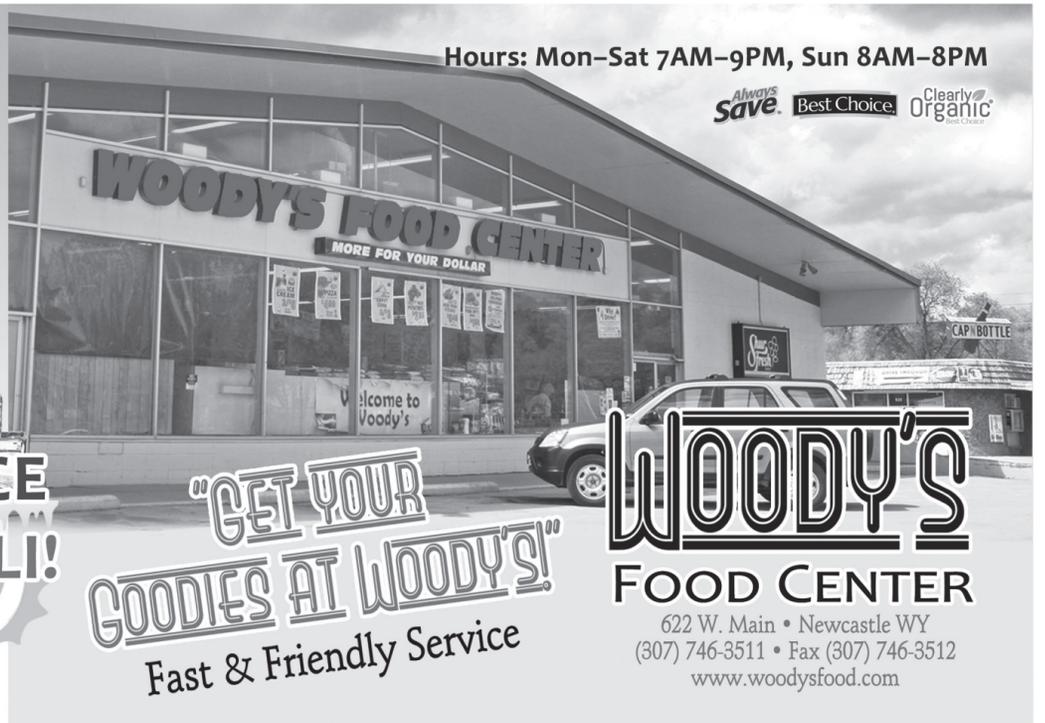
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A group of hikers start their walk on May 22 along the 2K trail of the Flying V trail system, located off U.S. Highway 85 north of Newcastle.

Walk

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Carter and Dedic said they will notify the public as those events become finalized.

Many of the events will be races, both on foot and on mountain bicycles. But anyone can come out to most of these events to walk the trails and get in touch with the forest, nature and the serenity of the Black Hills, Dedic said.

One even in the making is for the faint of heart. It is a 50/50 Gravel Grinder, a 100-mile, multisurface bike race. Fifty miles of this race will be

on asphalt, and the other half will be on trails, dirt, grass and other natural surfaces. This event is bringing bicycle racers from all over the Black Hills area. The event is scheduled to take place on October 9 with a starting time of 6:00 a.m. The meeting place has yet to be determined.

"We're hoping for strong community involvement," Carter said, "We want to show the finest hospitality in this event, hopefully, to keep bringing in bicyclists from

all over the region for other races."

The race will have several aid stations and checkpoints, and the race will use computer chips on the bikes and link to a laptop for official timing, according to Dedic. Maps will be available soon, not for just this race, but for other races and walks. Anyone interested in getting involved with the events or helping out can also get in touch with Bent Sprockets through its website at bentsprocketswy.org.

House

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and were fortunate to find this property in Newcastle," Andrew said. "It just happened to be the cheapest house in the state."

With a listing price of \$29,000, the home was the perfect fixer-upper for the couple. Roseanne, who works from home, is able to keep her Colorado-based job, while Andrew works to improve the home.

"It is exactly what we wanted. We were planning on being up here part time, but it might be all the time," Andrew said. "For the first time I mowed my own lawn and Roseanne wants to plant a garden specifically for the deer."

But the scenery isn't the only thing that has bolstered the couple's love for the area. According to Andrew, moving to Newcastle was like moving back in time, to a friendlier time, when everyone knew everyone.

"Colorado was just getting too big," Andrew said, noting that the small-town feel was more the couple's pace than the hustle and bustle of city living.

He chuckled.

"We are actually going to Colorado this weekend, and Roseanne doesn't think we will make it the full amount of days we have planned to be gone," Andrew said. "She has a feeling we will hit the traffic, and I will be ready to come home."

Both Andrew and Roseanne expressed how

What is TikTok?

TikTok, known in China as Douyin, is a Chinese video-sharing social networking service owned by Chinese company ByteDance. The social media platform is used to make a variety of short-form videos, from genres like dance, comedy, and education, that have a duration from 15 seconds to one minute.

(Courtesy of Wikipedia)

fortunate they feel to have found a home in Newcastle that fits them, especially during a time that, according to Perino, there are more calls than properties for sale.

"We had showed this house a few times, but not one jumped on it until the Schroffs," Perino said. "Then the TikTok led to more calls."

But the TikTok house isn't the only property sparking interest in several buyers. According to Perino, homes across the area are in high demand as prospective buyers are lining up to put in offers, some well over asking price.

"We just keep getting more calls from prospective buyers than we have real estate," he said.

Arts

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4 to 8 p.m. Saturday. Sunday, Aug. 28 will feature the Battle of the Bands beginning at 11 a.m., with food and concession available all day.

Other diversions will be outdoor movie nights, where people can come out and see family-friendly movies at Washington Skate Park behind Loaf 'N Jug. There will be vendors starting around 8 p.m. The movies begin right after sundown. This event is free to the public. Additional parking will be available at the armory and the Anna Miller Museum.

The first movie will be "Flipper" on Tuesday, June 22, sponsored by Hometown Medical. The second movie will be "The Little Rascals"

on Friday, July 2. The sponsor for this movie is Team Properties. Other movie nights are being planned and will be announced later.

Also, since COVID-19 canceled these events last year, the arts council is happy to bring back reenactments of two historical events in Newcastle. These dramas are part of the Western Heritage Series. They take place on Saturday, July 3.

First is a reenactment of President Teddy Roosevelt's speech, when he visited Newcastle on April 25, 1903. The speech will take place on the steps of The Antlers Hotel in the morning, right after the All School Reunion parade.

That evening will be a

reenactment of the Hanging of Diamond Slim featuring an all-star cast of locals. It will start around 8 p.m. in the parking lot of Isabella's Restaurant. It will culminate at Railroad Park across from Frontier Hardware, where Diamond L. Slim will meet his fate.

For more information about upcoming events or the Weston County Arts Council, contact Walter Sprague at (210) 396-9227. So come on out this summer — bring the kids and lawn chairs, and be prepared to have the fun we've had in the past. The Weston County Arts Council is excited to be back and looks forward to seeing you there.

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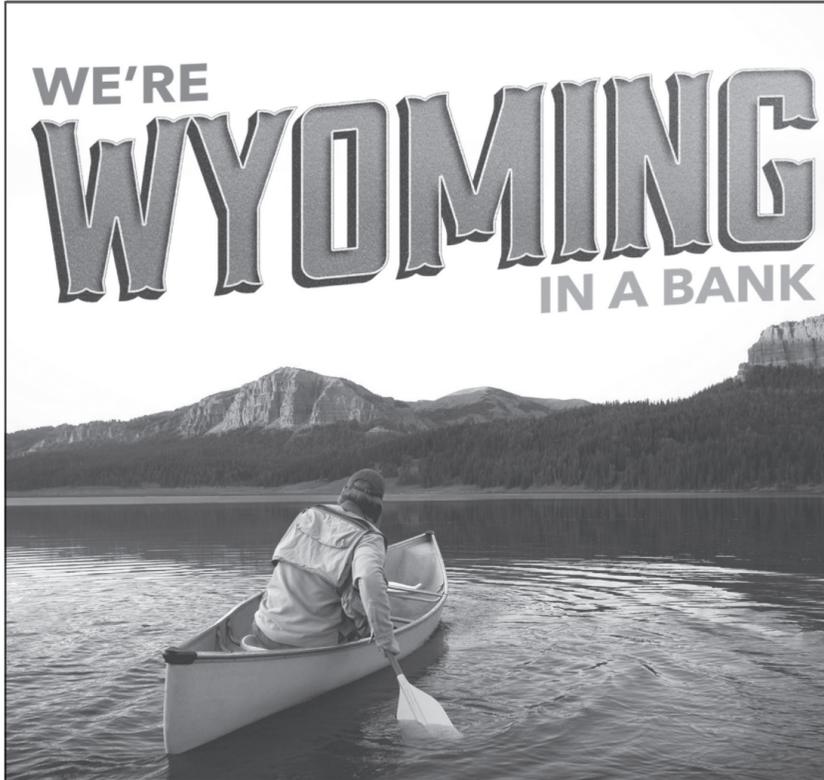
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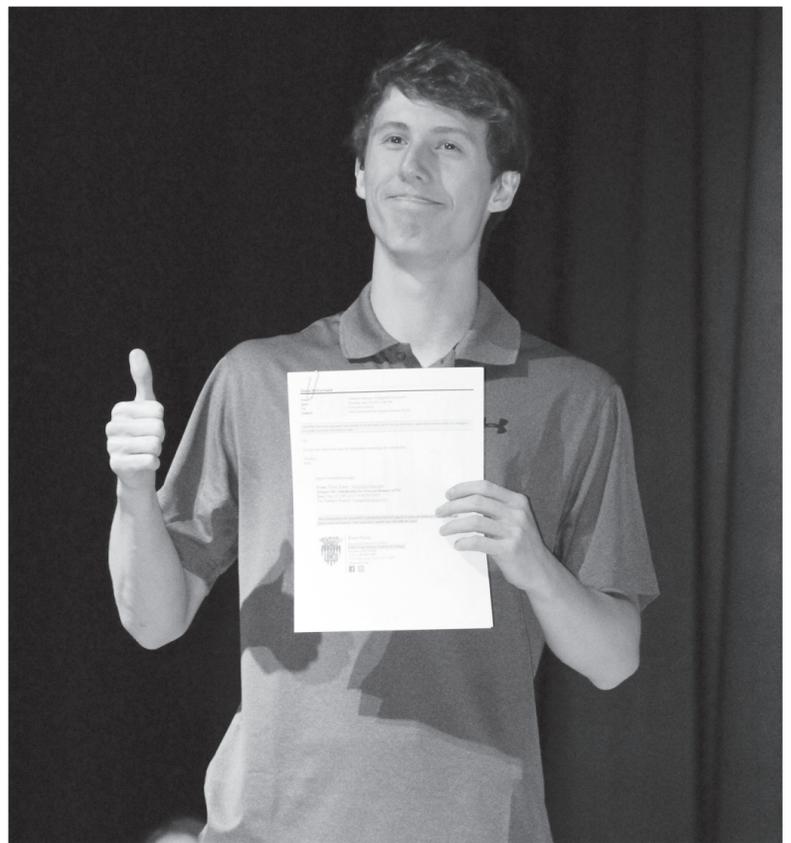
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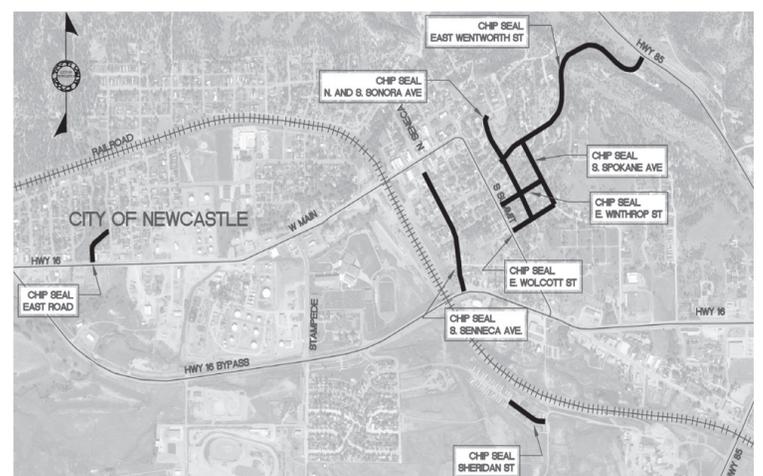
On May 19, Weston County Arts Council members presented scholarships and awards for participation in the Wyoming State Art Symposium to high school students. Above, Samantha Simmons was awarded the Lancer Incentive Award from Eastern Wyoming College. At left, Lyriquelle Peterson receives a WCAC scholarship. At the symposium Lyriquelle received two blue ribbons. One of her paintings also received the First Lady Award and will be on display at the Governor's Mansion for a year. Below, Grayson Ramsey receives the Army ROTC Scholarship that will pay for two years of tuition and is worth more than \$45,000 per year.

Photos by Walter Sprague



ROAD WORK NOTICE

The City of Newcastle is to start work on the Chip Seal 2021 project on Monday, June 21st, and continue work until June 26th. The work is to be performed by Simon Contractors. During the work residents are asked to please not park on the streets in their area for 3 days. Flyers with more specific information will be provided to local residents. City crews will be cleaning the streets June 16-18 and will be requesting that vehicles not park in the street during that time. If you have questions or concerns please contact the City Engineer, Mike Moore at (307) 746-3535 or alternately the Public Works Supervisor, Greg Stumpff (307) 746-2882. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this important maintenance activity.



4-H hosts presentations contest

Brittany Hamilton
4-H & Youth Development Educator

“Do you want to hear a story? This is one of my favorites!” 12-year-old Carli Stolhammer stated as she drew the audience into her oral interpretation of a piece titled “Rinderella,” a fun twist on the classic Cinderella story. The 4-H Presentations Contest was held May 26 at the Pinnacle Bank’s conference room and was judged by Carol Thurman. Carli was one of five youth who braved the stage in this year’s contest.

The 4-H Presentations Contest is a time-honored contest in Weston County and welcomes youth ages 8-18 to compete and children ages 5-7 to participate as Tumbleweeds. Traditionally, youth may do a prepared speech, deciding on their topic ahead of time, or an impromptu speech, not knowing their topic until the contest. Additional categories were added to this year’s contest, including poetry, oral interpretation, and advertising and marketing. These additional categories broadened the presentation experience and allowed youth different avenues to express their creativity in public speaking.

Audience members learned why Patrick Mahomes is not only a great quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs but also a



Submitted photo
Connor Stolhammer, Waylon Stolhammer, Carli Stolhammer, and Tiernan Stanton participated in the presentations contest this year.

great guy, from Rylan Fladstol. Connor Stolhammer and Waylon Stolhammer gave their best renditions of works in the poetry category, and Tiernan Stanton shared her knowledge of biodegradable plastics in the prepared category. Tiernan also participated in the advertising and marketing category with an online business website and subscription box business, projects she also used for FBLA and school.

The evening finished with a few impromptu presenta-

tions from Tiernan, Connor, and Waylon.

The Presentations Contest serves as a great opportunity for members to increase public speaking skills, gain confidence, and improve communication, all tools youth may use for a lifetime to help achieve their goals. It truly

is a contest that has life-long positive effects.

Weston County 4-H would like to extend a huge thank you to Pinnacle Bank for hosting this contest as well as Carol Thurman for taking the time to volunteer her expertise and serve as the judge. Participants had a great experience!



Submitted photo
Rylan Fladstol gives his prepared speech on Patrick Mahomes.

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Champion Intermediate Presenter	Connor Stolhammer	The Creation by James Weldon Johnson	Don Jording
Reserve Champion Intermediate Presenter	Carli Stolhammer	Rinderella	Barb Hansen
Champion Senior Presenter	Tiernan Stanton	Plague on Plastic	Don Jording
Overall Champion Presenter	Tiernan Stanton	Plague on Plastic	Range Karla Salsbery
Reserve Overall Presenter	Rylan Fladstol	Patrick Mahomes	Range Karla Salsbery

Accomplishments



VCSU releases Honor Rolls for Spring Semester 2021

Haley Marie Himrich of Newcastle was recognized as earning President’s Honor Roll status for the spring semester 2021 at from Valley City State University.

The President’s Honor Roll recognizes students who completed 12 semester hours or more of VCSU classes for which grade points are earned with a 4.0 grade point average.

UW lists Honor Rolls

The University of Wyoming lists seven students from Weston County on the 2021 spring semester academic Dean’s and Dean’s Freshman Honor Rolls.

The honor rolls consist of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman standing who earned a 3.4 or better grade-point average, and freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better grade-point average.

To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

Students from Upton to make Honor Roll are Ty A. Beck, Jared Hylander, Zane A. Kuhbacher, and Kade McMillan. Students from Newcastle are Sarah R. Henkle, Bailey Jo Karp, and Courtney Rainbolt.

For more information about the University of Wyoming, view the webpage at uwyo.edu.

UW announces Provost’s Honor Roll

The University of Wyoming lists two students from Weston County on the 2021 spring semester Provost’s Honor Roll. From Newcastle they are Jodi Barker and Grace Peterson.

The Provost’s Honor Roll consists of undergraduates who have completed at least six but fewer than 12 hours with a minimum 3.5 grade-point average for the semester.

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Voelker earns degree

Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, S.D., recently conferred 179 degrees to graduating students.

Among the graduates was Wyatt Voelker, Magna Cum Laude (Cumulative GPA 3.70-3.84), Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Management, from Newcastle.

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Dealing with loss or damage to your home, contents or other property after a major storm, hurricane, fire, or theft can be overwhelming. It is important that you take steps to protect yourself and your property so that you can recover from that loss.

While most consumers can resolve their property claims by dealing with their insurance company and the assigned adjuster on their own, sometimes consumers or businesses decide they would prefer to have a public adjuster handle the insurance claim on their behalf. These people who represent you, the policyholder, regarding an insurance claim are known as **public adjusters**.

A public adjuster is an insurance claim consultant who acts on your behalf to process and negotiate your claim with your insurance company.

Public adjusters aren’t terribly common in Wyoming, but they are popping up more and more. The big difference between them and standard adjusters is that public adjusters work for the insured, not the insurance company, and public adjusters are required to be licensed as **consultants** according to Wyoming law. See *Wyo.Stat. §26-9-220 and DOI Administrative Rules, chapter 18*.

They are typically hired when insureds think they aren’t being compensated properly for a loss. Public adjusters negotiate directly with the insurance company to get a higher claims payout. They typically base their fees on a percentage of the total payout, which they explain as an incentive for them to get as much as possible for the insured. The downside is that they may



get what is needed to cover the loss, but after taking their percentage, the insured is left undercompensated.

Primarily, a public adjuster appraises the damage, prepares an estimate for the damage to the building or structure, prepares an inventory of the contents or personal property claim, and processes other claim documentation. A public adjuster also advises and assists the policyholder, and not only explains your positions to the insurance company, but also conveys and explains the insurance company’s positions to you.

A public adjuster reads the insurance policy to determine coverages and negotiates with the insurance company’s adjuster. They can negotiate losses and claims on your behalf, so carefully read all documents provided to you before signing anything.

As an advisor and assistant to the policyholder, the public adjuster should make sure that you, the consumer, understand your rights and duties un-

der the insurance policy, and that you meet the various deadlines and other technical requirements of the insurance policy and comply with the terms and conditions of the policy.

A public adjuster is different from a claims adjuster who works for the insurance company as the public adjuster works for you, the policyholder, and is paid by you, not the insurance company.

A public adjuster can charge a flat fee or a fee that is based upon a percentage of the settlement received from your insurer. The fee is paid by you and not your insurer. In some states these fees are based on a certain percentage or whether the claim is the result of a catastrophe, or both. Wyoming does not have any specific laws related to the amount that a public adjuster may charge.

If you hire a public adjuster, understand that your insurance company may or may not agree with the estimates of damages prepared by the public adjust-

er. However, public adjusters are intended to negotiate on your behalf to ensure the insurance company settles your claim in accordance with the terms and conditions of the policy it issued to you.

A public adjuster’s main responsibilities are to protect your interests and advocate on your behalf with the insurance company. Some examples of these actions include:

- **Evaluate** your insurance policy to determine what coverage(s) may be applicable.
- **Inform** you of the policy’s deadlines, technical requirements, and other terms and conditions; advise you on your rights and duties and negotiate under the policy.
- **Research**, detail, and substantiate damage to buildings and contents and any additional expenses that you incur.
- **Evaluate** business interruption losses and extra expense claims for businesses.
- **Prepare**, document, and support claim(s) on your behalf.
- **Provide** the insurance company’s loss estimates and evaluations and proposed resolutions to you and explain them to you, as well as any differences between the insurance company’s estimates and the estimates submitted on your behalf.
- **Convey** and explain any other insurance company’s positions, such as coverages or exclusions.



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M-07	85	62
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W-09	94	60
T-10	90	57
F-11	95	55
S-12	77	51

Public Notice

SECOND PUBLICATION REGULAR NONCOAL MINING PERMIT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bentonite Performance Minerals, LLC of Colony, WY has applied for a mining permit from the Land Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality for the State of Wyoming. The mining permit area for the mining of bentonite will be located in: The east half (E2) of section 24 within Township 41 north, Range, 61 west and the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter (NW4NE4) of section 30 and the south half (S2), the west half of the northwest quarter (W2NW4), the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter (SE4NW4), the south half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter (S2NE4NW4), the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter (SW4NE4) and the south half of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter (S2NW4NE4) of section 19 within Township 41 north, Range 60 west all within Weston County, Wyoming. The Lucky Strike permit area is approximately 1.85 miles south of the intersection between Dewey Road and Old Highway 85. The proposed operation is scheduled to begin July of 2022 and is estimated to continue until 2037.

Information regarding this application may be reviewed in the Office of the Land Quality Division

of the Department of Environmental Quality in Cheyenne and Sheridan or the Weston County Clerk's Office, Newcastle, Wyoming. Written objections to the proposed mining operation must be received by the Administrator of the Land Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 W. 17th Street, Suite 10, Cheyenne, WY 82002 before the close of business August 7th, 2021. Objections may also be submitted by the same deadline via the Land Quality Division's electronic comment portal at <http://lq.wyomingdeq.com/commentinput.com/>. The Director shall issue a final written decision on the application within thirty days after the deadline to file objections. The applicant or objector may appeal the Director's written decision to the Environmental Quality Council (EQC). If a hearing is held, the EQC shall issue findings of fact and a decision within sixty days after the final hearing. The hearing shall be conducted as a contested case in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act (W.S. §16-3-101 through §16-3-115), and the right of judicial review shall be afforded as provided in that Act. All parties as given in W.S. §35-11-406(j) will be mailed a copy of this notice. The Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will be mailed a copy of the application mine plan map as required in W.S. §35-11-406(j).

(Publish June 17 and 24 and July 1 and 8, 2021)

Bid Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF NEWCASTLE 10 WEST WARWICK STREET NEWCASTLE, WY 82701

The City of Newcastle will receive bids for the construction of "City of Newcastle, 2019 WATER IMPROVEMENTS BOYD AVENUE" until 1:00 P.M., Local Time, 13 July 2021, at the Newcastle City Council Chambers, 10 West Warwick Street, Newcastle WY, at which time the bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work consists of Installing 1929 LF of 6" water line, 150 LF of 6" Versa-Lok water line in existing casing, 130 LF Horizontal Directional Drilled 6" HDPE pipe, two fire hydrants, reconnecting water services, pavement milling, patch and overlay, and various incidental items.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

Owner: City of Newcastle
10 West Warwick Street
Newcastle, WY
Engineer: Bearlodge Engineering & Surveying
420 Cleveland Street
Sundance, Wyoming

Contractors wishing to be placed on the bidders list or to obtain Contract Documents must obtain the documents electronically through the "Projects Out for Bid" link on the Bearlodge Engineering & Surveying website at www.bearlodgeengineering.com, or can download the documents directly from QuestCdn (Quest eBidDoc #7880754). Contractors should contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or Info@questcdn.com for assistance in downloading and working with this digital project information.

A pre-bid tour will be held on 23 June 2021, 1:00 P.M. starting at the Newcastle City Council Chambers, 10 West Warwick Street, Newcastle WY.

Contractors shall be required to submit proof of at least three years of experience in municipal water construction. The proof shall consist of at least three projects completed within the last

three years, along with references for each project. Any specialty subcontractors shall be required to submit proof of experience of at least three years for the specialty work to be performed. The proof shall be submitted with the bid.

A Bid must be accompanied by Bid security made payable to the Owner in the amount of five percent of Bidder's maximum Bid price in the form of a Bid Bond issued by a surety meeting the requirements of paragraph 5.01 and 5.02 of the General Conditions for bids greater than \$150,000. Bid security may be in the form of a certified check or bank money order for bids \$150,000 or less.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds, each in the amount at least equal to the Contract Price as faithful performance and payment of all of Contractor's obligations under the Contract Documents, and shall be executed by such sureties as are named in the list of "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies" as published in Circular 570 (amended) by the Financial Management Service, Surety Bond Branch, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) are encouraged to submit bids on this project. Bidders that use a subcontractor(s)/supplier(s) are required to make a good faith effort at soliciting DBE subcontractor/supplier participation. Bidders shall submit the required DBE Good Faith Effort Documentation form and other related form with their bids.

Pursuant to W.S. 16-6-106, "preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, agricultural products, equipment, machinery and provisions produced, manufactured or grown in Wyoming, or supplied by a resident of the state, quality being equal to articles offered by the competitors outside of the state". [SRF CONDITION]

(Publish June 10 and 17, 2021)

DEADLINE FOR LEGALS IS FRIDAY

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Budget Notice

SALT CREEK WATER DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Salt Creek Water District will hold a meeting at the Salt Creek Water District Office at 5021 US Hwy 16 E. on July 1, 2021 at 5 p.m. for the purpose of the budget hearing for the year 2021-2022. Any interested person may attend and be heard.

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Fun and Games

THE 4TH OF JULY

ACROSS

- Steps to the river, in India
- Hot springs resort
- Meal in a shell
- Driver's misbehavior?
- *Grilling technique
- Medal of Honor descriptor
- Cracked open
- What Knave of Hearts stole from Queen of Hearts, sing.
- Raise one's rank
- *July 4th pyrotechnic display
- Hubble Space Telescope operator, acr.
- Chip dip
- i topper
- *Main Street tradition on the 4th
- Superlative of fummy
- Ribonucleic acid
- Store as fodder
- Moonfish
- Rose oil
- Number cruncher
- Fairy tale garden dweller
- Indian Lilac tree
- Extinct type of zebra
- Steampunk decoration
- Did 2 + 2 (2 words)
- Crocheted blanket
- Swedish shag rug
- Ancient port city in Israel
- Smiley face
- *First President to hold July 4th celebration at the White House
- Snoop Dogg's "Gin and _____"
- Medicinal succulent
- Hit the bottle
- Earthenware pots
- View from a high-speed train?
- Observe
- "Glengarry _____ Ross"
- G, in solfa

64. "The Fountainhead" author

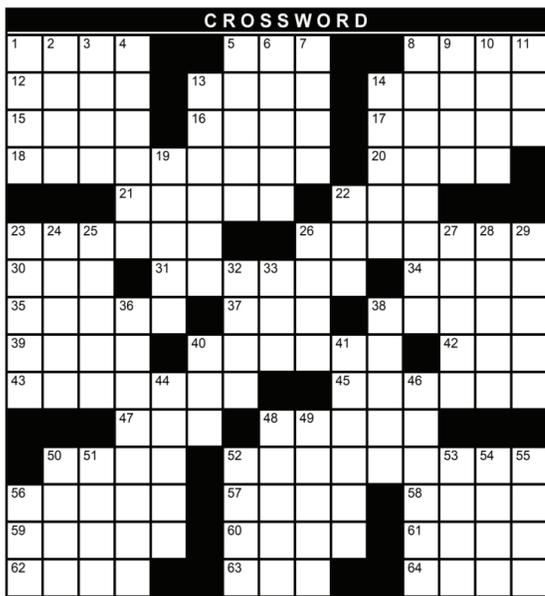
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- Former tennis pro Steffi
- One who's made the pilgrimage to Mecca
- Petri dish filler
- Mother of Calcutta
- Roebuck's partner
- a.k.a. anorak
- A in B.A.
- **No _____ without representation"
- Unfortunately, exclamation
- *Drink to wash down burgers and hot dogs?
- Table scrap
- Steal, past participle
- What haters spew?
- Crane or heron
- Expecting woman's date
- Life force in Sanskrit
- Chipped in
- What Motion Picture Association of America did

26. *Most popular July 4th decoration

- Notable period
- Polynesian island country
- Feudal lord
- Fish a.k.a. porgy
- Beer acronym
- *Lee Greenwood's "Proud to Be an _____"
- Blooper
- Sine _____ non
- Old-timer
- Force units
- Wedding tossable
- Jiggly dessert
- Run _____ of the law
- Type of sea bird
- Agitate
- Kickboxing moves
- Miso bean
- U.S. _____ in golf or tennis
- Egghead
- Leisurely run

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Newcastle City Council Minutes

**NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021**

Mayor Gualtieri called this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Gualtieri; Council members Daren Downs, Micheal Alexander, Ann McColley and Lance Miles. Councilmen Owens and Steveson were absent. Also present were Department Heads City Police Chief Sam Keller, City Engineer Mike Moore, City Attorney Michael Stulken and City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ann McColley moved, seconded Michael Alexander to approve the agenda as amended, adding Mr. Tom Voss reference Weston County Arts Council activities and approval of a plumbing license. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Michael Alexander moved, seconded Ann McColley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Monday May 17, 2021 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION:

Mr. Garrett Borton and others for promoting and organizing the RPM Days in Newcastle.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION:

Mr. Steve Ladwig for materials and work to repair the flower planters. Certificate will be mailed.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—IN WRITING:

Michael Alexander moved, seconded Ann McColley to approve a plumbing Contractor's License for Renken Plumbing. Plumbing contractor Renken Plumbing, Master Plumber Bryan Renken. Copies of State license, proof of insurance and bond have been provided. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—VERBAL:

Mr. Roger Hesper, Newcastle Ambulance Service, introduced the new owners, Campbell County EMS, Chris Beltz and Misty Robertson. The new owners said they would be providing 24 hour paramedic service and were pleased to be accepted in the community. Mayor Gualtieri asked if they came in expecting the same level of funding, reply was not expecting, but hoping for a good relationship for continued funding. Chris stated the name would remain as well as the colors and logo.

Mr. Bruce Perkins was present to speak against the idea of closing the Bypass to force more traffic downtown. He stated there were too many negatives, such as added police patrol expenses, railroad crossing, and parking issues. Mayor Gualtieri said the Council hadn't discussed the matter, but generally was not in favor of the idea and doubted it would be pursued.

Mr. Tom Voss was present representing the Weston County Arts Council to discuss upcoming events. There are two Warm Summer Night events planned on June 25th and July 23rd, both evenings from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Relaxation of the Open Container Ordinance was requested for both evenings on Main Street from Sumner to Seneca, not inclusive of those streets. Michael Alexander moved, seconded Lance Miles to approve this request. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Voss also noted two additional events on July 3rd. Reenactment of Theodore Roosevelt's speech from the steps of the Antlers immediately after the parade and then the reenactment of the hanging of Diamond Slim at 8:30 in Railroad Park.

PUBLIC HEARING: as advertised at 7:15 p.m. to consider the budget for fiscal year 2021—2022. Mayor opened the hearing and asked for comments. The record reflects there were no public comments. Ann McColley moved, seconded Michael Alexander to approve the budget as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.** Next was presented Ordinance No. 2, Series 2021. The heading reads: **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR REVENUE TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING.** Michael Alexander moved, seconded Daren Downs to pass Ordinance No. 2 Series 2021 on emergency basis. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Consideration of a special use permit or variance to allow the Amish folks to keep a horse in town in an area not zoned for that. Mayor Gualtieri stated she thought the City should make some kind of accommodation for this. Attorney Michael Stulken presented an opinion according to what was on the books for ordinances and zoning keeping a horse in town was not appropriate or allowed. After much discussion and comments from the audience, the decision of the Council was to find in favor of a variance, stating all applicable criteria could be met for a variance. Daren Downs moved, seconded Lance Miles to approve the variance to allow horses on the property in question, but with the following restrictions:

Horse(s) must be kept out back, cannot be in front of the business

If anyone goes to attend the horses, proper hygiene must be performed before handling food.

The area where the horse(s) are kept must be kept clean, cleaned at least once per week

This variance can be revoked.

Pest control must be employed

The horse(s) must be fenced with shade provided, and must be properly fed and watered

The Community Service Officer will monitor for compliance.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Engineer Mike Moore reported on work being done, 42 current building permits are open. Mike recommended a \$.50 per hour raise for Jim Hansen for completion of probation.

Daren Downs moved, seconded Michael Alexander to approve this request. Motion carried. Mr. Moore then recommended a \$.50 per hour raise for Justin King for achieving the Lagoon Operator Certificate. Michael Alexander moved, seconded Ann McColley to approve this request. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Moore reported on other projects in the works. The Boyd Avenue will be bid out with bid opening on Tuesday July 13th so the bids may be read and then awarded at the Council meeting on July 19. Approved by consensus. Mr. Larry Curtis

addressed the Council regarding water and sewer service to his new building which is not in the City limits. He expressed frustration over how he felt he has been treated. A viable solution will be explored.

City Attorney Michael Stulken had no report other than the questions regarding keeping horses and the Bypass, which had been answered.

City Police Chief Sam Keller reported Haley Barker had completed her probation effective June 6th and asked for a \$.50 per hour raise. Ann McColley moved, seconded Michael Alexander to approve this request. **MOTION CARRIED.** Chief Keller then recommended hiring Taylor Ide as a dispatcher at the rate of \$14.07 per hour, one year probation, starting June 6, 2021. Ann McColley moved, seconded Michael Alexander to approve this request. **MOTION CARRIED.** Chief Keller reported on calls for service, 2065 TYD and 455 in the month of May. Also had trouble with the battery backup for the server.

City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James reported the budget process was complete and the audit process would begin in a month.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: none

OTHER CITY BUSINESS: none

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY: Ann McColley moved, seconded Michael Alexander to pay the claims against the City dated Monday, June 7, 2021. **MOTION CARRIED.** Michael Alexander moved, seconded Ann McColley to adjourn this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 9:13 p.m.

Claims: Blue 360 Media, LLC, Wyoming criminal and traffic law updates, \$900.00; 4R Vinyl Graphics & Design, public works decals, \$249.00; Ad-Pro Office Supply, US flag, \$39.90; Alpha Communications, May 2021 tower rent, \$95.00; American Business Software, update website/calendar update, \$81.95; American Solutions for Business, utility bills, \$1366.47; BCN Telecom, long distance service, \$168.51; Bearlodge Engineering & Surveying, engineering & surveying, \$12,795.00; Black Hills Energy, electric & natural gas service, \$12,752.57; Black Hills Plumbing & Supply, Freon removal, landfill, \$1150.00; Bomgaars Supply, supplies/materials, \$3055.15; Brenda Buskohl, Fire Chief pictures, \$159.78; Cambria Supply, supplies/materials, \$1048.27; Century Link, E-911 data service, \$996.85; City of Newcastle, WA/SW/GA service, \$642.25; CNA Surety, judges' bond, \$100.00; Contractor's Supply, Inc., culvert/grout/plug, \$4223.88; Croell, Inc., grout, \$142.50; Jason Dean, water deposit refund, \$94.09; Dite's Tinkering Designs, memorial plaques, \$260.00; R. Douglas Dumbrell, June 2021 municipal judge, \$1176.30; Energy Laboratories, Inc., sample testing, \$750.00; Farnsworth Services Co., Inc., Salem drainage project/portable sanitation, \$26,850.00; Ferguson Waterworks, #1116, pipe parts/fittings, \$1048.27; Fired Up Rescue, strut kit/fire boots/turnout gear, \$17,660.03; Fisher Sand & Gravel, base course, \$1153.51; FOCUS, Family Violence Center, 4th quarter payment, \$1250.00; Forterra Pipe & Precast, frame & grate, \$625.00; Gateway Travel Center, fuel purchases, \$2259.55; Hurricane Services, sewer work & car washes, \$5540.00; Knecht Home Center, building materials, \$3137.69; Mastercard, fuel/travel/training, \$3393.62; Tonia Mills, travel mileage, \$277.20; Mission Communications, LLC, service renewal, \$1186.80; Modern Marketing, Inc., pinwheels/bracelets, \$1611.48; Mountain View Plumbing & Heating, install expansion tank, \$282.00; MSDSONline, Inc., MSDS subscriptions, \$750.00; Municipal Emergency Services, SCBA repair, \$140.04; Newcastle Ambulance Service, June 2021 ambulance service, \$8333.33; Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce, 4th quarter payment, \$3250.00; Newcastle Recreation Board, 4th quarter payment, \$9500.00; Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept., new pagers/supplies, \$2141.82; News Letter Journal, legals/ads, \$1577.00; NORCO, Inc., batteries, \$54.00; Normont Equipment Co., parts, \$61.25; Northern Tool & Equipment, trimmer line, \$65.99; Northern Wyoming Mental Health Center, Inc., 4th quarter payment, \$1625.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc., pipe parts & fittings, \$8248.38; Powder River Energy Corp., electric service, \$1227.96; Powerphone, dispatcher training, \$159.80; Range, E-911 data service, \$151.28; Range, city share phone, \$341.31; Range, phone service, \$836.86; Rapid Delivery, Inc., parts delivery, \$14.66; Renegade Paint & Pipes, install decals, \$490.00; Julie Richardson, water deposit refund, \$161.61; Ricks Electric, wire furnace & repairs, \$1176.19; Genell Rothleutner, PD cleaning, \$200.00; Salt Creek Water District, sewer service, \$555.00; Slattery Enterprises, Inc., rod sewer main, \$3400.00; Smith Psychological Services, pre-employment evaluation, \$400.00; Bryand Streeter, June 2021 airport wages, \$1333.33; Michael Stulken, June 2021 attorney fee, \$2800.00; Lucky Teigen-Grummons, fire hall cleaning, \$300.00; Thunder Basin Ford, LLC, vehicle repair, \$359.63; Top Office Products, Inc., PD copy charge, \$99.54; Transource, parts, \$604.09; Jessica Troftgruben, water deposit refund, \$13.01; Uber Geek Computer, lifecam/printer ink, \$391.70; Verizon, cell phones, \$728.45; Becky Vodopich, city office cleaning, \$300.00; Voelker's Autobody/Glass, tire service, \$180.00; Shey Anne Walker, water deposit refund, \$45.36; Weston County Children's Center, 4th quarter payment, \$2250.00; Weston County Road & Bridge, fuel purchase, \$400.71; Weston County Treasurer, City share heat/lights/phone, \$1072.41; Weston County Gazette, subscription, \$30.00; Weston County Humane Society, 4th quarter payment, \$4250.00; Weston Count Senior Services, 4th quarter payment, \$7500.00; Weston County Sportsmans Club, PD membership, \$460.00; Wyoming First Aid & Safety, first aid supplies, \$201.09; Wyoming Home Services, 4th quarter payment, \$1500.00; Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy, training, \$693.15; Wyoming Office of State Lands & Investments, SRF 174 loan payment, \$9736.20.

Pam Gualtieri, Mayor
ATTEST: City Clerk/Treasurer, Greg James

(Publish June 17, 2021)

Cowboy State Look-In

Courtesy of the Wyoming News Exchange

F.E. Warren unveils park

CHEYENNE (WNE) — The new park at F.E. Warren Air Force Base has been around a year in the making. The idea came about because anyone who wanted to see the missile display would have to technically go onto the base, even if the farthest they went out it was the display.

More than 1,400 people come to the base every year just to see the missile display and static aircraft, so the Air Force officials and the city of Cheyenne partnered together to

see how they could make life a little simpler for base visitors.

The city engineering department managed to create an accessible, yet classic, design for a park that would give guests the chance to park in front of the base and walk over to the displays without having to go through security checks.

On Thursday, the new F.E. Warren Air Force Base Air Park was officially opened to the public with a ribbon cutting ceremony featuring multiple

Air Force officials, Cheyenne Mayor Patrick Collins and Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce CEO Dale Steenbergen.

Three intercontinental ballistic missiles that tower high above head are on display at the park, all of which were operated during the Cold War Period. There is also the Bell UH-1F Huey helicopter, which was used to transport military personnel to and from the base from 1966 to 1980. The helicopter was restored in 2000.

Wildfire starts near Clark

POWELL (WNE) — A wildfire north of Clark in the Beartooth Mountain Range blew up on Monday, rapidly growing from about 40 acres in the morning to roughly 230 acres by the late afternoon.

When it was first reported Sunday, the Robertson Draw Fire was burning mostly in sagebrush and grass.

However, the fire moved into the timber in the Shoshone and Custer Gallatin National Forests Monday as Clark residents watched flames towering over mature trees and spreading quickly.

Crews are worried high temperatures and strong winds could push the fire further into Wyoming.

The fire was near Line Creek, about 2 miles from the nearest structures, as of Monday afternoon.

Resources at the scene include engines and firefighters from the Forest Service and Bridger, Belfry and Red Lodge fire departments, Billings Type II veterans and the Pilot Peak Wildland

module out of Cody, said Custer Gallatin National Forest public relations officer Marna Daley.

The initial fire was fairly easy to access in the Custer Gallatin National Forest, Daley said, but has moved into extremely steep terrain.

“It’s hot, dry and windy. It will continue to burn,” she said.

Monday afternoon two helicopters took turns dropping water on the Wyoming side of the fire. No structures are threatened at this time, according to Daley, but the Ruby Creek and Gold Creek drainages have been evacuated and the North and South Fork of Grove Creek were in pre-evacuation standby as of 4 p.m. Monday.

There are area closures for the plateau south of U.S. Highway 212 from Mt. Maurice Trailhead to Greenough Lake. The Eastside campground had yet to be evacuated.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

Truck arrestor catches pickup

JACKSON (WNE) — The Teton Pass truck arrestor is back in action.

A Toyota Tacoma pickup lost its brakes Friday morning coming down the eastern side of Teton Pass, but the driver steered into the arrestor, Wyoming Highway Patrol Lt. Matt Brackin said.

The arrestor, which has a

series of cable nets intended to slow an out-of-control vehicle, “worked flawlessly.”

The first net slowed the pickup, which stopped about 50 feet after entering the arrestor. The driver, Brackin said, walked away from the crash.

The structure required extensive repairs after a truck hauling logs went through all

but the last few cable nets in September 2019. The Wyoming Department of Transportation then installed a sand barrel array as a temporary fix while it figured out how to repair the structure.

Although the Tacoma probably wasn’t the biggest test, the arrestor seems to be up and running again.

Robinson Fire continues to burn

BUFFALO (WNE) — A fire continues to burn in Robinson Canyon, with crews working to contain the flames.

The Robinson Fire is located 20 miles south of Buffalo and started by lightning June 8. On Thursday, high winds pushed the fire further into Robinson Canyon, where it is now burning.

Additional crews, engines and aerial resources arrived, containing the fire to 25% Saturday. On Sunday at 7 p.m. fire crews conducted a strategic burn operation in the canyon on the northwest portion of the fire perimeter to secure the area and mitigate risk. The fire returned to 18%

containment Monday morning, according to the incident website.

Because of burning Sunday evening and into Monday, smoke may be visible in the area.

According to the fire website, 291 personnel are working on the fire, which has grown to engulf 697 acres. The fire remains primarily timber-based with heavy dead and down timber in very steep and rugged terrain, according to the site. High temperatures in the region this week remain a concern for those fighting the fire.

For updates on the fire, see the incident website at inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/7528.

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City Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES 2021

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR REVENUE TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE WYOMING, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

BE IT ORDAINTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING:

Section 1: That revenue shall be raised by general taxation within the City of Newcastle, Wyoming, by means of taxation levied upon taxable property within the corporate limits of said City, for the purpose of defraying expenses and paying liabilities of said City, as herinafter set forth; to-wit:	
General Purpose	\$ 8 Mills
Redemption of Bonds	None
Bond Interest	None
Total to be raised by taxation	\$ 8 Mills

Section 2: It is hereby declared that an emergency exists, and that passage of this Ordinance is necessary to preserve the public health, peace, safety or welfare, and that the required three (3) public readings shall be

suspended in accordance with W.S. 15-1-115, and that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and upon proclamation by the Mayor pursuant to W.S. 15-1-116.

Passed this 7th day of June 2021
Pam Gualtieri, Mayor
ATTEST: City Clerk/Treasurer, Greg James

PROCLAMATION

I, Pam Gualtieri, Mayor of the City of Newcastle, Wyoming proclaim that Ordinance No. 2, Series 2021, passed on the 7th day of June 2021, on emergency basis in accordance with W.S. 15-1-115, operates for the immediate preservation of the public peace, safety or welfare, and pursuant to W.S. 15-1-116, it shall be effective immediately, and thereafter it shall be published as soon as possible according to law.

Dated 7th day of June 2021.
Pam Gualtieri, Mayor
ATTEST: City Clerk/Treasurer, Greg James

(Publish June 17, 2020)

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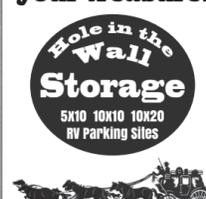
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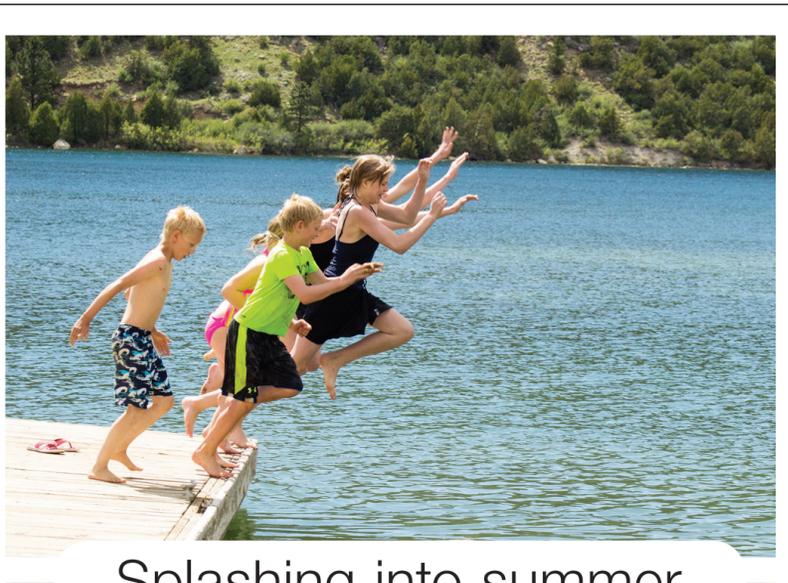
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Splashing into summer



LAK Reservoir was the perfect place to cool off last week for Faith Dixon, Angel Dixon, Angela Dixon, Ashlynn Mills, Jerry Paulson, Braden Dixon, and Mary Paulson. The youngsters used their photo opportunity to make a big splash off the new dock that was installed last year. The lake, located 5.2 miles east of Newcastle down Beaver Creek Road, is on privately owned property that is open to the public. It is a popular recreation spot for swimming and fishing. Free fishing permits are available for shore or boat fishing.

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