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Weston County

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Newcastle, Wyoming

Year 135 Week 25

County, city fire restrictions placed

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Dry conditions across northeast Wyoming have contributed to more acres burning in 2021 — 1,270.7 acres — than in the last four years combined (1,096.7 acres), according to Weston County Fire Warden

Daniel Tysdal.

“As of today, we have had 15 wildland fires already this year — nine natural caused (lightning) and six human caused,” Tysdal told the *News Letter Journal* Monday evening.

In addition to the already rough season, Tysdal said that the “National Weather Service is predicting above-

normal temperatures across the state and below-normal precipitation as drought conditions continue to worsen in the northeast corner of the state.”

He explained that forecasting indicates the county could be in for a bad year, fire-wise.

“The timber fuel models are well below average for this time of year,

in terms of fuel moisture, as was demonstrated on the Skull Creek Fire where group tree torching and spotting ahead of the fire occurred,” Tysdal said. “The grass fuel models have almost completely cured in most areas of the county as well and resistance to control measures are evident in all fuel models, even though it’s

still June.”

Because of this, he said the stage has been set for a long challenging fire season and he is asking that the public remain vigilant.

In the hopes of preventing fires, stage one burn restrictions have been

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He’s SAFE!



Cayson Phillips, who walked away with the Most Valuable Player award for his team, slides into home plate in a cloud of dust during the Newcastle majors game versus Belle Fourche at the Mefford Memorial Tournament, held Saturday at the Newcastle Baseball Complex. Newcastle came away with a third-place finish while Hot Springs took first, Upton cinched the second place spot and Belle Fourche rounded out the competition in fourth. See more photos on Page 11.

Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

All-school reunion is next week

Alexis Barker
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The Newcastle High School All-School Reunion is right around the corner and the weekend is shaping up to be one for the books, thanks to head organizers Jennifer Smith and Tracy Olson.

Beginning Friday, July 2, activities begin ramping up for alumni with events planned through the morning of July 4.

While class events and other activities are planned for July 2 and 4, the main focus of the reunion is the events on July 3 that will keep Main Street closed for the day as people flock to downtown for the festivities.

According to Smith, there will be no formal registration for the reunion unless you are participating in specific events, such as the golf tournament, parade and/or walk-run. Each of these events will have registrations available online or on the day of the event.

Along with pictures to help remind you of the weekend of fun with old high school friends, the *News Letter Journal* will produce volume two of

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NLJ partners with library

Kinlee Whitney
NLJ Reporter

The Wyoming State Geological Survey donated fossil kits to the *News Letter Journal*, which then partnered with the Weston County Library to distribute the kits to youth in the community.

After receiving a press release about the distribution of 275 fossil kits around Wyoming, Bob Bonnar, publisher of the *News Letter Journal*, noticed that no kits were headed to the northeastern part of the state.

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Something Healthy Market celebrates 20 years

KateLynn Slaamot
NLJ Correspondent

Something Healthy Market is celebrating its 20-year business anniversary at the store Saturday, June 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Patty Cole, owner of Something Healthy, said that a Crazy Fresh representative is going to be there, and there will be door prizes and food, including dairy-free ice cream bars.

Cole’s journey in health food started in 1998 when she partnered in a business called Wyoming Natural Products, which sold grass-fed beef, with Joe Sandrini and Jim Millett. Cole said that they were “ahead of their time” and had a

website. Through that business, Cole learned things about food and nutrition that she hadn’t known before.

“It was an eye-opening experience,” she said, noting that she came to appreciate the importance of organic foods.

With that newfound passion, Cole found that she had no local store to get her health food, and she considered opening her own. With her partner, her stepmother Susan Francis, they opened up Something Healthy Market in 2001, in the front of the building that housed Wyoming Natural Products, at 26 S. Seneca Ave, a building they shared with A-1 Agency. Cole said they ran the store in a very small space, while they operated Wyoming

Natural Products in the back. Cole and Francis were partners for over a year before Cole took over the business completely.

Cole moved the market to 212 W. Main St. after a couple of years, bringing Wyoming Natural Products with her, and she stayed there for about five years. After that, she moved to

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Photo by KateLynn Slaamot/NLJ
Something Healthy Market, owned by Patty Cole, is celebrating its 20 year business anniversary at the store on Saturday, June 26, from 9-2. There will be door prizes, food and more.



WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
PM Thunderstorms
Hi 72, Lo 54



Friday
AM Showers
Hi 70, Lo 54



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 75, Lo 54



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 77, Lo 53



Monday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 83, Lo 56



Tuesday
Sunny
Hi 88, Lo 61



Wednesday
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the NLJ's Newcastle Legacy Series: NHS All-School Reunion 2021 special section, according to Managing Editor Kim Dean. This all-school reunion tabloid will hit the stands the week of the reunion. Both volumes of the special section will be available during the reunion and feature stories about Newcastle High School graduates who have accomplished amazing things.

"When we heard there would be no book featuring updated information on graduates, the *News Letter Journal* decided this would be the next best thing. This keepsake features newly created content, stories we have featured in the paper and recycled stories from past years that highlight different graduates from Newcastle High School history," Dean said. "We were happy and excited to produce a product that features graduates and their stories for everyone to enjoy."

As far as picture taking opportunities go, Friday will offer lots of chances to snap pictures for those already in town with the Newcastle Booster Club Golf Tournament kicking off the weekend at 7:30 a.m. at Newcastle Country Club. Later in the evening, people choose among these offerings: the Weston County Senior Center dance featuring the Western Ramblers beginning at 7 p.m. with a \$5 cover charge, or watching Pumpyn Ethyl and enjoying food at the Flying V beginning at 5 p.m. with a \$10 cover charge or watching a family friendly movie for free at 9 p.m. in Washington Park.

Saturday's festivities begin bright and early with a pancake feed at the Masonic Lodge, beginning at 7 a.m. for \$8 a plate.

Breakfast is followed by a 1K/5K race sponsored by the Newcastle High School's cross-country team. There is a \$25 entry fee that includes a shirt.

"Everyone participating in the 5K or 1K is encouraged to come to race check-in. People who have registered and paid can pick up shirts," coach Kathy Beehler said in information about the event. "People who haven't paid can come

pay and receive a shirt (depending on availability). Those who aren't registered can come register and pay."

While the race officially starts at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning at the Dogie Theater, registration and check-in will take place on Friday from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Kozisek Aquatic Center. To register for the walk/run, go to Newcastle-cross-country.square.site. Anyone registering the day of the event will have \$5 added to their registration fee.

The parade lineup on Saturday starts at 10 a.m. in the Newcastle High School parking lot. The parade begins at 11 a.m. Classes will have the opportunity to show off their stuff as the parade moves up Main Street. According to Smith, there will be a \$20 minimum donation for each of the floats participating.

Immediately following the parade, the Weston County Arts Council will present the historical reenactment of President Teddy Roosevelt's speech on the steps of the Antlers building.

At this time, food trucks and vendors will line Main Street for those wanting to hang out downtown and enjoy the teacher social at the Antlers from 1 to 3 p.m. and auction at the Weston County Library from 1 to 4 p.m.

The auction, according to Smith, will feature items donated by each class, with all proceeds going to the Newcastle High School Alumni Scholarship fund.

Over at Centennial Park, there will be plenty to do for the kiddos with Fun On The Go bringing bouncy houses and carnival games to town. The fun will be set up and ready to go from 1 to 5 p.m., with wristbands costing \$10.

The evening will end back on Main Street with a street dance featuring Nate Smith and the Caddywhompus Band starting at 8 p.m.

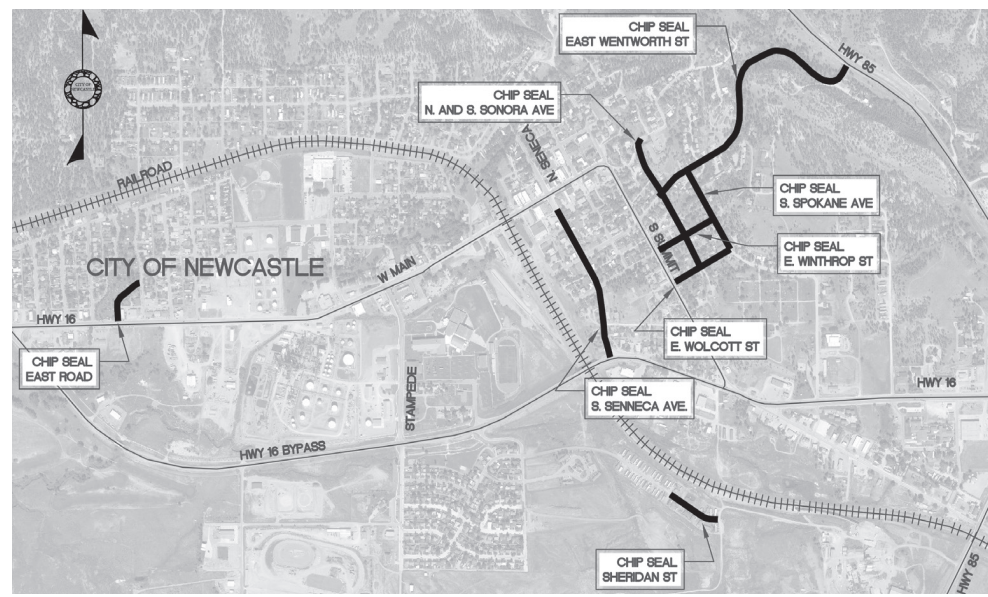
Once the sun starts to go down, the arts council will be at it again with its reenactment of the hanging of Diamond L. Slim at 9 p.m. at Railroad Park.

WHAT Newcastle High School All-School Reunion
WHEN July 2-July 4 (See ad on Page 13)
WHERE Downtown Newcastle

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.



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"I think learning is good. I think identifying with your community and your state is good," Bonnar said, "and one of those things kids really enjoy is those fish fossils."

Bonnar reached out to Christina George, outreach and publications manager at the Wyoming State Geological Survey, who pulled some strings and retrieved 29 extra kits for the *News Letter Journal*. "It's one of the best things about Wyoming, to be a newspaper publisher in little old Newcastle and call the University of Wyoming, and actually get a call back."

The WSGS had a finite number of kits but was able to borrow some from the set allotments to make a small allotment for Weston County.

The fossil kits are a part of the Fossil Fish Festival, a celebration of the 30th anniversary of Knightia as the Wyoming state fish fossil. Due to COVID-19, the festival was

postponed this year and the year before. The WSGS and the University of Wyoming Geological Survey teamed up with the Wyoming NASA Space Grant Consortium and Science Kitchen to provide the kits in lieu of the annual event.

Each kit includes a partially covered fossil fish-bit from the Greater Green River Formation. Children will use the tools provided in the kit to uncover the fish fossils. The kits also have activities that focus on trona, a unique resource deposited in Wyoming as a result of large ancient lakes, and an activity about lake density.

"The kits are a fun way for kids to learn about Wyoming's unique geological history, particularly with regard to fossils," George said.

Once the *News Letter* had the kits, it was only a matter of deciding who to partner with to distribute them around the county. After careful delibera-

tion, the paper reached out to the Weston County Library to hand out kits as they're asked for.

"If there's anything that fits into the library's role and initiative in the community, I always ask (for its help)," Bonnar said.

"It's kind of a neat activity for the kids," said Amanda Sanford, children services librarian at Weston County Library. Sanford said this was a great way for children to learn about the geology and fossils found in Wyoming. The library is the perfect partner for this program because of the amount of children who pass through for the summer reading program.

"We're here to encourage learning through the summer. It's not something that has to stop just because school stops," Sanford said.

The fossil kits are available at the Weston County Library while supplies last.

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her current building at 119 W. Main St. in 2007. Then, in 2008, she stopped the Wyoming Natural Products business.

Cole said that she wanted to offer a place in the community where people could meet their health food needs. Francis added that Cole runs the business more as a service to the people, and she's always willing to special order things for people if she can.

The store offers a variety of quality products. In addition, because of all the food sensitivities, such as gluten allergies or dairy allergies, she has several options in her store, such as dairy free ice cream, vegan ranch and more. She also does produce baskets every week, something she's been doing since she started.

Over the years, as health foods and organic options become more and more familiar, new and improved products become available,

according to Cole.

"They're always coming up with something new," Cole said.

Cole said that she can't believe she has already been open and serving the community for 20 years.

"It's unbelievable. It went by in a blink of an eye," she said.

She is excited about reaching this milestone, she said.

"I am grateful for the support of our community — after all, if I didn't have their support, I wouldn't be in business for 20 years," Cole said.

Something Healthy is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cole welcomes all to stop by and see all the diverse products she has to offer. She also welcomes the community to celebrate with her on Saturday.

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Our View

Your 2021 reunion keepsake

The *News Letter Journal* took on the mission of creating a keepsake for the 2021 Newcastle High School All-School Reunion in 2020, when we learned that the event was postponed for a year, we decided to continue the mission and create two volume's of the NLJ's Newcastle Legacy Series: NHS All School-Reunion 2021. Volume II will hit the stands next week, just in time for the reunion!

But don't worry if you missed volume I, the *NLJ* ordered plenty of copies of last year's edition, so don't forget to pick it up as well while you are in town for the reunion. We hope everyone enjoys both volumes and pack them in your suitcases or away in a memory box as keepsakes from your 2021 reunion journey.

Our community is glad to be open for business and grateful to welcome

you back home to join all of us that never left.

This past year was challenging for many of our local businesses, schools, and the people who reside here — and it was for your weekly newspaper. With many businesses and a larger share of events and happenings postponed due to COVID-19, it was rather difficult, at times, to find events to cover, take photos of, and even produce articles to print. During this challenging time, we reached out to NHS graduates and highlighted their accomplishments in the newspaper and we hope you have enjoyed catching up on the lives of former graduates and classmates.

During the reunion, the *NLJ* staff would like to invite you to stop in the office to visit, have coffee and cookies, and reminisce. We are proud to present Newcastle's newest mural on the side of our building, painted by two of

our employees, Siri Karr and Walter Sprague. The *NLJ* mural features our favorite local landmark, Red Butte, that also appears on the masthead of our newspaper. We hope our mural provides the perfect photo opportunity for you and your fellow classmates, family and loved ones during your visit.

Be sure to check out the full schedule inside volume II and this week's paper on page 13 for a jam-packed, fabulous Fourth of July reunion celebration. Events vary from a golf tournament, live music and dances to kid-friendly carnival games, pancake feed, and free outdoor movie — plus so much more. Reunion organizers and local groups have put together a stellar line-up of activities for returning alumni to partake and enjoy this weekend.

Don't let your connection end with the weekend though! A great way to stay connected to your hometown

throughout the year is with a subscription to the *News Letter Journal*, it's like a weekly newsletter from home. *NLJ* has an online version in addition to our print edition, and there's special pricing if you would like both an online and print subscription package.

NLJ is always looking for story ideas, too, so be sure to share them with us by calling (307) 746-2777 or email reporter@newsjlj.com.

The *News Letter Journal* staff was excited to produce both Volume I and II of Newcastle Legacy Series: NHS All-School Reunion publications, and we'd like to thank our advertisers for their support in bringing these editions to fruition. We hope these stories jog a memory, and take you back in time to your high school days. Enjoy your stay in our community, have fun catching up with family and old friends, and safe travels on your return trip home!

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What were they thinking? Regulating, the last resort

Does Congress, under the Time, Place and Manner Clause of the Constitution, possess authority to "alter" or otherwise override state laws governing the conduct of congressional elections?

That is the central constitutional question at the heart of the heated political debate surrounding H.R. 1 — the "For the People Act" — which will determine whether Congress can protect Americans' voting rights that have

been, or will be, restricted by the passage of some 60 state laws across our nation. What were the framers of the Constitution thinking when they wrote the Time, Place and Manner Clause? Article 1, Section 4, Clause 1 of the Constitution states: "The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Places of choosing Senators."

Alexander Hamilton, author of Federalist No. 59, explained the views, values and conclusions of his fellow delegates to the Constitutional Convention, when he stated that Congress has the constitutional authority "to regulate in the last resort the election of its own members." He observed that

in the entire Constitution, there is nothing "more completely defensible" than this allocation of power, since "every government ought to contain in itself the means of its own preservation."

The theme of "self-preservation" was invoked again and again by the framers of the Constitution, and by those who approved it in the various state ratifying conventions. The concept of an "exclusive" state authority to regulate congressional elections, Hamilton explained, "would leave the existence of the Union entirely at their mercy." State legislatures, he observed, could "annihilate" it by neglecting to provide for elections.

James Madison, Father of the Constitution, shared Hamilton's deepest concerns. He told the Constitutional Convention that he feared "uncontrolled" state authority to regulate elections. He warned that it was "impossible to foresee all the abuses that might be made of the discretionary power." State legislatures might make arbitrary, manipulative decisions based on purely partisan interests.

James Wilson, second in importance to Madison as an architect of the Constitution, was in full agreement and echoed

Hamilton's fear that "some states might make no regulations" on elections, threatening the very existence of Congress and the dissolution of the Union.

Chief Justice Thomas McKean of Pennsylvania, stirred additional fears when he addressed colleagues in the Pennsylvania State Ratifying Convention. Congress, he stated, cannot be deprived of its authority to regulate elections since that would deny its authority to be "the judges of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members." Uncontrolled state authority, moreover, might be exercised to annul an "annual Congress," and destroy congressional power to "determine that elections shall be at convenient and suitable times" and to "prevent corruption or undue influence."

For a Convention that was animated by the need to strengthen the authority of the federal government in the face of the abysmal performance of The Articles of Confederation, which exalted state over national authority, the preservation of Congress and its ultimate authority to regulate "in the last resort" its own elections, plumb the depths of the republican enterprise on which it had embarked.

One measure of the founding generation's understanding of the ultimate constitutional authority wielded by Congress in the regulation of elections, may be seen in the acknowledgment of it by opponents of the arrangement. Elbridge Gerry, a framer from Massachusetts, writing on October 10, 1787, under the title of "Federal Farmer," the most prominent series of anti-Federalist papers, explained the import of the Time, Place and Manner Clause in a lawyerly and moderate tone. Congress, he said, has the power to "regulate elections. Were it omitted, the regulations of elections would be solely in the respective states."

Gerry's concession was reiterated in various anti-Federalist tracts. Abraham Holmes, also a member of the Massachusetts State Ratifying Convention, was at pains to admit that, by virtue of the Clause, the power of choosing the time and manner of "representatives is wholly at the disposal of Congress." Luther Martin, a framer from Maryland who campaigned against ratification of the Constitution, agreed: the authority over elections is "entirely left at the mercy" of Congress.

Nearly 20 state legislatures, dominated by Republicans, have passed, or are considering passage, of roughly 60 bills that will make it much more difficult for minorities to vote. The rationale — "securing the vote" — reflects their view, demonstrably false, as we have seen, that the 2020 election was rife with significant fraud, which, in their estimation, requires reform measures to protect the "integrity" of American

elections. Democrats, however, believe these measures represent an exercise in voter suppression.

The constitutional issue is one of great moment for our nation. Voting rights — the hallmark of American Democracy — must be preserved lest our system melt into a form of government unrecognizable in our history and law.

Readers may quarrel over the issue of whether the "For the People Act" is politically wise or desirable from a policy standpoint or whether it satisfies the needs of our democracy. But there is no question that Congress, as Hamilton, Madison and the rest of the founders determined, possesses the ultimate constitutional authority to regulate the time and manner of congressional elections.

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Deadline for letters is noon on Friday

Drought could have profound implications for Wyoming

The past weeks have offered too many reminders of just how dry it is in Wyoming right now. One after another, wildfires have ignited across the state. A blaze prompted pre-evacuation notices in northeast Wyoming. Another near Buffalo left a haze over the region as crews worked to contain the conflagration in nearly impassible terrain. Then earlier this week, a fire near the town of Pine Haven destroyed one home, two campers and an outbuilding.

Normally, we'd expect to see that sort of fire activity in late summer or early fall, after several months of sustained heat. Now, we're experiencing it before summer even officially starts — and it will almost certainly get worse.

Wyoming, like much of the West, is experiencing a drought. With the exception of small areas in the north central and southeast, the entire state is under drought conditions, with the driest portions in the northeast and south central.

There's little reason to expect things will improve in the short term. The seasonal drought outlook for Wyoming, released Thursday by the National Weather Service, forecasts persistent drought conditions across most of the state. And just as concerning, drought is likely to develop in the few areas that aren't already in that stage.

The implications for Wyoming are profound. The most obvious is the threat of wildfire. In the past few years, we've witnessed historic wildfires in other

western states that have experienced droughts. Oregon, for example, recorded a particularly destructive fire season last year, one that pushed firefighters to the brink. Last fall, southern Wyoming was home to the state's largest wildfire in years. Fire officials are predicting an above average season in 2021.

Wildfire might be the most acute concern, but it's surely not the only one. Water is also critical for our agricultural industry. Ranchers need moisture to provide enough feed for their cattle. Farmers need water to nourish their crops. In central Wyoming, we are blessed with a system of reservoirs that store water for lean years. But even so, drought makes things more difficult for our ag community.


A lack of water could affect other areas of or society as well. Water is a necessary requirement for development and for industry. If there isn't enough

water to go around, that could slow new growth at a time when Wyoming especially needs it.

With drought, there is no easy fix. We are, unfortunately, at the mercy of Mother Nature. But there are steps we can take. We can be thoughtful about how we use water, taking pains to avoid wasting it. And we can all do our part to prevent wildfires by following fire restrictions, properly dousing campfires, keeping vehicles off dry grass and properly disposing of cigarettes.

The reality of drought isn't likely to leave us soon. Long-term weather patterns such as La Nina are at play, meaning it's possible that we'll be dealing with this reality for years. And with our climate warming, drought and wildfires could become more common across the West. Water is our most precious commodity. We would all be wise to remember that as summer begins.

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**STACEY ANN FRANK
Nov. 1, 1971–June 14, 2021**
Stacey Ann Frank crossed the final bridge to Heaven on Monday, June 14th, 2021, in Houston, Texas, surrounded by family. Her heart may have been sick and tired, but it had the power to love beyond measure.

Stacey was born in Lake Preston, S.D., on Nov. 1, 1971, to Georgia Ann Sturdevant and Jackie Rand Underberg. She lived on a farm in eastern South Dakota until the age of 10 when her mom and beloved stepdad, Dennis Alberts, moved the family to Newcastle, Wyo. Stacey graduated from Newcastle High School in 1990. She then moved back to her roots in South Dakota and went to Stenotype Institute. Through trial and error at a few different colleges, she finally got the degree she had always dreamed of at Sheridan College, being a nurse. This led to her career nursing at Monument Health Sturgis Hospital, Monument Health Spearfish Clinic and Hospital, and at the Sheridan VA Medical Center, where she was working at the time of her death.

In the summer of 1991, Stacey met her future husband, Jesse Frank, whom she married on Dec. 13, 2011. In the union of this relationship was born Stacey's miracles and reason to live: Riley Dean in 1995, and Jordan Ann in 2001, the most precious gifts God could ever give a woman. When her husband passed away in 2014 after 23 years together, Stacey and Jordan made their way back to Sheridan to be near her mom.

Stacey's purpose on earth was the happiness she could bring to her family and friends. When she was not trying to help and fix everything, she enjoyed watching her children play sports, going fishing, traveling as much as she could, spending time with family and friends, taking countless photos, and she loved to cook and bake too! You could not keep her down; she was always on the go to a new adventure or meeting up with friends or family.

Stacey touched the lives of many people with her smile, her laugh, and gener-

osity as well as her colorful behavior and sense of humor. Everyone who truly knew Stacey knew it wasn't safe to be in a small area and not have something absurd and funny come out of her mouth.

Stacey was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Brittany; husband, Jesse; and stepdad, Denny Alberts.

She is survived by children, Riley and Jordan; mom, Georgia Alberts; dad, Jack (Debbie) Underberg; sisters, Amy (Bryan) Martini, Sara (Steve) Hofmann, Michelle (Ryan) Switzenberg, and Lisa (Jason Thomsen) Alberts; and Grandma Ellie Sturdevant. Stacey is also survived by her many nieces and nephews who she considered herself their favorite aunt, as well as numerous sisters- and brothers-in-law, aunts, uncles, and cousins, and the many, many friends she made along the way.

Stacey's family would like to thank everyone for the tremendous support they received while they were in Houston. It goes to show what a special person she was to so many people.

Stacey had expressed a vision about her final sendoff and in true Stacey fashion her family is planning a celebration of life for Saturday, June 26, at 4 p.m. at 31 Walt Drive in Big Horn, Wyoming.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Stacey's Heart Medical Expense fund in care of Erin Legerski at First Northern Bank in Sheridan, or Venmo @ Staceys-heart was created as well. This will help the family with medical and funeral expenses.

Online condolences may be written at fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com.

**DUANE DENNIS PATTON
Nov. 13, 1934–June 19, 2021**

Dennis Patton, lifelong Weston County resident, passed away at Monument Health Hospital in Rapid City, S.D., on Saturday morning, June 19. There will be no services at this time. A full obituary will follow.

**KIM FRANCIS ZORN
Aug. 18, 1957–June 12, 2021**

Kim Francis Zorn, 63, passed away June 12, 2021, at the Weston County Manor.

Kim was born Aug. 18, 1957, to Louis and Stella Schimetz in Bottineau, N.D. She graduated from Dunseith High School in 1975, then met the love of her life, Bill

Zorn. The couple married Aug. 12, 1977, and were blessed with their two daughters, Nicole and Jaelyn.

Kim enjoyed deer hunting with Bill, camping, fishing, shopping and spoiling her kids and grandkids.

Family was extremely important to Kim — she was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a stay-at-home mom with her daughters but worked part time at C-K and Dairy Dell.

Kim was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at the age of 32. She spent the last 11 years of her life in the Weston County Manor. She remained positive through it all and would always say how much she loved her life. Kim always had a positive attitude and never complained. She had a smile and warm welcome for anyone that she met. Kim will truly be missed by everyone she knew.

Kim is survived by her husband, Bill Zorn; daughters, Nicole (Eric) Kregel and Jaelyn Zorn; grandchildren, Trenton Engle, Taten Engle, Savannah Kregel, Scotlyn Kregel and William Zorn; brothers, Mark Schimetz and Todd (Katie) Schimetz; sister, Kathy Wood; mother-in-law, Myrtice Zorn; sister-in-law, Collette Schimetz; as well as numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Kim is preceded in death by her mother, Stella Schimetz; father, Louis Schimetz; brothers, Reid Schimetz and Bryan Schimetz; and father-in-law, William Zorn Sr.

The family would like to add a special thanks to JoAnn Farnsworth, Sarah Gregory, Dr. Lanny Reimer and all of the staff at the Weston County Manor for taking care of Kim for 11 years.

A public visitation for Kim was held Thursday, June 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Meridian Mortuary in Newcastle. Graveside services was held Friday, June 18, at 10 a.m. at Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle.

Memorials and condolences may be sent in care of Meridian Mortuary, 111 S. Railroad Ave., Newcastle, WY 82701. Condolences may also be expressed at meridianmortuary.com.



Kim Zorn

BLAST FROM THE PAST

All-School Reunion



Here's a photo from the News Letter Journal's archives. This photo was taken in 1991. — subjects unknown.

Email reporter@newsli.com to share any information about this photo or event.

faith & values

Daily Devotional Reading

June 25 Jeremiah 30:1-24	June 29 Psalm 31
June 26 Jeremiah 31:1-22	June 30 Hebrews 6:13-7:14
June 27 Jeremiah 31:23-40	July 1 Hebrews 7:15-28
June 28 Jeremiah 33:1-26	Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

- **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
- **CAMBRIA COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH:** 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Youth (6-12 grades) and Adult Bible Study Sunday Evening 6-7 pm; Wednesday Night Youth and Adult Bible Study 6 pm; Life Recovery Bible Study Sunday Night 7 pm
- **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** Rev. Wendy Owens, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. haydishall@hotmail.com. Service times: Sunday 10 am
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Rob Carr, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am
- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Ty Checketts, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am
- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service Tuesday 6 PM; Celebrate Recovery (18+) & Undeclared Youth (Infant- 12th Grade) Wednesday 6:00 pm
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 8 am; Weekday Mass 7 am
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10 am
- **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm;

AWANA Clubs Wednesday 6:30 pm

- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Brenda Torrie, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7 pm
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, 12 Old Hwy. 85, Evangelical Free Church, Bible Study 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am. Call 949-0869
- **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7:00 pm. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting, Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am
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- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, Upton. Sunday Mass 5 pm
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Michael Paschall, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am
- **VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366

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~ Romans 10:17

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Recapture

A PIECE OF HISTORY

**25 Years Ago
June 27, 1996**

As many as 300 people may be in Newcastle this weekend for the annual Wyoming State Historical Society summer trek. Dates for the “Cambria and Cheyenne-Deadwood Stage Route Tour” are June 28-30. The highlight of the weekend is the Saturday tour of historic sites.

The Blotter: June 14 — A cocker spaniel was caught dragging the chain and the post it was tied to. June 17 — A squad car was egged. Consistent egging was reported to a vehicle and extra patrols requested. June 19 — A cat with a pink ponytail holder around its neck jumped out in front of a car. June 20 — A woman reported that kids playing in the street were harassed by “bigger kids” who took their

pocketknives and slashed her children’s bike tires.

Jacy and Dilly Marchant of Lance Creek are proud parents of a baby girl, Ashten Lee, Born Friday, June 21 at 10:22 p.m., 7 lbs., 12 oz., 21-3/4 inches long.

The opening game of the Newcastle Invitational Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament was not a pretty sight for Newcastle fans. The Newcastle B team started it off with an opener on Friday against Wright, the only other Wyoming team attending. Newcastle came out strong the first inning. Wright got on base once in four at bats, leaving their runner stranded on second when Newcastle pitcher Scott Norman struck out the last Wright batter.

After suffering humiliation at the hands of the Gillette White Sox last week, the Northeast

Eagles put their gloves and bats to the test again in Thermopolis last weekend. Against Gillette last Wednesday, the Eagles couldn’t seem to put glove and ball together and lost a doubleheader, largely because of errors. The white Sox won 23-10 in the first game and 10-3 in the second. In Thermopolis, Northeast took the first game 12-4 behind the distance pitching effort of Brian Mefford.

**50 Years Ago
June 24, 1971**

Robert Engle, Fred Ertman and Max Decker were elected to the board of trustees for school district number one at Tuesday’s election.

Bill Guthrie and Linda Yeager, both of Newcastle will perform in Carnegie Hall on July 2 as part of a group

of young American musicians prior to embarking on a European Concert tour. The concert group of 500 students represent every state in the nation. They are organized into a symphony orchestra, a concert band, and a 275 voice choir, all of which will perform at each location.

The Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department drill team won a second place trophy in the “Y” contest at the state convention in Lander last weekend. John (Stew) Berdahl, Newcastle fire chief, was elected fourth vice president of the state association so the state convention will be held in Newcastle in 1976.

The summer reading program, sponsored by the Weston County Library, will be held during the month of July. The program is for children who have completed the first through six grades this year. The theme this year is “Strike It Rich — Read!”

The judging for the beard growing contest will be held on Sunday, July 4. The judging will be in connection with the Jaycee Demolition Derby.

Mrs. Vigil Finn was honored on her birthday Thursday evening. Birthday cake and homemade ice cream were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Barritt and Tom spent Sunday boating and skiing at Keyhole Dam. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Mathis and Roy called on Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Julius at their Osage home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Robert Abbott was hostess to a Tupperware party at her home Wednesday morning. Mrs. Darwin VanOfferen is the new Tupperware dealer for the Upton area and showed the latest line of Tupperware items.

Taking part in the motorcycle races Sunday at Newcastle from Upton were Dick and Gary Ludemann, Larry Beck, Monty Stanton, Doug Esquivel and Lindy Kidd.

**100 Years Ago
June 23, 1921**

W.O Wilson of Casper, grand master, A.F. & A.M., of Wyoming, arrived in Newcastle Monday morning and in the evening was the guest of Newcastle lodge No. 13, which met in special communication to put on the master mason degree.

Pete Sauer put Butch Foster’s shoulders to the mat twice and was declared the winner of the wrestling match at the Armory Tuesday night. Before a crowd that was noticeable for its smallness, the big fellows staged an affair that was hard to beat. The time of the first fall was 29 minutes and of the second 10 minutes. A wrist lock in both cases was the hold that did the trick.

The Northern Wyoming Telephone company reports that no great damage was done to their lines during the recent storms. Outside of the Custer line, no toll lines were put out of commission. The Custer line is now in working order.

Striped red and white awnings were put in place on the west windows of the court house Monday. The offices of Clerk of District Court A.M. Nelson and County Treasurer Chloe Faulkner are the ones which will reap the benefit of this thoughtfulness on the part of the county commissioners.

Martin Churchfield of the Prairie Mercantile came to town for a load of supplies one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stoker of Plum Creek were shopping in our city Thursday. Sylvia Pizzolli is taking a much needed vacation, going to Illinois for a few weeks, where he will visit with a sister.

Mrs. Lucretia White and family are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R Branscome on Skull Creek.

Miss Mary Landrigan is assisting in the Cambria Commercial store this month. Will Lucas spent a few hours in Cambria Saturday. Mr. Lucas is one of Green Mountain’s enterprising farmers.



Courtesy of Weston County Historical Society/Ariel McIntosh Collection

This is a photo of Mrs. Mary Farah all dressed up.

WHAT’S UP

June/July 2021

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

Fri. June 25	11:30AM 5:30PM	WC Library System Board Mtg. BINGO	Library Meeting Rm. VFW Hall
Sat. June 26	9AM 9-2PM 9:03AM 11AM 2-4PM	Bowling Pin Shoot Sportsmen’s Club Something Healthy 20th Anniversary Live Auction, Bryan Stroh Ranch Celebration of Life for Dave Capps Erin Darlington/Tavis Whitcher Open House	Newcastle Rifle Range Something Healthy Market 3186 Hwy 450 Pizza Barn Events Center
Tues. June 29	10AM 11AM	Sharing Stories w/Cookies & Coffee Story time	Anna Miller Museum WC Library
Wed. June 30	6:30-8:30AM 1PM	Wellness Wednesday Summer reading program	WCHS WC Library
Thurs. July 1	10-4PM 4:30PM 5-7PM 7:30PM	WCNRD Grazing Management Workshop WC Museum District mtg Farmer’s Market Masons #13	Fairgrounds Anna Miller Museum Pinnacle Bank Masonic Hall
July 2-4		All-School Reunion — see schedule on page 13	
Fri. July 2	5:30PM 8PM	BINGO Weston County Arts Council Outdoor Movie	VFW Hall Washington Skate Park
Sat. July 3	10AM 9PM	All-School Reunion Parade Historical Re-enactment, Teddy Roosevelt Speech Historical Re-enactment, hanging of Diamond L Slim	Main Street Main Street Railroad Park

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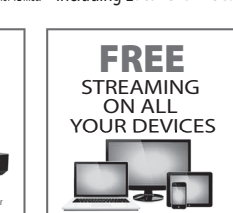
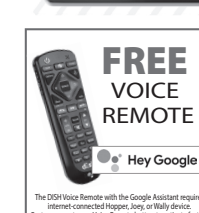
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Assembly of God Church's series conclusion


History
on
Main

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Hannah Gross
 NLJ Correspondent
 With Leonard Cash,
 historian

In this week's installment of "History on Main," Leonard Cash concludes his series on the Newcastle Assembly of God Church. Last week, we left off with the Rev. Howard Cummings and his family moving to Huron, South Dakota, after a growing 10 years as pastor in Newcastle.

According to the July 28, 1966, edition of the *News Letter Journal*, the Rev. Steve Rexroat from Phillipsburg, Kansas, became the new pastor. He and his wife were both graduates of Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri. After graduation, they took over the public relations department of the school. He was also a missionary intern in Hawaii. They and their 4-month-old son were arriving on Aug. 10. Rexroat continued the "Heart to Heart Talks" on KASL radio that Cummings started.

Evidently, Rexroat didn't stay in town very long because by Feb. 4, 1970, the church had a new pastor who also had come and gone. The Rev. David Clark, who had pastored here for a few years, and his family moved to Boulder, Colorado, where he was involved with Chi Alpha, which is an Assembly of God youth ministry.

Around March 25, 1971, Duane Smelser from the University of Washington



A current photo of the Newcastle Assembly of God Church.

Photo by Katelynn Slaamot/NLJ

accepted the position as the new pastor in Newcastle. He and his wife, Mary, had two kids, 11-year-old Connie and 8-year-old Kevin.

An article from the Aug. 26, 1976, issue of the *News Letter Journal* announced that Norm Brotzman succeeded Smelser as the pastor, and he remains the pastor today. He has served as the Wyoming District Council Assembly of God Sunday School secretary-treasurer, Sunday school representative and youth representative for four years. His wife was active in ladies' activities, Sunday school, youth group and as a camp nurse.

The Nov. 10, 1977, paper reported that Sunday, Nov. 13, was to be known as "Beda Jacobson Day." Beda Jacobson was a Sunday school teacher at the church who was moving to Springfield, Missouri. Her former students were honoring her at the morning church services, to be followed by a carry-in dinner hosted by the Women's Ministries Group. Jacobson came to Newcastle in 1946 and was employed at the Flying V Guest Ranch when

the Rev. Neil McDaniel was the director. When Black Hills Bible Institute lost its lease on the property four years later, she moved to a log house north of the Flying V to operate a truck garden.

In 1953, Jacobson purchased the Dalmar Hotel with her sister, Antonette, from Harry Spargur. "They operated the Hotel for roomers and 'old folks ...' some 32 'old folks' have resided at the Hotel," the article says.

Jacobson's devotion to the church was "evident since her arrival in Newcastle." She was a Sunday school teacher for 27 years and an adult Bible teacher for 25 years. She also served as treasurer for 24 years and a substitute speaker for "Heart to Heart." Although a native of Wisconsin, Jacobson lived most of her life in Newcastle. She graduated from River Falls, Wisconsin, and attended Open Bible Institute in Iowa, followed by missionary work in the Blue Ridge Mountains. She also worked in a defense plant in Oregon during World War II.

"Beda said she has enjoyed

her years in Newcastle 'immensely' and is a booster of Newcastle's climate," the article says.

She sold the hotel to build a home in Missouri, but at the time, she had no definite plans for the future, other than hoping to have time for reading and handicrafts.

Over 40 years later, Brotzman is still the pastor of the Newcastle Assembly of God church, but before concluding the series, Cash wanted to include Mina Young's personal account of the church history.

Young's memories are documented on Ancestry.com, and in the records, she says she remembered the church starting with evangelistic meetings in the late 1920s while she was still in high school, which we discussed last week. Merrill Johnson did the preaching and also played piano and tenor Mandola, but he was only 15 years old. The other preacher, Henry Nygaard, on the other hand, was a "30-something Norwegian from Minnesota," who played the banjo and guitar, among other things.

"It was new and exciting,

but it finally gelled down to a few people who got saved and started a church. That summer, I just knelt down by my bed one day and said, 'Lord, if I'm not saved I want to be,' and that was it," Young wrote.

She remembered having services in the city hall and possibly a rented building on the south side of Main Street, "where it ended at Dow's Garage" near the library and courthouse.

Activities slowed down, and, Young said, for a while, the church didn't have services. However, a few people hung on to hope, particularly Ariel MacIntosh. MacIntosh persuaded Melvin Hodges to preach, which he did after prayerful consideration. Hodges eventually left Newcastle to become a missionary. When he left, it was arranged for Mrs. Hodges' sister Esther Crews and her co-worker Helen Bryan to take over. When Bryan left to get married, Martha Kummerfeld took her place before Leonard Lanphere came. According to Young's memories, Lanphere left both the church and his wife.

Senior Happenings	
WC Senior Services	
FRIDAY June 25	
Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON
Rolls	9AM
Bridge	1PM
Dance	7PM
MONDAY June 28	
Exercise Room	8AM-NOON
Walking	8AM-NOON
Exercise Class	9AM
TUESDAY June 29	
Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON
Dominoes	1PM
Bridge	1PM
WEDNESDAY June 30	
Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON
Exercise Class	9AM
THURSDAY July 1	
TOPS #218	7AM
Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON

Following Lanphere were Jake and Alice Schaffers. During that time, Young wrote a few vacation Bible school lessons. Young moved to Springfield when Cummings was the pastor, but before finishing her memories on the church history, she included a comical story. She recalled Roy and Goldie Stevens being a part of the Newcastle church, and their 4-year-old daughter Lois May was given a dollar.

"She looked at it in disgust and said, 'you can buy candy with a penny, but what can you do with an old dollar?'" Young says in the Ancestry article.

And that concludes the history on the Newcastle Assembly of God church.



BLAST FROM THE PAST



Here's a photo from the News Letter Journal's archives of "science fair kids." Date and subjects unknown.

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Weston County Natural Resource District, Campbell County Conservation District, and Powder River Conservation District held the Black Hills Natural Resource Youth Camp at Mallo Camp from June 9-11. The annual camp was founded in 1993 and was established to provide the youth of Wyoming an opportunity to learn about natural resources. Crystal Kellebrew, seven-year camp director, 15-year CCCD representative and current director, said the camp is open to 100 kids each year. Normal years they have to turn away just a few kids after registration fills the camp. This year they had a waiting list of more than 20 kids. The camp was only cancelled once about seven years ago due to an escaped inmate. The kids came from Wyoming, South Dakota, and Nebraska. Among the activities the children participated in was fishing at the pond in front of Mallo Camp, running an obstacle course, participating in shooting sports, and learning about birds as well as water resources, water chemicals and water inhabitants.

Photos by Walter Sprague/NLJ



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Members of the Astronaut club at the 4 Way Gas N Go. Left to right: Mike Zeimet, Blanch Cox, Homer Hastings and Harvey Dummer.

My morning with the Astronauts

Who says growing older isn't any fun? I would say that after my morning with the Astronauts, a coffee club of retirees that meets at the 4-Way Gas 'N Go, where retirement is the party that never ends.

The Astronaut Club was started several years ago (at least more than 30). Some of their first members were Walt Soper, Carl Junck and Don McColley, among a number of other important fellows. Unfortunately, none of these starting members were at the 4 Way when I was there, but I was able to speak with a few other fun fellows — and a gal too.

Homer Hastings, Mike Zeimet (not yet retired), Franklin Kieselhorst, Harvey Dummer and Blanch Cox (the only woman in the club) were the Astronauts I had the pleasure of interacting with.

Of course, Hastings, who has been part of the club for about six years and originator of the name, made sure to tell me everyone's nickname, including his own, although the one he mentioned for himself was his favorite. Others had a few other nicknames for him.

Homer "Mountain Man" Hastings, or "Motormouth," as Cox said, are among Hastings' nicknames. I do have to admit I understand why his nickname is Motormouth — he was definitely the mouthpiece of the bunch and had a lot of witty quips that kept me entertained.

"He talks and talks and talks," Zeimet said. Some of the nicknames for the other members present were "Iron Mike" Zeimet,

"Pastor Frankl" Kieselhorst, "Humble Harvey" Dummer and "Aunt B." Hastings said that Penny Loebs, who works at the 4-Way, has earned the nickname "Nickel."

Hastings said that a lot of the Astronauts meet at the 4 Way, coming and going, from about 8:30-10 a.m.

The idea behind the Astronauts' name, Hastings said, was because they're just "old people taking up space."

Zeimet laughed.

"Who comes up with all this junk?" he quipped.

The Astronauts like to tease and jest one another a lot, which was very amusing to watch.

Zeimet said that Hastings is involved in numerous clubs and joked that he doesn't have much to do.

"He doesn't get much done but go around and drink coffee," Zeimet said. "But I gotta check my day planner every day to make sure I'm not busy,"

Hastings responded.

Hastings joked that members have to be voted in, but Zeimet had something to say about that.

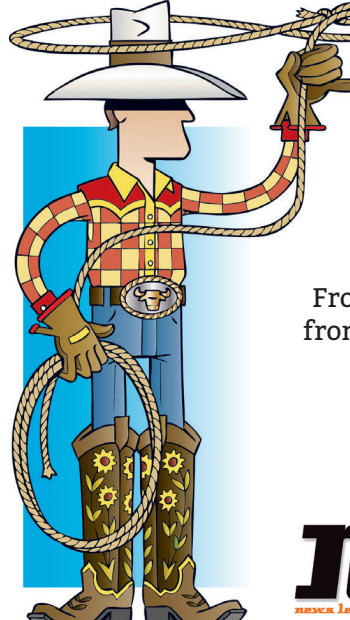
"I don't remember voting for you," Zeimet said. Hastings, of course, responded that he didn't remember voting for Zeimet either.

By the end of my hour or so with the Astronauts, I was thoroughly amused. They are a fun bunch to visit with. They made sure to tell me that when I retire, I'm welcome to become an Astronaut as well.

Well! I may just take them up on that offer when that time comes!



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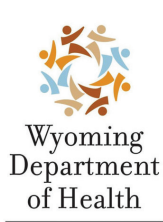
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implemented in both Weston County and on the Thunder Basin National Grasslands due to continued drought conditions, high temperatures and large fuel loads, according to Tysdal and a press release from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Also, the City of Newcastle took action Monday during their regular council meeting by banning all fireworks within city limits and suspending the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department's firework show for the Fourth of July, for the time being, according to City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James.

"It was a hard decision to have to make, but we have to keep the community safe," Mayor Pam Gualtieri said, noting that last year there was no ban. "The takeaway is the drought conditions the past two years and the current hot, dry weather will continue to deteriorate conditions in Weston County. Extreme caution should be used in any outdoor activity that could cause a wildfire," Tysdal told the *News Letter Journal*.

After coordinating with local agencies, the USDA produced a press release stating that stage one fire restrictions would be implemented on June 16, while Weston County's restrictions begin on June 24. Both sets of restrictions directly prohibit all discharging of fireworks on federally managed land or land within Weston County, although areas within incorporated cities and towns are not included.

"Going into restrictions is not taken lightly by the Forest Service. Restrictions are necessary due to dry fuel conditions, persistent fire weather patterns and the danger of human-caused wildfires from recreation usage across the forests and grasslands," the release says. "Recent dry, windy and hot weather conditions have resulted in an elevated potential for wildfires. Fire restrictions will help protect public health and safety, as well as natural resources."

Both sets of restrictions provide for permitted campfires as long as specific

regulations are followed. For Weston County, campfires at residences or campsites are allowed within a fire ring centered within a minimum of a 15-foot cleared radius of burnable materials.

As far as the Thunder Basin National Grasslands goes, those restrictions are tighter than the county's.

"Personal, portable wood or charcoal burning fire pits/rings, often made of stainless steel, are not allowed under these restrictions," the release says. "Campfires are only allowed in USDA approved and installed fire pits/grates or gas-fueled devices with an on/off switch."

Violating either set of restrictions can lead to jail time, fines and potential reimbursement for damages.

"Violation of these regulations is punishable as a class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment of not more than six months, or both," the release says. "Anyone negligently or willfully starting a wildland fire could also be held responsible for costs of that fire."

According to Tysdal, any violation of the county burn restrictions is punishable by up to 30 days in jail and up to \$100 in fines, or both. Restitution for the costs of fire suppression and damage to others are also possible punishments.

Both entities will continue to monitor ongoing fire conditions, and the release states that additional action may be necessary if weather remains hot and dry. Easing of restrictions is also possible if a wetter weather patterns develops.

"The county fire warden may temporarily lift or re-impose these open burning restrictions," Tysdal said. "For the latest status of the restrictions, visit or call 307-746-2031."



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Cox retires after four decades driving bus

KateLynn Slaamot
NLJ Correspondent

Blanch Cox retired on April 1 from driving bus for Black Thunder Coal Mine, bringing a total of 41 years of bus driving to a close (32 of those years were with Weston County School District No. 1).

Cox began driving bus with the school district in 2005, when her son was in first grade. The job allowed her to follow his schedule and be home with him.

For six years, Cox drove a town route, she said, and she had about 76 kids on her bus. Cox also drove the Custer Highlands route for about 18 years and also drove a Wyoming Highway 450 route during her time with the district.

"Most of the kids were really good, and I sure miss them," Cox said, noting that she always carried candy to give to the kids if they behaved.

"They behaved because they wanted that little piece of candy," she said.

Cox laughed as she recalled that her job wasn't always just transporting kids. She remembers helping one girl with her homework.

An even more important aspect of her job was ensuring the safety of the kids on her bus, and she recalls dangerous weather conditions — whether that be icy roads on the highway or muddy roads on her Custer Highlands route.

Cox remembers one particular situation where it took her over an hour to get from the LAK ranch back to Newcastle because the road was coated with black ice.

"I think the most important thing is to get the kids back and forth safely," Cox said.

While Cox admitted that some children could be challenging, she said that she enjoyed her young passengers and appreciated developing relationships with them.

Cox remembered one child in particular who came on the bus one day and said she better look out because he had sugar that morning and would be "bouncing off the walls." Cox told him if he couldn't behave, he wouldn't

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Newcastle is No. 1!

Walter Sprague
Art and Culture Reporter

"I feel great!" Robert Munger said after the victory ride around Newcastle for taking first place at the Wyoming State Firemen's Convention on Saturday. "I owe my department, all the members, for making this happen. And I owe the town for all their support."

The praise for all the members of the Newcastle team was well earned. Still, much of that praise rightfully goes to Robert and Donny Munger.

"They (the Munger brothers) only have so many of these (conventions) left," said Seth Norris of Newcastle. "And they want this. Us younger guys have years left. This opportunity will come around for a long time. We all just want to win it for them now."

Norris also said that the Mungers are the only veterans on the team. Most are younger men with a lot less experience.

In describing the training that prepared the Newcastle team to win the trials, Norris said that they practiced five and sometimes six days a week. He noted that it was the excellent training under the leadership of the Mungers that was key to Newcastle's win.

"We've been practicing since March," Norris said, "At least two hours a day and sometimes more. We even practiced if it was only 30 degrees outside."

By the end of Thursday, Newcastle was in third place, with Riverton in second and Afton City in first. Less than

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Newcastle's axe man, Donnie Munger makes short order chopping a hole in the deck while nozzle man (also called a stuffer) Seth Norris prepares to shove the nozzle in the hole. Breaker Robert Munger backs up Norris, carrying some of the weight of the water in the hose during the Wyoming State Firemen's Convention Saturday.

Dysart is new museum director

Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent

When Cindy Dysart began "looking for something different," she didn't expect to find herself as the new director of the Anna Miller Museum, but her love for history and sharing that passion with the community led from one thing to another. She previously worked with payroll at Weston County School District No. 7 in Upton. While she loved her job, she said, the increased conflict and unrest in the United States during the past year with the tearing down of many historically significant statues influenced her decision to apply for the museum director position, after long-time director Bobbie Jo Tysdal retired. Dysart took over as director in May.

"I was just looking for a change," Dysart said. "I was interested in preserving history."

The museum building was constructed in 1933, according to Dysart, to house Company A, 115th Calvary of the Wyoming National

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Photo by Hannah Gross/NLJ

Mandy Williams, Maggie Makousky and Cindy Dysart stand in front of the barn doors at the Anna Miller Museum. Dysart was recently hired as the new museum director, and the three ladies are dedicated to preserving history in Weston County. Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events at the museum.





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Blanch Cox recently retired from driving bus at Black Thunder Coal Mine, bringing a total of 41 years of bus driving to a close. Cox drove for Weston County School District No. 1 for 32 years and the mine for nine.

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ride her bus. He then folded up his arms with his books at his chest and sat like that the rest of the way.

"We ended up being pretty good friends," Cox said.

Watching the children grow up was a joy, she said.

"They change so much," Cox said. "I can remember most of their names."

She drove bus for the mine for nine years. A number of men she hauled had also been passengers on her school bus when they were children, Cox said.

"It was good to see how they turned out," she said.

Cox shared with the *News Letter Journal* some of her life story, from long before her bus driving days.

"My life began on a ranch up in Montana. We didn't have electricity," Cox said. She said the town was Boyes, Montana, which isn't there anymore.

Cox lived in a two-bedroom house with four sisters and two brothers. They had a water cistern that was gravity fed and a wood/coal cook stove and wood/coal heat. Sometimes, in the morning, it would be so

cold that they had to wipe the frost off the window.

In the cold of winter, Cox and her siblings kept their clothes by their bed, and in the morning, they dressed in a space behind the coal stove, which was warmer than the rest of the house.

Cox also said that mail was delivered once a month on horseback.

"I've had quite a life," Cox said. In 1948, her mother was severely burned and ended up spending 14 months hospitalized — 10 months in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, and four months in Rochester, Minnesota. Cox told the *News Letter Journal* that she and her siblings were practically orphans because their father was gone often to visit their mother.

During the blizzard of 1949, Cox said, one could walk off the roof of a house and onto the snow.

When Cox's cousin got polio, she had to go to the children's hospital in Hot Springs, South Dakota. Cox said that her cousin had to be wrapped in warm blankets, and she was kept in a

contraption called an iron lung for 13 months. An iron lung is a device that encases most of a patient's body to stimulate breathing through the use of negative pressure.

When her cousin got out of the hospital, Cox said, she was in braces up to her armpits, but she wanted to ride a horse. Cox helped her up so that she could ride.

Cox attended a country school with 12 students from first to eighth grade, and then she moved to Newcastle in 1956, when she was a freshman in high school.

Now that Cox is retired, she plans to do more traveling. Although her husband, James Daniel, passed away in 2005, she said she is looking forward to spending more time with their children. Cox also has a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a great-great grandchild.

She is also now part of the retired coffee club, the Astronauts, that meets at the 4-Way Gas 'N Go, and she enjoys spending mornings drinking coffee and visiting with other retirees.

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Guard. It was converted into a museum around 1966 and named after local teacher and school superintendent Anna Miller, who was also the first librarian in Newcastle. She was the widow of Sheriff Billy Miller, who was killed in the Battle of Lightning Creek, south of Newcastle near Lance Creek.

The museum contains several displays with various articles and artifacts on Cambria, Wyoming Hall of Fame cowboys and even dinosaur fossils. There is also a replica of a sergeant's living quarters in the museum, which visitors can walk through.

"That's probably one of my favorite parts of the museum," Dysart said. "When I walk into the living quarters, it's like walking into my grandma's house."

Since she started as director, Dysart has been involved with small updates to the interior, including new paint to freshen things up. New displays feature art projects created by local artisans, including paintings and jewelry, that visitors can admire and even purchase. Dysart invites community members to inquire about displaying their own art projects.

"We're welcoming more. We've got some feelers out there, and we want to do more," Dysart said.

Additionally, the museum will be hosting special events for the community throughout the summer. On June 29 at 10 a.m., everyone is invited to "Sharing Stories with Cookies & Coffee." Anyone can come for the refreshments and fellowship to share their own life stories of "whatever they might feel important." Dysart said she always enjoyed listening to her grandma talk about her experience during the Depression, and she hopes some of the community's seniors will tell similar life stories.

"People learn from history," Dysart said.

Maggie Makousky, a researcher at the museum, held a similar event at the Red Onion

Museum in Upton, and it was a success, so they decided to bring it to Newcastle. Another "Sharing Stories with Cookies & Coffee" is scheduled for July 20 at 10 a.m.

To celebrate freedom, in honor of Independence Day, the museum is hosting a sidewalk chalk art event on July 2 at 10 a.m. Two weeks later on July 14, at the same time, the community is invited to participate in the Texas Trail Scavenger Hunt.

Dysart believes it is important for the community know its history, so if local schools and anyone else of any age interested in hosting an event or program is invited to contact the museum. "I would like it to be known we're willing to network with anyone," Dysart said. "The vision would be educating the community more about history."

Dysart said she is enjoying her new job and working with Makousky and Mandy Williams, another researcher. Both share Dysart's love of history.

"I've always had a passion for history," Williams said.

She wants to preserve history for the future generations, Williams said, because "once it's gone, it's gone." She said history is important because "it has a way of repeating itself."

Makousky also enjoys the research, which allows her to trace both her family history and Weston County history. She never realized her roots in Weston County, she said, and it's her favorite part of the job.

Dysart said she is grateful for all the work Makousky and Williams do for the museum.

"The girls are very helpful with the research(ing) part," she said.

The museum is open every weekday Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and visitors are welcome any time. Anyone interested in touring the building or inquiring about an event can stop by or calling 746-4188.

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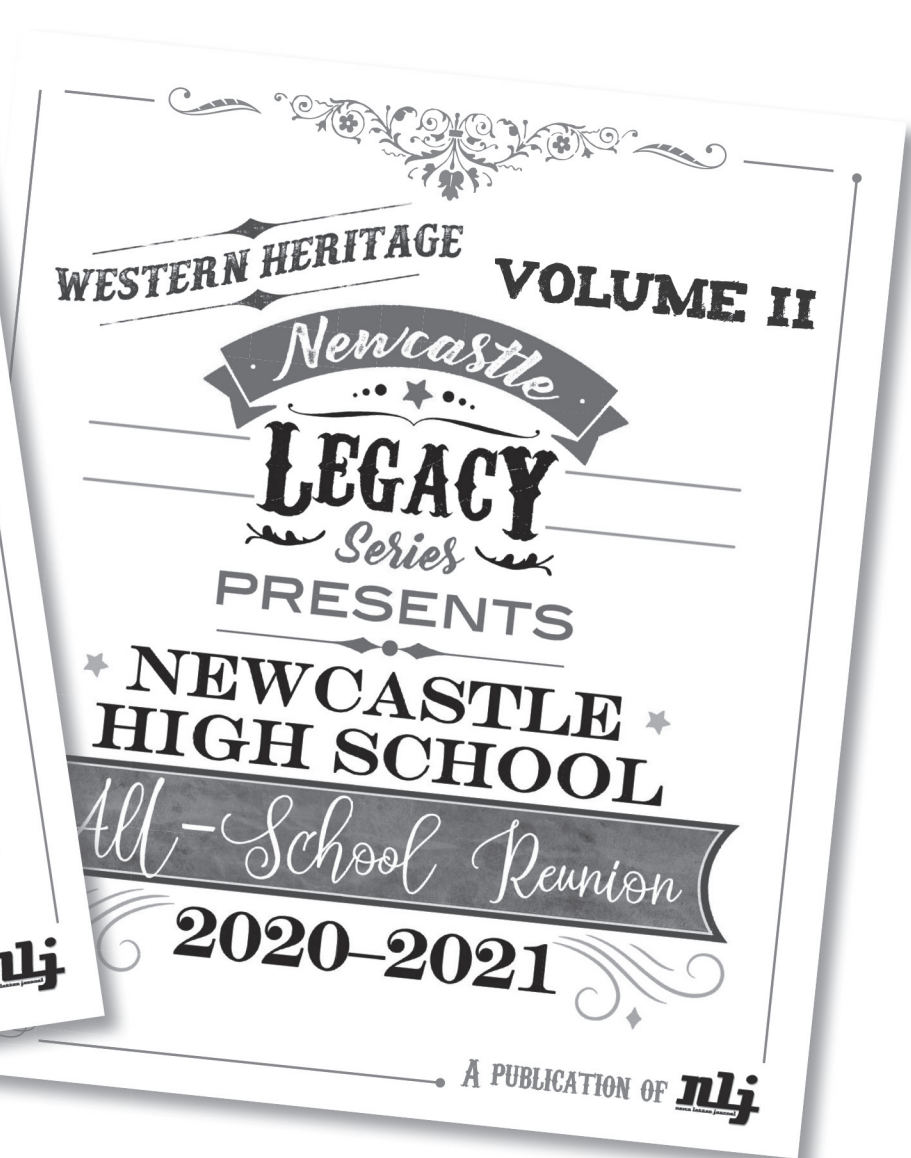
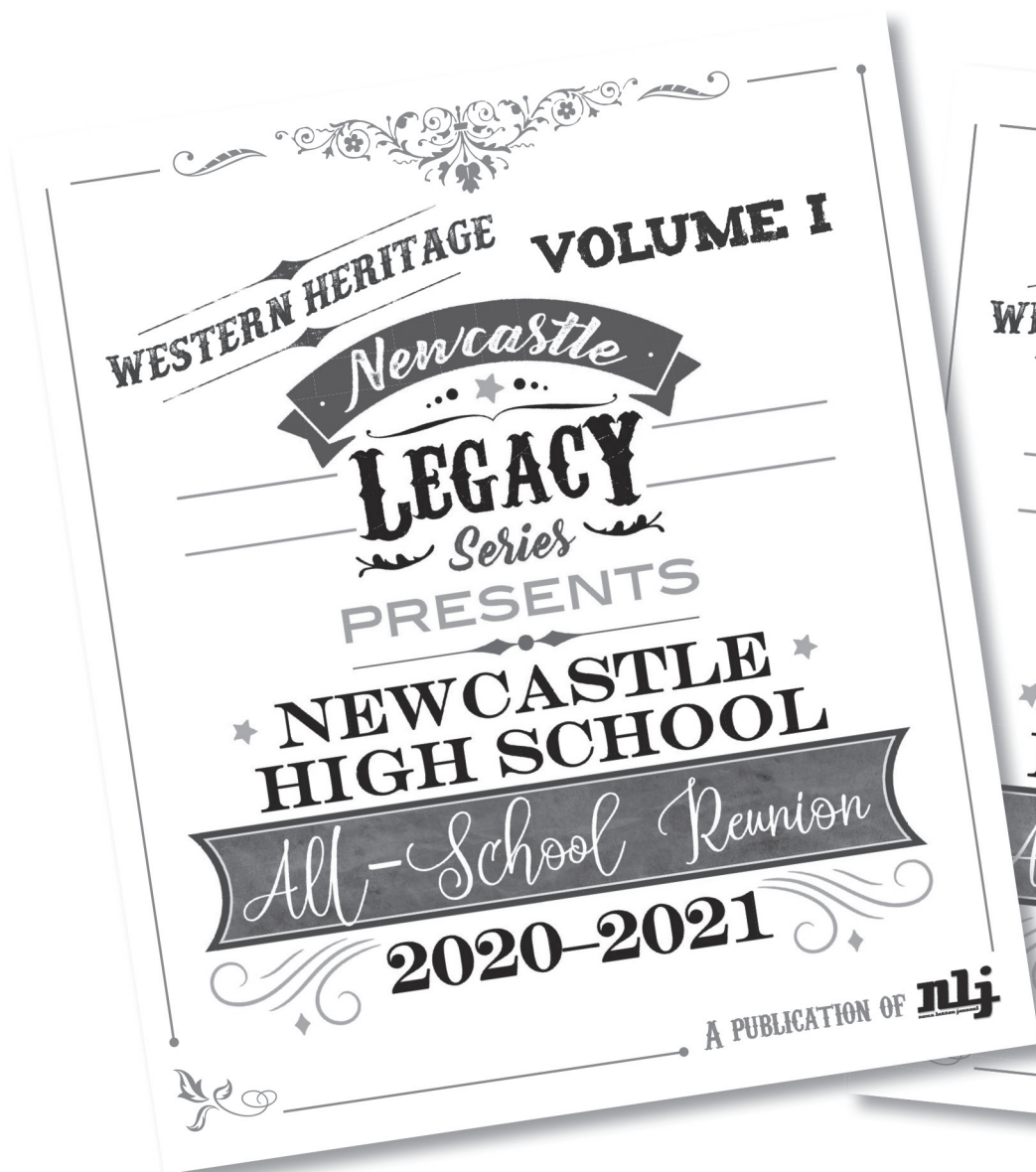
Lucas Kitch is able to snag the ball, above, even though the Lead/Deadwood player is safe during the Newcastle minors game kicking off the Mefford Memorial Tournament on Friday at the Newcastle Baseball Complex. At left, Gavin Hunter gets ready to throw the ball toward home plate during the majors game between Newcastle and Hot Springs on Saturday. The game was part of the annual Mefford Memorial Tournament featuring four teams from the area in a three-day contest. Below left, player Gage Mefford dives for a Belle Fourche player to secure the out during the team's second game of the tournament. Below, Upton's Aiden Keller, winner of the Big Joe MVP Award, was able to secure the out on Newcastle's Adryn Wolfe during the Upton-Newcastle game on Friday.

Play ball!

Photos by Alexis Barker/NLJ



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Wyoming State Firemen's Convention was held last weekend with events held Thursday through Saturday. Above, each team prepares the hoses and brass in the back of the fire truck before their own runs. This includes blowing out any excess water in the threads of the brass fittings. Upper left, Riverton's axe man, Mike Hutcheson, works hard as the crowd cheers him on. Bottom left, during the Double Male/Double Female Trials, while Riverton plug man Matt Lee Turns the water off-breaker Buddy Armstrong works to attach the second hose with the Double Male connectors.

Volunteer firefighters put their skills to the test in Newcastle

NLJ Staff

The Wyoming State Firemen's Convention came to an end on Saturday with the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department a clear winner. Second place went to Riverton, while third place belonged to Afton City. The weather was breezy and quite a bit cooler, bringing relief to the firemen, their families and the audience. Teams competed in five different events beginning on Thursday with the replacement and WYE contests.

After the first day of competition, the Afton Volunteer Fire Department held a razor-thin 0.06 second lead over Riverton Volunteer Fire Department in the overall standings, and the host team from Newcastle was sitting in third place, less than a second behind the leaders.

The drill competition started with the replacement contest, which requires teams to replace a faulty hose with a new one in the middle of the run. Afton was the only team to complete the event in less than a half-minute. The Lincoln County team, captained by Brock Brown, clocked a 20.86 second run to claim the event. Logan Wilkes was the plug man, Glenn Magee served as the breaker, Taylor Roberts was the clamp man, and Brian Erickson was the nozzle man on the squad.

Riverton took second in the event

All-Tourney Awards

- Robert Munger, Newcastle: Nozzle man
- Donny Munger, Newcastle: Axe Man
- Lane Zerbst, Newcastle: Plug Man
- Dave Scott, Newcastle: Clamp Man

with a time of 31.75 seconds, good enough to beat Newcastle by the thinnest of margins as the host team hit the target in 31.76 seconds.

Riverton took the top spot in the WYE contest, where teams split two hoses at one of the breakers to form a "Y." The Fremont County team, captained by Buddy Armstrong, posted the fastest time of 22.53 seconds, with Matt Lee working as the plug man, Cory Lucan as the breaker, Mike Hutcheson as the clamp man and Tyler Goff serving as the first nozzle man.

The Newcastle squad, captained by Donny Munger, clocked a 23.76 to take second place. Seth Norrise, Ian D'Ambrogio, Robert Munger and David Scott rounded out the team that edged out third-place Afton, which finished in 24.36 seconds.

After day one, the overall team standings had Afton in first with a combined 54.22 seconds, followed

by Riverton (54.28) and Newcastle (55.15).

Newcastle was able to use a first-place finish in the double male/double female contest at the drill competition on Friday to surge ahead of Afton and Riverton in the overall standings, with a day of competition remaining.

Robert Munger said that the event is named that, not because any women are involved. The name is because of what takes place in the second hose. Once the traditional run is done, where the target gets hit by the hose man, the fire truck then takes a trip back to the hose. During this time, a second line of hoses is taken off the trucks for a second nozzle man to hit the other target. However, this creates a situation where the hoses are strung out in reverse from the first line. So the team has to use a double-male brass connector at the nozzle, and a double-female brass connector at the plug, hence the name.

The Newcastle team captained by Donny Munger clocked a time of 38.86 seconds in the only event held on Friday at the Newcastle Fire Hall. Team members Layne Zerbst, David Scott, Robert Munger and Ian D'Ambrogio helped their captain set a pace that bested the Afton City team, captained by Brock Brown, by nearly a full second. The Lincoln County squad of Logan Wilkes, Glenn Magee, Brian Erickson and Taylor Roberts completed the event in 39.84 seconds.

That was good enough to best the Afton Rural team (Cody Wilkes, Monte Hess, Andy Sessions, Kade Hebdon and Rob Holland) by two full seconds after the rural contingent clocked a 41.94 to round out the top three.

Riverton was fourth in the event, followed by Torrington, Wheatland, Lander and Lingle.

While they changed positions from their final spots on day one, the top-three teams in the overall standings remained the same after day two, and all three had a shot at claiming the title following the final two events on Saturday.

The host team from Newcastle went into the final day with a razor-thin lead over Afton City. Newcastle's cumulative time after the three events was 94.01 seconds, and Afton City was right on their tails with a time of 94.03. Although they had some work to do on Saturday, Riverton was within range of the leaders and sitting in third place with a time of 96.70 seconds.

Kicking off the last day of competition was the cellar contest, in which teams drive up to a board that is nailed into a frame in the ground, chop a hole big enough for the brass end of a hose, stuff the hose into the hole and start pumping water. There is a three-second penalty if water hits the board before the hose is in place. The board is a 2-foot-by-2-foot, 5/8-inch thick

AC Plywood, and there are two layers of it to chop through.

Newcastle completed the race in 15.34 seconds to edge out second-place Torrington (15.44) and third-place Riverton (16.88).

After that, the final event of the convention took place. The WET Test had the teams driving up to the ladder on the side of the fire department tower. The nozzle man climbed the ladder with the hose slung over his shoulder. He was followed by the anchor who made sure the hose was anchored on one of the rungs of the ladder, so that the weight from the vertical column of all that water inside of the hose was manageable for the nozzle man. The nozzle man then has to aim at a target as the water pumps through. The fastest team to hit the target wins.

Newcastle clocked a 14.85 to win the final event by a full two seconds over second-place Afton City (16.69) and third-place Lander (18.03), and that was more than enough to seal the deal for the host team. Newcastle's cumulative time was 124.20 seconds, which was a full eight seconds faster than the second-place team from Riverton (132.20). The top three remained the same all three days, and Afton City held onto the third spot in the final standings with a total time of 137.23 seconds. Lander was fourth, followed by Afton Rural, Wheatland, Torrington and Lingle.

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 Above, Afton City plug man Logan Wilkes attaches a hose to the hydrant in the first part of the Double Male/Double Female Trials on Friday. At right, Wheatland breaker Sara Zappa hands the hose over to nozzle man Derek Marker who starts climbing the ladder even as he is slinging the nozzle over his shoulder.

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a second separated the three teams. But, on Friday, Newcastle surged ahead of its competitors, eking out Afton City by 0.02 seconds for first place. They then increased that lead on Saturday to take the championship, leading Riverton, who had stepped ahead of Afton City for second place. Newcastle's winning

margin was 8.0 seconds. The teams changed positions throughout the three days, but the top three teams never lost one of those top-three places.

These results were not a big surprise, especially to the teams from Torrington and Lingle. Both teams were filled with firefighters that had

never participated in these events before. With Lingle placing last in the trials on Friday, Layne Johnson and Kyler Labbe (both from Lingle) said they were filled with nerves.

"It kind of sucks going last," Labbe said, "Everything is in your head all day long, and we're spending that time

trying to figure out what is working for the other teams and what isn't."

But at the end of the competition, no one had any complaints. Each team participated, giving it their best. Donny Munger said he was impressed by all the teams.

"Some of them haven't competed in

a long time." Donny Munger said, "and are filled with newcomers."

He said they were all doing a great job.

"They should all be proud of the work they put in," he said, "because they did well. Each of the cities should be very proud of their departments."

Newcastle High School ALL-SCHOOL REUNION Schedule of Events Newcastle WY July 2-4, 2021



FRIDAY, JULY 2, 2021:

- **Newcastle Booster Club Golf Tournament:** Contact James Beastron (307-941-2059). Registration @ 7:30 a.m. Tee Off @ 8 a.m.
- **Senior Center Dance:** Contact Minnie Quick (307-746-4271). Cover Charge \$5 per person. Western Ramblers band will be open to the public from 7 to 10 p.m. At Weston County Senior Center, 627 Pine St.
- **Flying V Music Event:** Featuring Pumpyn Ethyl band; starts @ 5 p.m. Open to the public. Cover charge \$10 per person. Food will be available for purchase.
- **Movie at Washington Park:** Contact Andy McKay (307-630-6169) FREE Family movie starts at 9 p.m. No cover charge. More information coming soon!!

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 2021:

- **Cross Country 1K/5K:** Contact Kathy Beehler (605-890-0235). Start time @ 8 a.m. Race begins at the Dogie Theatre. \$25 w/shirt.
- **Masonic Lodge Pancake Feed:** Masonic Lodge from 7-10 a.m. \$8 plate.
- **Reunion Parade:** Contact Maggie Unterseher (307-629-0190) for registration form. Floats line up @ 10 a.m. in the high school parking lot. \$20 minimum donation.
- **Historical Re-enactment:** Teddy Roosevelt Speech immediately after of the parade on the steps of the Antler's Hotel.
- **Main Street Gathering:** 1 p.m. Food trucks and vendors will be set up along Main.
- **Teacher Social:** Come Visit with your Newcastle teachers, past and present! 1-3 p.m. @ The Antler's Hotel.

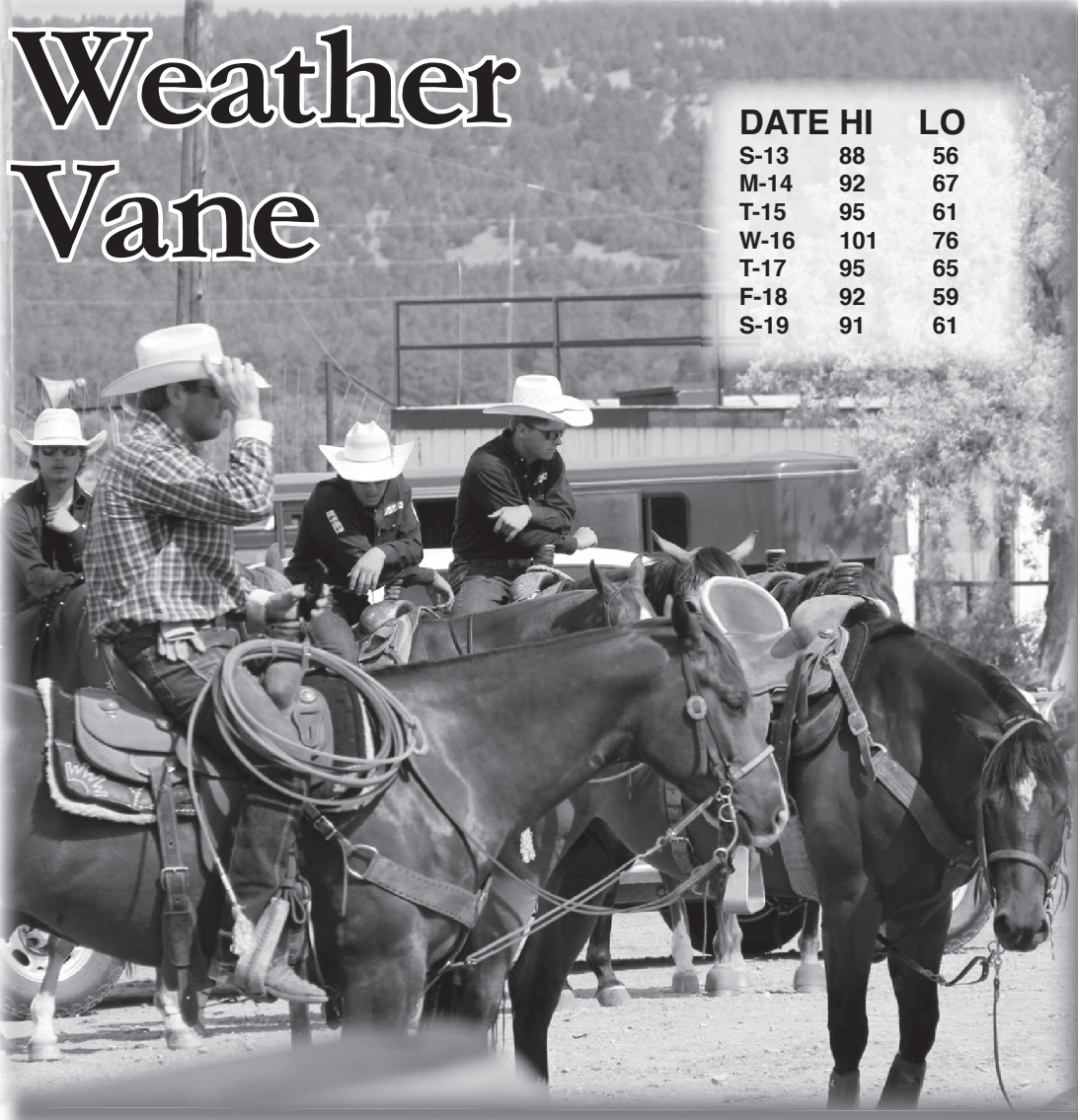
- **Fun-on-the-go Bouncy Houses/ Carnival Games:** Contact Tamara Allen (605-209-118) 1-5 p.m. @ Centennial Park (bypass). \$10 wristband.
- **Auction:** Contact Alysha Enge (307-746-5808) or Jannelle Williams-Warner (307-575-0997) 1-4 p.m. on the Weston County Library lawn. Live and silent auction items for bid. Each class donates item/basket to be auctioned; proceeds to go to the scholarship fund!
- **Main St. Dance:** featuring Nate Smith and the Caddywhompus Band. Starts @ 8 p.m. No cover charge. Open to the public.
- **Historical Re-enactment:** The Hanging of Diamond L. Slim @ 9 p.m. at Railroad Park.

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021:

No All-School events: Good time for individual class parties/breakfast!



Welcome Home, Dogies!



Public Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT WITHIN AND FOR WESTON COUNTY, STATE OF WYOMING

**Probate No: 8245
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Betty Lou Henderson,
Deceased.**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF BETTY LOU HENDERSON:
You are hereby notified that on the 21 day of June, 2021, Melanie K. Todd filed an application in the Sixth Judicial District Court in and for the County of Weston, State of Wyoming, stating that Betty Lou Henderson died on January 10, 2021; that she was a resident of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming; and that at the time of her death she owned a parcel of real property located in Weston, Wyoming, more particularly described as follows:
LOT FOUR (4), BLOCK THREE (3), DUFF GREY SECOND ADDITION TO NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING.

Said application prays that the Court enter a decree establishing right and title to the above-described parcel of real property, and setting over decedent's interest therein to Melanie K. Todd.
You are hereby further notified that if no objection to the application has been filed within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication of this notice, the court shall enter a decree establishing the right and title to the property located in Wyoming to the Applicant as stated above. If an objection to the application is filed within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication, the court shall set the matter for a hearing, after which the court shall enter an order either denying or granting the application.
DATED this 21 day of June, 2021.
Tina Cote, Clerk of District Court
By Katherine Townsend, Deputy Clerk.

Michael Stulken, Attorney at Law
15 S. Sumner Avenue
Newcastle, Wyoming 82701
(307) 871-0348

(Publish June 24 and July 1, 2021)

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).

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Meeting Notice

WESTON COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The Weston County Natural Resource District will hold a special meeting Monday, June 28 at 3 pm to approve the draft budget and final report for the Wyoming State Forestry Grant, and to approve a subdivision review for the Sunset Ridge Subdivision. The meeting will be held via conference call. Meetings are open to the public. Call Caleb Carter at (307) 746-3264 ext 111 if you would like to join the meeting.

(Publish June 24, 2021)

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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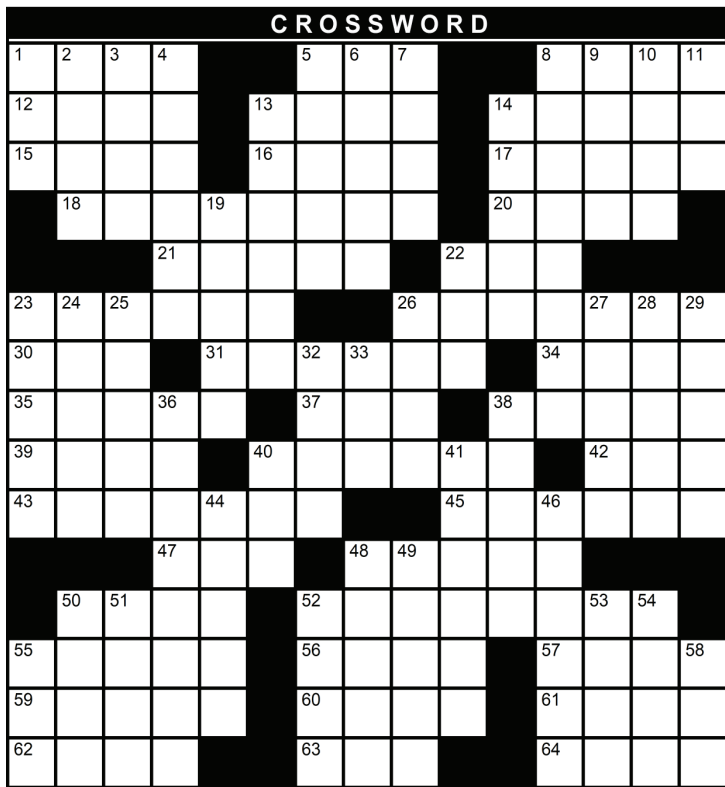
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50. Manage without help
52. *Marx Brothers' 1933 classic
55. Florentine iris
56. Fourth largest Great Lake
57. *Hitchcock's "The Man Who _____ Too Much"
59. Make children, biblical
60. Malicious look
61. Highest volcano in Europe

62. Object of worship
63. Always, in verse
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2. At the summit
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9. Mary's pet
10. Nabisco sandwich
11. Former times
13. *"The Snows of Kilimanjaro" type of adventure
14. Straining sound
19. Nautical measures
22. Party bowlful
23. Pressed beverage
24. Skip the big wedding

25. Waterwheel
26. *Drew Barrymore's grandfather
27. What actors do
28. Mature, as in fruit
29. Like an expired cracker
32. Surveyor's map
33. "Mai" follower
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38. City in France
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44. Middle
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51. Therefore or consequently
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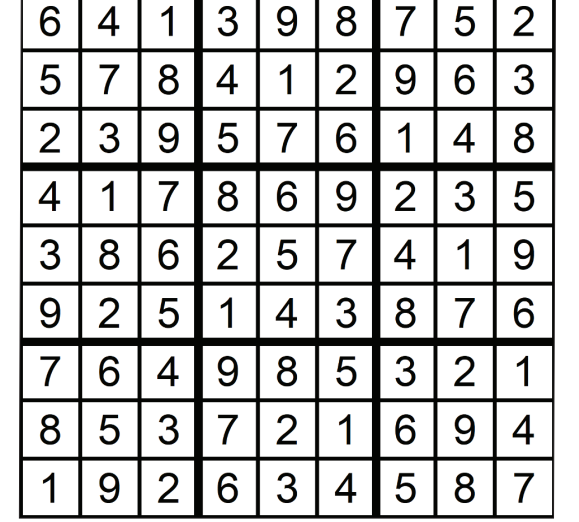
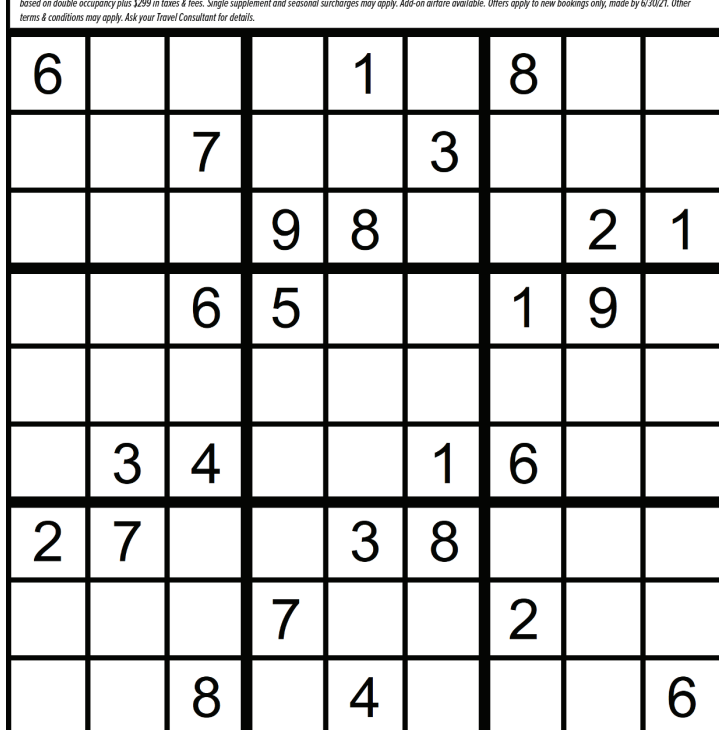


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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHWG or the Company) to establish a total purchased gas cost of \$0.3545 per therm, representing an increase of \$0.0377 per therm, effective on and after June 1, 2021. The rate is applicable to all Cheyenne and Cody area customers and all Choice Gas customers in the Casper, Gillette, and Torrington Divisions who have elected to take service under the Gas Cost Adjustment Rate (formerly known as the Pass-on Rate [Regulated Rate].) The Commission's approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing, and further order of the Commission.

The approximately 70,851 affected customers are located in the Cheyenne, Cody, Casper, Gillette, and Torrington Divisions. The proposed purchased gas cost results in a monthly increase of approximately \$0.93 or 2.7% for residential customers using a monthly average of 25 therms during the rate-effective period from June 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021, and results in an overall projected dollar-for-dollar increase in the Company's 2021 revenues of approximately \$302,114 during the same period.

The Commission also approved additional routine changes to be effective on and after June 1, 2021, in Docket Nos. 30026-40-GT-21, 30026-41-GT-21 and 30026-43-GT-21. The net effect of the changes is an increase in the volumetric rate of \$0.0264 per therm and results in an average monthly increase of approximately

\$0.65 or 1.9% for residential customers using a monthly average of 25 therms during the rate-effective period from June 2021 through August 2021.

Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 26 allows a utility to pass on to its customers known or projected commodity cost increases or decreases on a dollar-for-dollar basis, subject to public notice, opportunity for hearing and refund.

Interested persons may inspect the Application at BHWG's Wyoming business office and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours or online at: <http://psc.wyo.gov/>.

Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before July 16, 2021. A proposed intervention or request for hearing must set forth the grounds under which it is made and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications-impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 30026-44-GP-21 (Record No. 15783) in your communications.

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Bid Notice

WESTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT SITE ACCESS ROAD CONSTRUCTION WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the Weston County Solid Waste District (WCSWD) – SITE ACCESS ROAD CONSTRUCTION will be received by the WCSWD, until 6:00 P.M. local time, July 14, 2021, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bidders may mail bids to the WCSWD, c/o Bob Hartley, PO Box 158, Newcastle, WY 82701; or hand delivered to Bob Hartley prior to the bid opening time by contacting him at 307-746-8094. The project consists of earthworks, gravel surfacing, pipe culverts, and all other work necessary for the construction of approximately 4,700 linear feet of access road to the future landfill site south of Newcastle, Wyoming.

Bids will be received for one prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis as indicated on the Bid Form. Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security for five percent of the total amount of the bid.

Bidding Documents may be examined after June 28, 2021, either online at www.questcdn.com (#7906508) or at the office of the Engineer, Trihydro Corporation, 2687 Aero Loop, Sheridan, Wyoming, on Mondays through Fridays by appointment. Online Registration on QuestCDN is mandatory for all bidders.

Contractors, in submitting their respective bids, acknowledge that such bids conform to all requirements of Wyoming State Statute. Each bidder must include a bid security with the bid, payable to the WCSWD, in accordance with the instruction to Bidders. For bids greater than \$150,000, bid security shall be in the form of a Bid Bond, prepared on the form provided in the Project Manual, issued by a Surety authorized to do business in the State of Wyoming and acceptable to the OWNER in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by a bid guarantee in the required amount.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a contract performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in the

amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as originally bid or subsequently modified. The surety company shall be authorized to do business in the State of Wyoming. The cost of the bonds shall be included in the Contractor's Bid Proposal. When the Successful Bidder delivers the executed Agreement to the Owner, it must be accompanied by the required Construction Performance Bond, and Construction Payment Bond on the forms included in the Project Manual. No exceptions will be made.

No bidder may withdraw its bid after the scheduled time of the bid opening. Bids are to remain open for 20 days after the bid opening. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, and to waive any irregularities of any bid. The Owner also reserves the right to award the contract to such responsible bidders as may be determined by the Owner.

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".

Pursuant to W.S. 16-6-203, Wyoming labor shall be used on this project except other laborers may be used when Wyoming laborers are not available for the employment from within the state or are not qualified to perform the work involved. For further details see W.S. 16-6-201 through 206.

A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held at 1:00 P.M. local time on July 7, 2021. Interested contractors are to meet the Owner at the Pinnacle Bank parking lot, 1401 Washington Boulevard, Newcastle, Wyoming. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is mandatory. Please direct all questions to Ryan Swanson via email at rswanson@trihydro.com prior to 12:00 P.M., July 9, 2021.

Owner: WCSWD
By: Ed Wagoner
Title: Chairman

(Publish June 24 and July 1, 2021)

Public Notice

OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE JUNE 24, 2021

Due to a potentially severe to extreme fire situation throughout Weston County, created by a heavy fuel load and dry summer conditions, which could create situations that over-extend the firefighting capability of local government the Open Burning Restrictions will take effect **June 24, 2021**.

Stage 1 Restrictions:

Discharge of fireworks and all outdoor fires are prohibited in unimproved areas of Weston County except as provided below:

Only campfires at residences or campsites, within a fire ring centered within a minimum of a 15 ft. cleared radius of burnable materials are permitted.

Trash or refuse fires between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., inside containers provided with a spark arrester and located within a cleared radius of a minimum of 15 ft. of burnable materials are permitted.

Charcoal fires within enclosed grills are permitted.

Use of acetylene cutting, electric arc welders, or metal grinding in a cleared radius of 15 ft. of burnable materials is permitted.

The use of portable stoves, lanterns using gas, jellied petroleum, pressurized liquid fuel

or fully enclosed (shepherd type) stove and open fire branding activities in a cleared radius of 15 ft. of burnable materials is permitted.

The following persons are exempt from the restrictions imposed in Stage 1 Restrictions:

Any federal, state or local officers engaged in fire, emergency, and law enforcement activities.

Any member of a rescue or firefighting force engaged in the performance of an official duty. Exceptions to these restrictions and closures can be made in writing by the Weston County Commissioners.

These restrictions do not include the areas within incorporated cities and towns in Weston County or federal and state lands, as these entities may impose more or less restrictive regulations.

Any violation of the Open Burning Restrictions may be in violation of W.S. 35-9-304 punishable by up to 30 days in jail and up to a \$100.00 fine or both together with possible restitution for the cost of fire suppression and damages to others. The County Fire Warden may temporarily lift or re-impose these Open Burning Restrictions. For the latest status on the restrictions visit www.facebook.com/westoncountyfire or call (307) 746-2031.

(Publish June 24, 2021)

Cowboy State Look-In

Courtesy of the Wyoming News Exchange

Black bear captured

SHERIDAN (WNE) — Wyoming Game and Fish Department personnel captured a black bear on the east side of Sheridan near the Holly Sugar building at approximately 7:30 a.m. Sunday.

With assistance from the Sheridan Police Department, personnel followed the bear along Little Goose Creek until it eventually climbed a tree and accessed the roof of a business, where they were able to immo-

bilize it.

The bear, a male estimated at two years of age, was healthy and in good condition. It was later released in the Bighorn Mountains.

"A jogger reported seeing the bear a little before 6 a.m.," Sheridan wildlife biologist Tim Thomas said. "Because he had likely not been in town for long and we have no reports of him accessing garbage or other food rewards, he was a good candi-

date for relocation. We appreciate the public for notifying us quickly of bear sightings or suspected bear activity near residential areas as that gives us more management options."

Any sightings of bears in residential or developed areas should be reported as soon as possible to the Game and Fish Regional Office at 307-672-7418 during regular business hours or to a local law enforcement agency.



First bison goring in '21

JACKSON (WNE) — An inglorious and painful, though hallmark, sign of Northwestern Wyoming summer passed by over the weekend near the shoreline of Yellowstone Lake.

The unfortunate, typically annual event that unfolded was a Yellowstone National Park tourist being gored by a bison.

Public Affairs Officer Linda Veress confirmed over email that a 30-year-old female from Ann Arbor, Michigan, was hiking with a partner on the Storm Point Trail when there was a wildlife interaction that turned dangerous.

"We're not clear how the encounter with the bison occurred," Veress wrote in an email. "The female sustained significant injuries and was flown to Eastern Idaho Medical Center in Idaho Falls, Idaho."

There is no more information available about the incident, she said.

Although it's unclear what led to the goring,

oftentimes incidents with bison that don't work out favorably for Yellowstone visitors are precipitated by people getting way too close.

Park regulations demand that visitors keep at least 25 yards away from bison, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, deer and coyotes, and 100 yards away from bears and wolves.

Of course, tourists don't always buy into the park's guidance or heed bison warning signs. And sometimes, they get charged — or worse.

Veress wasn't privy to the nature of the Michigan woman's injuries but pointed out that they were severe enough that she had to be airlifted to a hospital.

Yellowstone typically sees one or two bison gorings a year, park officials have told the *Jackson Hole Daily* in the past.

But that's the average, and there have been unusually goring-filled years, like 2015, when five visitors were injured by bison by mid-July.

G&F reduces antelope quotas

BUFFALO (WNE) — The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission has approved reduced antelope license quotas for the 2021 hunting season. In and around Johnson County, license quotas were reduced in Hunt Areas 16 and 23. License quotas in Hunt Areas 10, 22, 102 and 113 remain unchanged from 2020.

In Area 16, the quota was reduced from 600 to 400 for type 1 (any antelope) and 300 to 200 for type 6 (doe or fawn). In Area 23, type 1 and type 6 remained the same from last year, while the type 2 (any antelope valid on private land)

quota was reduced from 1,600 to 1,300 and the type 7 (doe or fawn valid on private land) quota was reduced from 1,200 to 800.

The new quotas in areas 16 and 23 are the result of disease and extreme winter conditions and drought, according to Zach Turnbull, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department wildlife biologist in Buffalo.

Elevated levels of mortality from the winter, low fitness levels from the drought and fatal diseases all contribute to this year's reduction, Turnbull said.

In contrast to the bitter cold,

extreme hot and dry conditions can also have negative impacts, leading to a decreased availability of food.

On the population scale, antelope are highly resilient and typically have high reproductive capacity, which leads Doug Brimeyer, deputy chief of wildlife for Game and Fish, to be optimistic that a conservative year of licenses will help pronghorn rebound — and quickly. According to Brimeyer, nearly 98% of does have twins each year, and that could amount to population increases as high as 30% by 2022 if conditions on the ground are supportive.

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHWG or the Company) for authority to revise certain tariff provisions related to the Choice Gas Program and to expand the Choice Gas Program to all customers.

BHWG is a public utility as defined by Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

On June 1, 2021, BHWG filed its Application, together with testimony and exhibits, requesting authority to revise certain tariff provisions related to the Choice Gas Program and to expand the Choice Gas Program to all customers. BHWG proposes effective dates of November 1, 2022, and June 1, 2023. The requested effective dates align with the administration and contracting timelines necessary to commence the Choice Gas Program year on June 1, 2023. The proposed effective dates also keep terms and conditions relevant to the operation of the utility system consistent within the Choice Gas Program year. BHWG is filing this Application in compliance with the Stipulation and Agreement reached in the Company's 2019 general rate case.

Currently, the Choice Gas Program is available to BHWG customers in the Casper, Gillette and Torrington Divisions. The Company is proposing

revisions to the Choice Gas Program and related tariff sheets as well as an expansion of the program to the additional BHWG Divisions in Cheyenne and Cody so that all customers within BHWG's service territory have the same service options.

This is not a complete description of the Application. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The Application is also available on the Commission's website at <https://psc.wyo.gov/> or BHWG's website at www.blackhillsenergy.com.

Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before July 16, 2021. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 30026-46-GA-21 in all correspondence with the Commission.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay by dialing 711.

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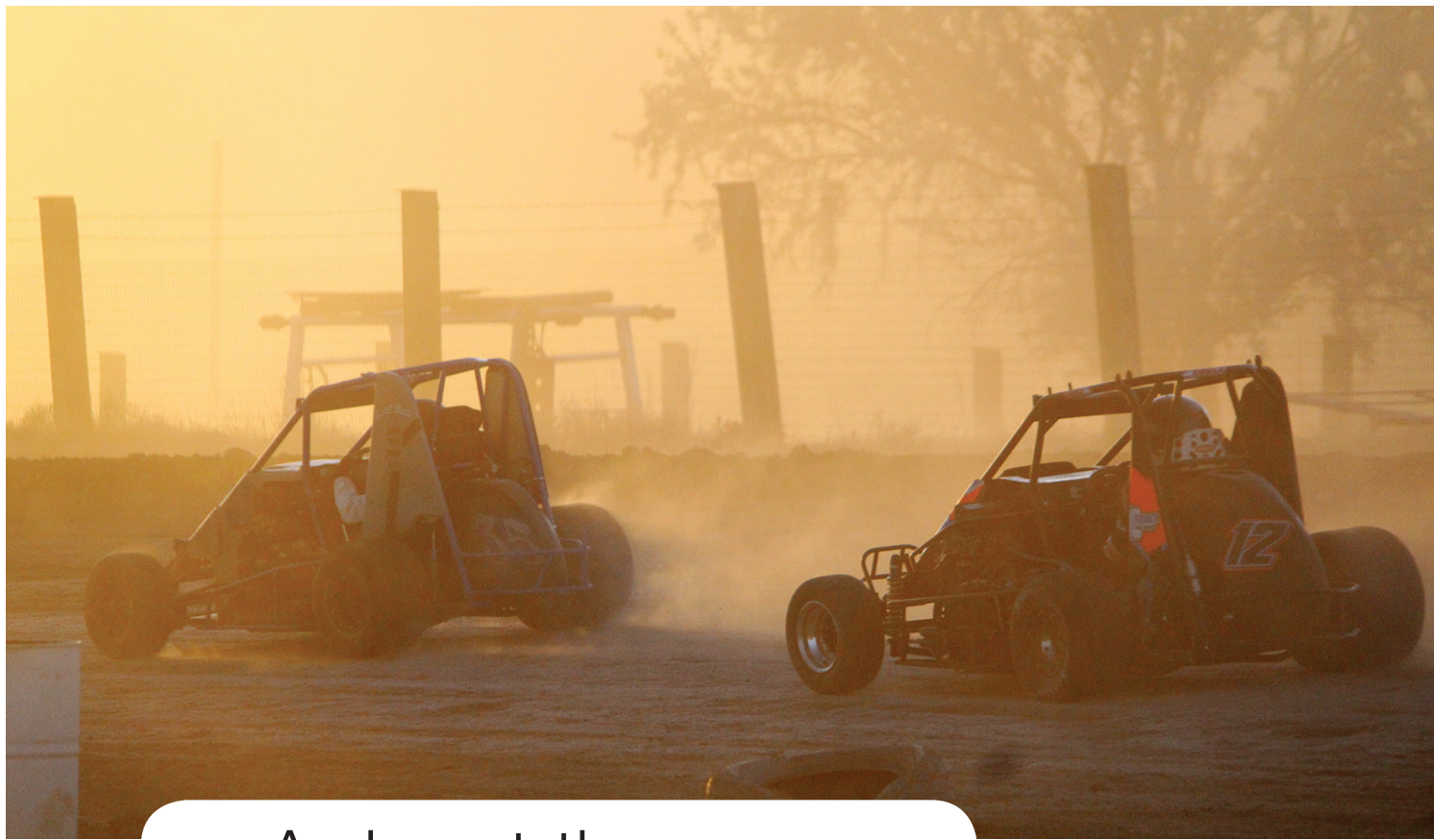


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Results	
Sprint Cars	
1:	No. 12B-Cameron Bussinger, Bassett, NE
2:	No. 19-Jeff Wignall, Alliance, NE
3:	No. 35-Nikko Bailes, Rapid City, SD
4:	No. 11F-Ryan Fulk, Newcastle, WY
Dirt Bikes	
Small Bikes	
1:	Adrian Wolf, Newcastle, WY
2:	Shelby Werlinger, Sturgis, SD
3:	Valerie Sandness, Newcastle, WY
Big Bikes	
1:	No. 951-Tim Lorenz, Newcastle, WY
2:	No. 124-Robin King, Newcastle, WY

A day at the races



Below, Robin King of Newcastle was thrown from his bike and sustained minor injuries. He was taken out of the rest of the race. Ron Fulk confirmed that he is fine now and will be racing again. At left, with a narrow lead, Robin King on No. 124 rounds a curve in front of Tim Lorenz, also from Newcastle on No. 951. Shortly after this King lost control of the bike and was thrown about 20 feet. No severe injuries were sustained, but it disoriented him enough that he was medically taken out of the remainder of the race, giving Lorenz what he called "a disappointing win."



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