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Newcastle, Wyoming

Year 135 Week 35

County population down 5.1%

Alexis Barker NLJ News Editor

Weston County and 13 other counties across the state experienced a decrease in population between 2010 county in the state. Currently, the

Census Bureau breakdown that was released last month.

The loss of 5.1% of the county's population, or 371 people, leaves Weston County as the third-smallest and 2020, according to the U.S. county has a reported 6,838 people,

while Hot Springs has 4,621 and Niobrara has 2,467, according to the census website.

According to worldpopulationreview.com, both Upton and Newcastle experienced a decline in population between 2010 and 2020.

"With a 2020 population of 3,403, it most recent census, which recorded a (Newcastle) is the 20th largest city in Wyoming and the 5,842nd largest city in the United States," the website says. "Newcastle is currently growing at a rate of 0.09% annually, but its population has decreased by 3.65% since the

population of 3,532 in 2010."

Upton, on the other hand, had a population of 1,054 in 2020, making it the 44th largest city in the state and the

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Singing for the crowd



Bickford retiring after 19 years

Alexis Barker

NLJ News Editor

After 19 years serving the community as the Weston County public health nurse, Lori Bickford retired on Aug. 31.

"I always planned for an early retirement, and I reached the point where I can, so I am going to," Bickford said. "I have been with public health for 19 years and loved every minute of it."

When asked if her decision had anything to do with the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic of the past year and a half, Bickford laughed, but said that working through the situation was just another day on the job.

With her newfound freedom, Bickford said, she plans to make her family, both young and old, her priority.

"I want to spend more time creating memories, but there are amazing opportunities out there, so who knows what is around the corner," she said.

As for the continued operation of Weston County Public Health, Bickford said that the staff will keep operations running

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City votes to retain attorneys

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Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

With her lyric voice, and guitar picking, along with the harmonica, Kennison Spiering of Saratoga competes in the Singer/ Songwriters Competition at the Battle of the Bands Friday at the Newcastle Lodge & Convention Center. She also helped fill in between the bands on Saturday's event and sang in the second place band Gerald Place. She currently goes to school in Laramie. See more about the two-day event on Page 13.

The Newcastle City Council voted unanimously on Aug. 16 to retain both Mark Hughes and his son, Dublin, as attorneys for the city of Newcastle. Michael Stulken, the former city attorney, resigned.

Hughes, a lawyer since 1978, received his law degree from the University of Wyoming that same year. He has spent his career practicing law in Sundance at his firm Mark Hughes Law Office, according to his credentials.

Throughout his career, his credentials state that he has practiced in the areas of domestic relations, personal injury, wrongful death, real estate, school law, municipal law, civil litigation, probate, trusts and estates, utilities and insurance

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NHS graduate comes home to pursue her career

KateLynn Slaamot NLJ Reporter

A love of and loyalty to the community where she grew up led Shenae (LaCroix) Alberts back home to Newcastle after completing her degree in physical therapy. Alberts began working at the physical therapy department at Weston County Health Services in mid-July --the newest addition to the team.

Alberts, a 2013 graduate of Newcastle High School, is the daughter of Brad and Susie LaCroix. Her love of sports contributed to her interest in physical therapy, especially when a sports injury took her out of the game for a while when she got shoulder tendinitis in both shoulders during her sophomore year.

physical therapy helped Alberts see the assistance that physical therapy provides to those who

I always knew I wanted to stay around athletes and helping people."

> — Shenae (LaCroix) Alberts

want to get back to the things they love.

"I always knew I wanted to stav around athletes and helping people," Alberts said.

She interned in high school with physical therapy at WCHS, and then headed off to school at the Rapid City School of Mines and Technology. After attending there for one year, she went to Black Hills State University, earning her bachelor's degree in exercise science in 2017. Her stint being treated at Last year, Alberts earned her doctorate in physical therapy at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.



After Alberts had finished her degree, she decided she wanted to come back to the community that had made an impact on her life while she was growing up.

"I really wanted to get back and help the community that made me who I am today," Alberts said. "I like being around family and friends." She added that she also loves the area, especially the Black Hills.

Alberts reached out to Mike Evenson, one of the physical therapists at WCHS with whom she had interned, to see if she could work there.

"She (Alberts) was pretty outgoing from the get-go,' Evenson said, noting Alberts' time interning in high school. The ability to confidently interact with others is very useful in physical therapy, according to Evenson.

Alberts has already fit in really well with the WCHS team, and Evenson said that they're excited to have her on board.

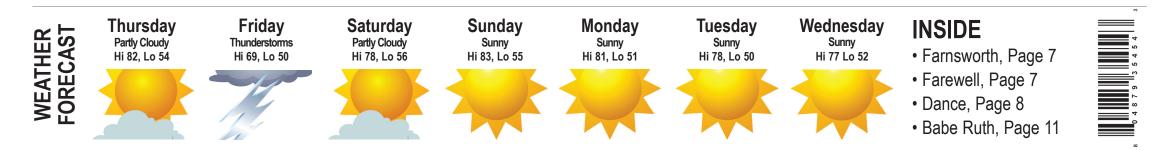
"It's just nice to see somebody

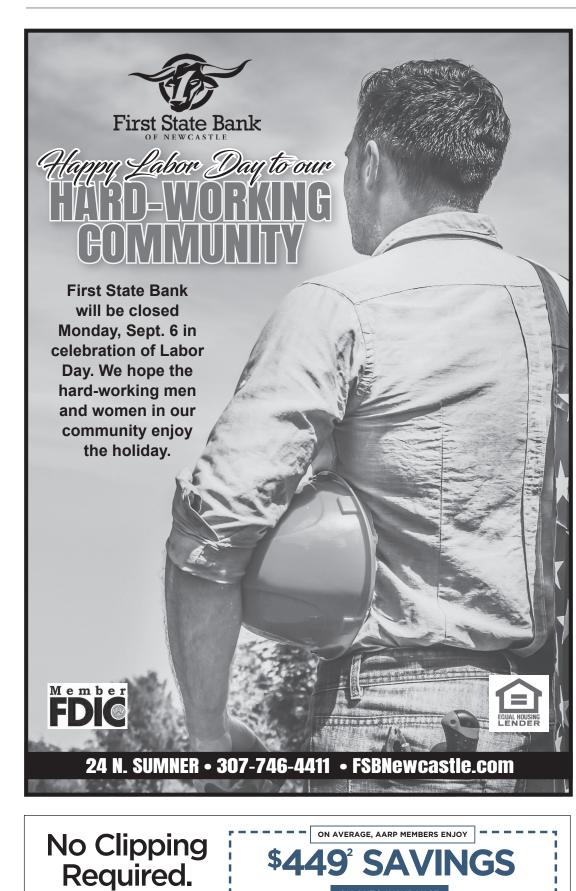
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Shenae (LaCroix) Alberts recently completed her degree in physical therapy at the University of North Dakota, and now, she has come back home to work at the physical therapy department at Weston County **Health Services.**







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lationreview.com.

"Upton is currently declining at a rate of 0.09% annually, and its population has declined by 4.18% since the most recent census, which showed a population of 1,100 in 2010," the website says.

Wyoming as a whole experienced a population growth of 2.3%, significantly lower than the 7.4% seen nationally, according to census data. Sen. Ogden Driskill (R-Devils Tower) said this growth was seen in urban areas, similar to the rest of the country, while rural areas shrank.

Across the state, three counties grew by over 2,000 people. Laramie County's population increased by 8,774, Natrona County added 4,505 people, and Teton County's population increased by 2,037.

Other counties that experienced a significant increase in population are Lincoln County, gaining 1,475 people; Park County, with a population increase of 1,419; and Sheridan County, with an increase of 1,805.

The biggest population losses in the state were in Sweetwater County, with a decline of

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until a replacement is named.

"They (Michelle Sweet and Carmen Simon) will be running the office until the Department of Health finds a replacement," Bickford said. "The oversight and administration will come from the regional health officer."

She noted that both Sweet and Simon will have the support they need to effectively run the office in her absence.

"It has been a privilege to serve this community. I have created a lot of wonderful relationships that will last a lifetime," Bickford said.

While she may not be the public health nurse anymore, Bickford stressed that the community must remain vigilant as through this. One person can't

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defense. His experience in municipal law is one reason he was a good fit for the city position, City Clerk-Treasurer Greg James said.

"The choice was based on Mr. Hughes' experience with municipal law and him already representing another community and a couple of school districts," James said.

According to James, he had reached out to Jim Peck, a former Newcastle city attorney, at the direction of Mayor Pam Gualtieri and the City Council for attorney recommendations. He noted that cities are not required to advertise the need for a lawyer because such attorneys are not technically city employees. Instead, they are retained to aid the city in legal situations. "Mr. Peck recommended we contact Mr. Mark Hughes to see if he might be interested," James said. "Again, at the direction of the mayor and council, I called Mr. Hughes and asked if he might be interested in working as the Newcastle attorney." Hughes agreed to represent the city, James said, and asked whether the city could be interested in using Dublin Hughes as well. Dublin, who recently graduated from law school and has taken his bar exam, is allowed to work under his father for the time being, James said. "His son will be the one coming to the meetings," James told the council on Aug. 16. "Mark won't be able to because he has long-standing commitments." Hughes and the city will negotiate an office salary in the future but have agreed to pay \$300 an hour in the interim. The council also had to approve a waiver of conflict of interest upon hiring Hughes. According

10,088th in the nation, according to worldpopu- 1,534 people; Sublette County, which lost 1,519 people; and Carbon County, which declined by 1,348 individuals.

> The U.S. has continued to count the population across the nation every 10 years since 1790, as mandated by the Constitution, according to the Wyoming Administrations and Information. Wyoming participated in its first census in 1870.

The importance of the census, the Wyoming Administration and Information website says, lies in the shaping of many aspects of the communities across the state.

"The decennial population county is utilized for redistricting at the national and state level. Census data guides the allocation of federal funding to state, local and tribal governments," the website says. "Certain state revenue distributions are distributed based upon the decennial census count. Communities use the information for development and planning for public services, roads, schools, health care and new businesses."

According to City Clerk-Treasurer Greg James, the loss experienced in Newcastle should have minimal to no real impact on the city or its finances.

"There is no reason for the

community to go through what

we did last year. I hope people

will revisit the knowledge they

have. The power lies in the

people, and they need to pull

together," she said. "The com-

munity must revisit how they

feel about things (the vaccine

and other preventative mea-

sures) and provide the protec-

Bickford noted that KASL

will take over the COVID-19

case reporting over Facebook

and the radio and that her com-

munity information page will

"I just really appreciate all

the support I have received

tion the vulnerable need."

no longer be active.

get it done, and I have had lots of support from both the radio and the newspaper," she said. "You (the paper and radio) have really made a difference."

With the loss of Bickford, Weston County is left without both a public health nurse and a public health officer. Despite advertising the need for a new public health officer, the Weston County commissioners have not yet appointed a replacement after removing Dr. Mike Jording from the position on Jan. 5.

According to Weston County Clerk Becky Hadlock, there has been no interest expressed by anyone in filling the position despite months of advertisement in both local papers.

County appoints Stulken as county attorney

Michael Stulken was appointed to fill the vacant Weston County and prosecuting attorney position. Former county attorney Alex Berger resigned. Stulken had been serving as the deputy county attorney. As previously reported, Stulken was the only person to submit a letter of interest to the Weston County Republican Party. On Aug. 17, during the Board of Weston County Commissioners meeting, the commissioners voted unanimously to appoint Stulken to the position, although Commissioner Tony Barton said he has reservations about the lack of potential candidates. "The statute says 'shall select and transmit three names'," Barton said, noting that it is a unique situation because Weston County is a small community with few lawyers.

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"It gives me some pause that three names were not submitted," he added.

Chairman Marty Ertman said that she believes the Republican Party did their due diligence in gathering potential candidates.

to James, the waiver was needed because Hughes represents Sen. Ogden Driskill (R-Devils Tower), who is involved in a land purchase and easement agreement with the city.

"We may have to do this again if we have another issue with Driskill," he said, noting that this waiver is only for the current situation.



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Gearing up for fall events

all is upon us and it's nice to see things back in session; school, sports, Madness on Main, Shine & Show, and the Weston County Concert Association's community concerts are all nearing. There will be plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy the fall weather, from football and cross country to a day of fun at Madness on Main this Saturday (see complete schedule on page 2). The Madness fun lasts all day and there will be so much to see, taste and partake in from a walk/run, bike races, dunk tank, pie eating and beard and mustache contests and so much more!

Mark your calendars for Monday, Sept. 13 as Weston County Concert Association kicks off their five-concert series with Presidio Brass at Crouch Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Presidio Brass is a brass quintet playing popular Broadway tunes that has performed in over 40 states. Tickets can be purchased at

resident Joe Biden's

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Afghanistan. Bears

raising heck in Wyoming.

There is so much to write

about and so little time.

Deadlines approach

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said, "I would write

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One veteran columnist

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Shine up those vintage cars and hot rods as the 15th annual Shine & Show and Fall Festival will be Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Dow Park. The event brings in cars and spectators from many states, and the Masons will be serving breakfast.

Hats off to the many organizers who keep fun events going on all year long for this community. With the summer events now in the books, the memories still linger of Warm Summer Nights, all-school reunion, fair, rally week, and the newly formed Battle of the Bands event, put on by the Weston County Arts Council and FOCUS.

Newcastle and Weston County is definitely the place to be this fall, so mark your calendars now and don't miss a minute of the fun, sports, culture and hot rod action that will be happening soon.

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actually think I my column (pronounced

earth do you manage to get one of these written every week?" Or for that matter, 51 years in Wyoming, six years in western Iowa, and two years in eastern Iowa? I think that might add up to 59 years, but, alas, who is counting except me?

Sorry folks, now that I'm done with my whining, I

This story is better.

Promise. This story begins with a unique part of the four-year curriculum at Wyoming Catholic College in Lander — a three-week wilderness course taken by all freshmen just before starting college.

The wilderness trip is a spiritual experience where these young people from all over the country (students come from 38 different states) bond with others and attend religious services with the two priests who tag along.

communion with wine and bread. The bread is served as small hosts. This is where this story gets interesting.

Seems while the students gobbled up all the hosts.

Later, when a ranger was asked if he thought the guilty party was a brown bear, a

done by editors Jimmy Orr and Jim Angell plus great writing by Ellen Fike, Wendy Corr, and Jen Kocher. And I will continue to burst my buttons over the product this staff is putting out each day.

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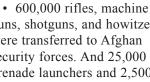
Third, I need to clarify that although in a recent column I said I agreed with President Joe Biden on getting out of Afghanistan, I must ask who in their right mind would agree with how he is doing it? This disaster will be his legacy and will haunt him

forever. I believe in the good work behind in Afghanistan:

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• 208 airplanes and helicopters, including 20 A-29 Super Tucano attack aircraft. The A-29s cost \$21.3 million each. Black Hawk helicopters were also captured - each costing up to \$21 million.

guns, shotguns, and howitzers were transferred to Afghan security forces. And 25,000 grenade launchers and 2,500 howitzers - the modern-day cannon.



Gads, what a waste. Amazing.

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

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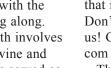
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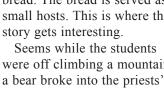
(Bob Peck, Bruce Kennedy?) in Wyoming who have written a column for over 50 years. I

have been writing longer than Joan Jo-Ann) Barron

and the recently retired Sally Ann Shurmur, both of the Casper Star-Tribune.

People who





a bear broke into the priests' tent, drank all the wine and

Today, I am feeling sorry for myself. I have been writing weekly columns for over 50 years. I think Jim Hicks might have the record with his "Sagebrush Sven" column in the Buffalo Bulletin – probably 60-plus

promise this thumbsucker column might get a little more interesting.

So, my first column item here is about a bear. Columnist Dave Simpson recently wrote about a beerdrinking bear.

black bear, or a grizzly bear, he allegedly replied:

"Hard to tell. But I am pretty sure it was a Catholic bear."

Second, as publisher of the Cowboy State Daily, I get to take credit for the great work being done by an outfit called Openthebooks.com. This online money auditing site is very accurate in exposing wasteful government spending.

They recently published the following about what we left

Civic virtue should induce citizens to become vaccinated

The founders believed, as James Madison wrote, that Americans possessed sufficient virtue to

summon the courage and conviction to do the right thing in the face of the most trying circumstances. This might mean that citizens would find it necessary to set aside their personal interests and ambitions in pursuit of the common good.

At this critical juncture in American history, when COVID-19, especially the virulent delta

variant, is menacing our nation's public health and threatening our economic recovery, the return of children to school and our overall psychological need to restore a sense of normalcy, it is necessary for the citizenry to step up and get vaccinated. Thus far, many in the Midwest and western states, including North Dakota, Wyoming and Idaho, have failed to perform their civic responsibility. Reports tell the gloomy story: only 37 to 40 percent of citizens in these states have bothered to obtain a vaccine, protecting themselves, and others, from this deadly virus.

"To suppose that any form of government will secure liberty or happiness without any virtue in the people is a chimerical idea," Madison observed in Federalist No. 55. Madison's fellow founder and delegate to the Constitutional Convention, George Washington, supposed that there is a "portion of virtue and honor" among the people to place confidence in the theory of representative government. The basis of civic virtue, they and other founders agreed, lay in patriotism — love of one's country - which implied a will-

ingness to sacrifice personal interests to preserve and protect the nation. This is a familiar story. In World

War I, and again in World

War II, and in subsequent wars, Americans of various political stripes set aside their personal lives and professional ambitions to answer the trumpet call to protect their families, friends and fellow citizens across the country. There were pockets of voices that countered with the refrain that participation was a

"personal choice," but nothing approaching the swelling chorus of anti-vaxxers in our time who refuse vaccination, even though that medical procedure is the most surefire means of protecting our brothers and sisters, and preventing a renewal of economic regulations that may shrink, slow and possibly shut down businesses throughout the land.

Let's be clear. Those who refuse to be vaccinated do have a point: it is a matter of personal choice. Of course it is, but that doesn't begin to address the question of civic duty, a concept that the founders regarded as equal in importance to the assertion of rights and liberties. Almost everything in life is a matter of personal choice. Those who drive cars can "choose" whether to obey red lights and follow the rules of the road. People can "choose" whether to inflict harm and even commit murder. Those acts are a matter of "personal choice." But where does that get us in our effort to fight the delta variant, and others sure to follow?

The concept of civic duty is not beyond debate, of course, for we can argue about the parameters of responsibility, and when individual liberties should not be curtailed in the name of responsibilities to others. In the case of a pandemic, however, where the refusal to become vaccinated provides the crucial lifeblood to a virus seeking a host, civic duty overwhelms a personal choice to remain unvaccinated and the "right" to harm others.

That's what the U.S. Supreme Court said in the 1905 landmark ruling in which the Justices upheld a Massachusetts law that required adult residents of the state to be vaccinated against smallpox. In Jacobson v. Massachusetts, the Court reasoned that the Constitution "does not import an absolute right in each person to be, at all times and in all circumstances, wholly free from all restraints." In a case that remains the law of the land more than a century later, the Justices held that the health and safety of the nation took precedence over the objections of Hennings Jacobson, who claimed that the state's compulsory vaccination statute was "unreasonable, arbitrary and oppressive, and, therefore, hostile to the inherent right of every freeman to care for his own body and health in such a way as to him seems best." Readers will recognize these arguments in the objections of those who, today, resist the COVID-19 vaccination.

For many years, states across the country have exercised sweeping "police powers" a category of authority that the framers of the Constitution entrusted to state governments to pass laws to protect the "health, morals, welfare and safety" of the people. Most of our fellow citizens rarely object to the exercise of this authority to require, for example, immunization of school children, from preschool through 12th grade, as a requirement to attend school.

Most don't complain, either, about mandatory seat belts or child safety seats, and most don't object to indoor smoking prohibitions or the state laws requiring automobile owners to carry liability insurance.

Passage of these laws, and others, contribute greatly to the heath and safety of our neighbors. Some may view these statutes and regulations as inconvenient, and possibly an infringement of their freedom to make personal choices, but as the framers of the Constitution believed, sacrifice of some personal interests as a function of civic virtue is precisely what a republican form of government requires. If the animating principle of republicanism is somehow virtue, it would be nice to see it voluntarily instituted to save lives, as Americans readily and enthusiastically demonstrated in the first and second world wars. If Americans don't line up for the COVID vaccine, we can expect to see, sooner or later, the enactment of mandatory vaccination laws, resting on the pillars of the Supreme Court's ruling in Jacobson v. Massachusetts.

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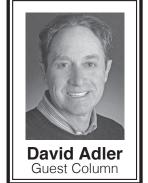
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Perry Bennett

PERRY LEE BENNETT

Dec. 1, 1936-Aug. 4, 2021 A resident of Emmett, Idaho, the last 15 years, Perry Lee Bennett passed away at home Aug. 4, 2021.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, Sept. 4, at 1:30 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Emmett, 400 Hwy. 16, with retired

Pastor Dennis Parks officiating. Internment will be held in June 2022 at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D. Local arrangements

were with Potter Funeral Chapel in Emmett.

Perry born was Dec. 1, 1936, on his

parents' homestead near Newcastle, Wyo., the son of Lawrence Edward and Ella Viola (Herrmann) Bennett. Perry was a graduate of Newcastle High School in 1957. He served in the National Guard from March 1955 through March 1958. He served three years in the U.S. Army in the Army Airborne from July 14, 1958, to July 13, 1961.

On Oct. 21, 1961, he married Anna L. Bogue in Rapid City, S.D. Perry and Anna raised four children in Newcastle.

Perry worked at Sioux Oil Co. Refinery, Berman's Sawmill, and Bennett Construction with his brother Larry and his dad, Lawrence Bennett.

He was baptized into the Seventh Day Adventist Church in October 1965.

He was preceded in death by his father, his mother, his brother, infant sister, and four grandsons.

He is survived by his wife, Anna; two sons, Lee and Perry of Gillette, Wyo.; two daughters, April Hayes and Karen Joyner of Emmett; and two nephews, seven grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

Cards and condolences can be sent to 3590 Bishop Rd., Emmett, Idaho 83617.

GENEVIEVE 'JENNY' (McCOY) GULLEY

April 19, 1927–Aug. 13, 2021 Genevieve "Jenny" (McCoy) Gulley of Newcastle, Wyo., passed away peacefully

> with family near on Aug. 13, 2021, at The Legacy Living and Rehabilitation Center in Gillette, Wyo. A private celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Jenny was born in Pringle, S.D., on April

time with her family.

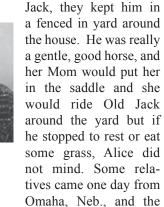
Jenny is survived by her children, Patricia Sanchez (Roy), Gery Paul Gulley (Barb), Steven James Gulley (Candace), Jerry Michael Gulley (Jennifer), and Christina Montgomery (Tony); as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be made to benefit the Alzheimer's Wing at The Legacy Living and Rehabilitation Center, 1000 S. Douglas Hwy, Gillette, WY 82716.

Condolences may also be expressed at gillettememorialchapel.com.

ALICE SCHUETTE Oct. 26, 1925–Aug. 27, 2021

Alice was the first child born to Irene (McEachran) and Paul M. Johnson at Hamill, S.D., on Oct. 26, 1925. They lived on a farm west of Hamill and Alice really loved living in the country from the time she was able to get out of doors. Her first baby sitter was a big tall roan horse named Old Jack. If her dad was not riding Old



Alice Schuette

man ran out to get Alice off Old Jack, but the horse did not know the man and would not let him get within 10 feet of him. The man had a fit and said Alice should not be riding a horse that was not gentle enough so anyone could walk up and take her off. Daddy and Old Jack did not see it that way. When she was 3 years old, she and Old Jack would take lunch to her dad who was working with a team of horses in a field about one mile east of the house. Old Jack was a member of the family and served as a baby sitter until Alice no longer needed one.

When Alice was 10 her parents had moved to a ranch near the White River and northwest of Hamill, and her dad pastured a large herd of cattle during the summer months for two bachelor brothers who lived nearby. They hired Alice to ride along a mile of creek that ran through the ranch every day to be sure that there were no cattle bogged down in the quicksand spots along the creek. If there was a cow or calf 19, 1927, to William stuck in the mud, she went home to get her Walter and Anna Marie dad to get the cow out. The brothers paid

part Arabian gelding that had been trained to do some tricks and he never trotted — he paced or loped, and that suited her just fine. They were best buddies until she was a junior in high school. She rode him five miles to Hamill and back home again every day the first two years she was in high school.

After graduation from Hamill High School in 1942, she attended Luther College for a year and then returned to Winner, S.D., to work in the office of Omaha Cold Storage.

On Jan. 30, 1944, she married Jerry Addington and they moved to Provo, S.D. Their son, Douglas Addington, was born in 1945.

In 1946 they moved to Newcastle, Wyo., where Jerry took a job teaching school at Osage and Newcastle and Alice went to work in June of 1946 at the Wyoming State Employment Service, a job she truly loved. In September 1949, she was promoted to office manager for Weston, Crook and Campbell counties. At this time there was a lot of oil field activity in the area and Alice loved the people she dealt with as well as the people who were her employees and supervisors. She spent time in Gillette, Hulett, Sundance, Moorcroft, and Upton, Wyo., as well as Newcastle, matching employees and jobs. Her marriage to Jerry ended in 1951.

On Feb. 14, 1956, a friend introduced her to Charlie B. Schuette and they were married Oct. 14, 1956, and she and her son, Douglas moved to the ranch southwest of Upton to live but she continued to drive to Newcastle to work until July 1, 1957.

Alice and Charlie enjoyed working together and although she often took a short-time job in town her main interest was the ranch and helping her husband. She enjoyed living on a ranch again and Charlie made sure she had a good horse and got to ride it, too. She enjoyed helping Charlie and the neighbors work cattle, move cattle or help run tractors in the field where and when Charlie needed her.

In 1988, Alice signed a contract with the Curtis Publishing company to produce a Weston County History book and she was really overwhelmed by the way the community responded and by the large number of people that contributed family stories to the book and the number of people who came to help with it. The result of their joint efforts produced a huge 11-pound history book that has stories galore. She was grateful for all the help she got from the people in the community. She felt it never would have been the book it was without everyone pitching in to help.

After a month-long stay at the Rapid City Regional hospital in Rapid City, S.D.,



Gulley



(Deilleneuve) McCoy.

She married Dewey Paul Gulley on Jan. 6, 1947.

Jenny loved knitting, crocheting, ceramics, reading and most of all spending

her \$5 for the summer and did she have a Charlie passed away on July 30, 1997. good time spending that \$5! It bought a lot Alice sold the ranch March 1, 1999, and of gifts during those years.

After Old Jack, Alice rode Silver, a little sorrel gelding until her dad bought a little

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Newcastle Lodge No. 13, A.F. & A.M. Meetings are held the First and Third Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend meetings Scott Sewell, Worshipful Master • Mike Hutchinson, Secretary





Daily Devotional Reading

| September 3 | September 7 |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Luke 12:1-21 | Luke 13: 18-30 |
| September 4 | September 8 |
| Luke 12:22-40 | Luke 14: 1-14 |
| September 5 | September 9 |
| Luke 12:41-59 | Luke 14: 15-35 |
| September 6 | Scriptures Selected by th |
| Luke 13: 1-17 | 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

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· COUNTRY CHURCH: Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712, Worship 10 am

• FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Interim Pastor Ben Roberts, 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

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25 Years Ago September 5, 1996

Weston County School District #1s annual report to residents of the district. One of the more interesting figures in the report is the number of miles logged by district school buses. In 1994-95, school buses put on 272,353 miles transporting students to and from school and activities. That number significantly increased in 1995-96 to 293.302.

School enrollment remains about the same in Newcastle with 1,109 attending the first day, according to figures from Weston County School District #1. Last year's total enrollment was 1,113.

Newcastle Volunteer Firemen spent their Saturday collecting money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Labor Day telethon. During this annual event, local firemen raise money for the association by asking drivers at the Highway 16/85

intersection for donations.

Weston County Memorial In the mail last week was Hospital and Manor purchased emergency services training equipment for the Upton Ambulance Service with funding from the Rural Health Care Transition Grant. The Little Joe two-pack includes mannikins with extra face pieces and airways for CPR training.

Devils Tower National Monument invites the public to help celebrate the 90th anniversary of the creation of the nation's first national monument. A special exhibit of museum collection artifacts will be on display in the visitor center from Aug. 30-Sept. 30 to mark the occasion.

The Newcastle cross country team won a clear victory against Wright and Moorcroft during the first meet of the season Aug. 30. For the boys, Newcastle came in first place with 28 points, followed by Moorcroft with 48 and Wright with 59 points. The

Lady dogies also beat Wright and Moorcroft with 27 points.

The Eggebraatens will be presenting a special concert of gospel music at Foursquare Lighthouse, 1525 S. Summit, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. The concert is free of charge.

The Blotter: Aug. 27 - A woman reported that a big, black German Shepard was chasing her dog. A woman requested assistance after she locked her keys in her car. Aug. 31 - A woman requested that a cat who had been run over be removed.

50 Years Ago September 2, 1971

The 1971 school enrollment in school district one shows a decrease compared to the enrollment in fall of 1970. A total of 1322 students started school Monday. This includes Osage and rural students. The total the first day last fall was 1403. The lower enrollment is more prevalent in the lower



grades and at Osage.

Peter Smith of Beulah and Newcastle has been named as one of the three members of Gov. Hathaway's Wyoming One-Shot antelope team.

The Dogie Theatre will open Sunday, Sept. 5, for the new season. Vern Prell, Dogie and Wyo Drive In theatre manager, said the Wyo Drive In will also be open on Sunday, Sept. 5, and then the last showing at the Wyo Drive In will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10, 11 and 12.

Glenn Darlington, Weston County rancher, won the recent Sidney, Neb., rodeo single steer roping event. Darlington was among the top money winners in the RCA single steer roping standings. He will also be competing in the Walla Walla, Wash. and a Canadian rodeo within the next few weeks.

Jean McColley won the Newcastle Country Club scratch golf tournament with a 93 score. Her rounds were 44-49. Dottie Blackman was second with a 49, 46-95; and Florence Williams was third with a 47-52-99. Mary Pleak won the nine hole first flight honors.

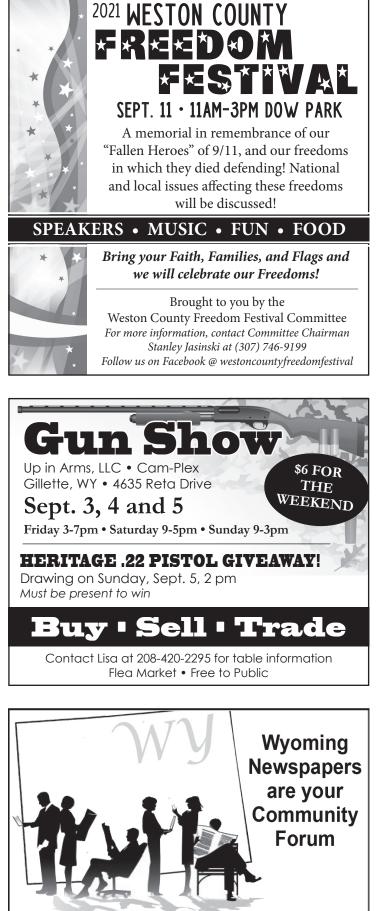
The Newcastle Dogies will open their 1971 grid season Friday night when they host Lead, S.D. Kickoff time is 7:30 at Schoonmaker field.

Michele Smith, 16, of Newcastle, and her Hereford entry put everything together to win grand champion Hereford at the 1971 Wyoming State Fair in Douglas. Michele, a seven year member of the Prairie 4-H Club, received a trophy sponsored by Ernst's Saddlery of Sheridan from Ross Baker, Sheridan County Agricultural Agent.

Joey's Arena west of Newcastle on Highway 16 will be the site of two days of activities Sunday and Monday. On Sunday, the annual rodeo and play day will be held starting at 1:30 p.m. with all regular events and the hide and barrel races scheduled.

100 Years Ago September 1, 1921 The Newcastle ball team has won two out of three games played in the Post tournament at Denver. Starting Friday, Aug. 26. when they walloped the crack M. & M. team of Denver, 18 to 3, they were beaten their next game on the following Monday, 8 to 2. On Wednesday they came back strong and cleaned up on Cheyenne, 10 to 7. The meat department of the Newcastle Mercantile department has been sold to Sidney and Ray Miller. Pete Lissolo will continue in his present position as manager of the shop, which will remain in the grocery store of the Mercantile company. Monday afternoon at 2:30 Fred Fawcett of Newcastle was united in marriage to Miss Clara Doll of Omaha, Neb., at the home of Mr. Fawcett's father, F.B. Fawcett, on Winthrop street, this city. The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace V.R. Thomas, in the presence of relatives and a few close friends. Passenger trains from the east arrived several hours late Monday on account of a freight train wreck near Mansfield, Neb., between Alliance and Crawford. It has been reported that 19 freight cars were derailed, but no one was injured so far as is known here, and the cause of the derailment was not stated. The picnic at Clareton Saturday was well attended, and all stayed for the dance in the evening. At midnight refreshments were served, and after that the dancing was resumed until daylight.







Courtesy of Weston County Historical Society

This is a picture of Ed and Charlotte Noe with their daughter, Mary, and their son, Tommy. The Rochelle Hills, near their homestead, are visible in the background.

WHAT'S UP

September 2021

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

| 7-9AM 5:15PM 5:30PM | Wellness Wednesday Friends of Fair WC Travel Commission | WCHS Upton Medical Clinic Fairgrounds, WC Event Center Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center First Baptist Church Fairgrounds Office |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| | WCCC Development Screen | nings Newcastle |
| 4:30PM 5-7PM 7:30PM | WC Museum District mtg Farmer's Market Masons #13 | Anna Miller Museum Pinnacle Bank Masonic Hall |
| 5:30PM | BINGO | VFW Hall |
| | Madness on Man, see sche | dule page 2 Main Street |
| 7PM | Newcastle City Council | City Council Chambers |
| 9AM 5:30PM | WC Commissioners NACOC Board Meeting | Courthouse 721 Washington Blvd. |
| 6:30-8:30AM 9AM-1PM 6:30-8PM | Wellness Wednesday Gigi's Closet Awana first club meeting | WCHS First United Methodist Church First Baptist Church |
| 5-7PM | Farmer's Market | Pinnacle Bank |
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Madison Stanley was at McGoffin's one day last week to get some pigs. Walter Olsen and Roscoe Austin have been hauling this week.

Pete Peterson and a friend of Hot Springs, S.D., spent Saturday at Fred Stanley's. The Clinebell girls came out from Newcastle on Saturday to visit their father until school starts.

George Clark was greeting old friends and neighbors here Tuesday, spending the night at the Stewart home.

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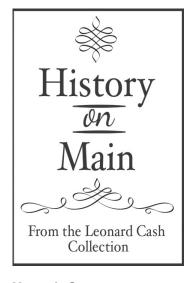
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A quick walk through of block 11, lots 7-12



Hannah Gross NLJ Correspondent With Leonard Cash, historian

To wrap up the "History on Main" series, Cash wanted to go over a brief summary of block 11 on Main Street. We began this walk-through last week and ended on lot 6, so we pick up where we left off on lot 7, which was originally owned by Frank Mondell, according to courthouse files.

The lot went through several owners, home to both a bar and the Edison Theater. In 1922, it became the home of W.H. Coles Commercial Co., who bought it from Thoeming. Coles offered hardware, general merchandise and automobiles. Around December 1928, Sedgwick Hardware and Supply Co. moved in before Culver Enterprise took it over in 1948, according to courthouse files. They went out of business around 1955, according to the local newspaper, but it later reopened on West Main.

Culver Enterprises sold the property to Carl Kuemmerle for Post No. 2516 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1974, who in turn sold it to Donald and Judith Arensmeyer in 1987. Cash said they had a clothing the Weston County Saloon on store. After Arensmeyer died, lots 9 and 10, and it was there several businesses moved in



A historical photo of downtown Newcastle.

However, in 1940, Rodney M. Guthrie, who was the guardian of the estate due to Buttner being "insane," sold it to Minnie Shoemaker. But she turned it over to George Culver six years later. Culver Enterprises owned lots 7 through 9.

In 1949, the building became a restaurant, according to newspaper records. In 1972, lots 8 and 9 were sold to Loretta Moser, who sold it to Joseph Thaler. He turned it over to Frances B. Rossman, according to courthouse files. Rossman also bought several of the following lots.

Now, we come to lots 9 and 10. The history of these lots overlap at certain times because some businesses resided in both. Lot 9 is most well known as home to the Bronco Bar. Louise Faehndrich, who owned the property in 1895, sold it to Frank Mondell in 1900. It went through several owners, but in 1907, Louie Menghin opened for a number of years. In 1917,

a soft drink parlor in that location around 1919.

D.G. Ellenwood leased the building in 1941, and then Charles M. Grieves Jr. opened a retail liquor store the following year. Around the same time, Royal Café and Lounge opened up, but it was turned over to Black Hills Café in 1953, which operated from there for several years. In 1948, Culver's Enterprise was there in 1948 (but during this time they also leased it to several other businesses), and according to courthouse records, Bronco Bar moved in sometime before 1956. It went through several owners, but Frances B. Rossman was the owner of the building in 1978, and it was still a bar then. Eventually, the T&A Brewery moved in until it was bought by Amanda's on Main, which is what it is today.

In 1891, Jacob Faehndrich opened a restaurant on lot 10, with a "grand" thanksgiving dinner, according to the local newspapers. In 1906, it was a

This is where the history intertwines with lot 9. It became a liquor store for some time and around 1944, it was leased to Royal Café, and then Black Hills Café in 1950. There was a fire in the building in 1946, newspaper records reported, when it was owned by Minnie Shoemaker. It was a café for some time even up in the 1960s, but after that, it was sold several times. However, courthouse files don't specify what business was there.

Next, we will take a brief look at lot 11, which was originally owned by Ella Dobson in 1891. It was sold a few times, and in 1907, Judge Nelson had an office there. Although unsure of its start date, newspaper records show that there was a barber shop there until 1918. In 1935, M.W. Geschwender leased it from Mrs. T. Shoemaker for a few years for a liquor store. Shoemaker passed away in 1969, and four years later, Robert Carmine and his wife sold it to Leo and Genevieve Aimonetto.

Senior Happenings

| WC Senior Services | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| FRIDAY Sept 3 | FRIDAY Sept 3 | | | | | | |
| Exercise Room | 8AM | | | | | | |
| Walking | 8AM-NOON | | | | | | |
| Rolls | 9AM | | | | | | |
| Bridge | 1PM | | | | | | |

MONDAY Sept 6 Closed for Labor Day

TUESDAY Sept 7

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

WEDNESDAY Sept 8

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

THURSDAY Sept 9

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

leased it for a liquor business, and D.O. Gray took it over in 1947.

Corner Bar Inc. leased the building in 1951, and they were there until it burnt down around 1999, Cash said. Today, it's just a parking lot.

Before finishing, Cash wanted to include a brief story from March 10, 1893, on the building behind where the Corner Bar once stood. A fire destroyed the entire upper part of the alley, and while it didn't spread to the other buildings, a lady by the name of Mary Miller did not escape the flames. She lost her life and "was burned beyond recognition."

That brings us to the close of While the owners of the our quick wrap up of block 11

Photo courtesy of Leonard Cash

Eighteen months later, Andrew and Cynthia Wolfe bought it. Lot 11 was evidently used as a bar because according to newspaper records from Dec. 27, 1979, the Stage Door Bar was sold to new owners. That's the final documentation in Cash's records, but today, it is the location of the Edward Jones office.

That brings us to the final lot on block 11, which was home to the Corner Bar.

"Lot 12 has been a bar ever since 1890," Cash said.

Several people leased it around September 1890: William Bryan leased it for the purpose of building a mercantile, H.J. Wisner and M. Arnold leased a saloon, and Francis Smith planned to open a restaurant and bakery. Bernhard Deetken bought the property in 1891 and sold both lots 11 and 12 to Pete Aimonetto in 1907. In 1935, there was a one-year lease on the lot for a soft drink parlor and wholesale beer business by Frank Vercellono and Ben Zanoni.

and out of the building.

On lot 8, August Buttner opened a meat market, grocery and drug store in 1906.

W.H. Coles Commercial Co. moved in until 1929, when it and Supply Co. There was also

millinery owned by Miss Nettie and Mrs. LaNove. Newspaper became Sedgwick Hardware records reveal that it was a soft drink parlor around 1919.

The Aimonettos sold it to building changed, Vercellono Next week, we will have our Joseph Thaler in 1979, and and Zanoni continued renting seven years later, he sold it the building until 1943. The on Main" with an article on the to Jerry and Sandy Pedulla. following year, C.M. Hall Chief Hotel.

final installment of "History

Obituaries from Page 4

moved to Newcastle to live. While there she helped two friends with their history projects and enjoyed every minute of it.

In October 2016, her health took a turn for the worst and after a brief time in the Rapid City Regional hospital, she entered a long-term care facility in Rapid City. Eventually a room came open at the Weston County Manor and she was able to return to the state she loved! Her time at the Manor was a blessing. She saw old friends, had wonderful visits and made new friends. Would you have expected

anything else?!

Alice passed peacefully on Aug. 27, 2021, at Weston County Manor in Newcastle.

She is survived by her son, Douglas (Linda) Addington, San Antonio, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charlie; brother, Paul M. (Bud) Johnson; sister, Ruby M. Johnson Carlson; and many close family members and friends.

Alice's family wishes to express sincere gratitude to Weston County

Manor staff for their outstanding medical care and compassion as well as providing a warm, loving family atmosphere for our aunt.

At Alice's request a viewing and fellowship will be held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Kinkade Funeral Chapel prior to being laid to rest with her beloved husband, Charlie, at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2, at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, S.D.

At Alice's request, in lieu of flowers any memorials are to be made payable to the Weston County Health Care in Newcastle, in her memory.

FROM

The family encourages the use of masks during the visitation and are required for use at Black Hills National Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at kinkadefunerals.com.

WILLIAM 'BUTCH' TOWNSEND

Oct. 1, 1938-Aug. 26, 2021

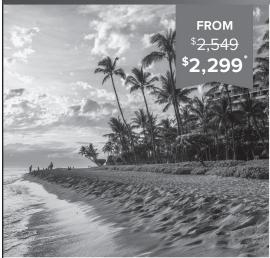
Graveside service for William "Butch" Townsend will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle, Wyo. Following services, a picnic will

be held at Dow Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, the location will be at the Methodist church.

Visitation will take place from 3 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Meridian Mortuary in Newcastle; COVID restrictions will apply to the indoor visitation.

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. A full obituary will follow.

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National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The 2021 theme is 'Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love.'

During National Preparedness Month and throughout the year, Weston County Emergency Management encourages all community members to take a proactive approach in personal preparedness. As the nation continues to respond to COVID-19, there is no better time to be involved this September.

Wyoming has launched a new preparedness mobile app – Wyoming Ready. This app makes it easy for individuals and families to create a customized plan, increase their preparedness, and be informed. The app can be downloaded on the Apple Store or Google Play.



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Farnsworth appointed to hospital board

Alexis Barker NLJ News Editor

Weston County Health Services board of trustees on Aug. 19. She is taking the place of former board member Lanny Reimer, who could no longer serve on the board once he became an employee of the hospital district.

Farnsworth, according to Chairman Connie James, was the only applicant for the vacancy and was appointed unanimously at the beginning of the board meeting.

A long time employee in the health care field but now retired, Farnsworth said that while she has experience in the

of board operations is not vast.

"I grew up here (Weston Jamie Farnsworth joined the County) and went to the University of Wyoming, where I got my bachelor's in science and nursing," she said. "I worked in public health and retired as the school nurse."

As for why she wanted to serve on the board, Farnsworth said she would like to see patient satisfaction a focus at the rural hospital here.

"Health care is being shifted. With the big business (that) health care is today, I want to know what we can do to improve the quality of care," she said.

Before Farnsworth's appointment, board member Mike

medical field, her knowledge Ratigan expressed concern with appointing and interviewing Farnsworth that evening.

> "I think Jamie is a great applicant. I don't want to diminish that, but I am surprised we are having interviews. I haven't seen a resume," Ratigan said.

James clarified that a resume was not required to express interest or fill the board position. The only requirement is an application, which had been submitted.

Following the brief interview, the board voted unanimously to appoint Farnsworth to the board until the election in May 2022. At that point, CEO Maureen Cadwell said. Farnsworth will have the option to run for election to retain the seat.

Judge Perry retiring; replacement sought

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Judge John R. Perry, Sixth Judicial District, will retire effective Jan. 3, 2022, according to an Aug. 20 announcement.

Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice Kate M. Fox, who acts as chairman of the Judicial Nominating Commission, said in a press release that the commission "will accept expressions of interest from qualified people." To be considered a qualified individual, persons must be learned in the law, at least 28 years of age, a citizen of the United States and a resident of Wyoming for at least the past two years.

Those interested in filling the vacancy have until Sept. 9 to submit their expression of interest.

"The expression of interest form can be obtained from the Supreme Court's website, www.courts. state.wy.us/Administration/Careers," the release says. "The completed form must be received in the office of Chief Justice Fox no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021. Please do not submit letters of recommendation, as the commission will not consider them, but will instead review documents specifically required by the expression of interest."

The Judicial Nominating Commission will choose three names to forward to Gov. Mark Gordon, who will then appoint the new judge.



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On Aug. 24, several people attended a farewell party during storytime for Mandy Williams, who is leaving the Anna Miller Museum after more seven than years as its assistant director. Above, Ben Roberts visits with Cindy Dysart, museum director, and below Williams enjoys a slice of cake. The next story time will be Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 10 a.m. at the museum. Anna Miller Museum's hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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from our community go off, get educated and want to bring that back to their community," he said.

physical therapist is hoping to bring some services to the practice that haven't been offered. Alberts has received training in LSVT BIG, which is a special

program that helps people dren and aquatics. suffering from Parkinson's disease, or other neurological issues, and teaches them how In addition, the young to better utilize their bodies. LSVT stands for Lee Silverman Voice Treatment, and BIG is a program that deals with motor systems. Alberts also hopes to eventually work more with chil-

Alberts said she is excited to make a difference in her home community as well as help others who have helped her and been a big part of her life.

"It all comes down to one thing — just getting them (patients) back to what they want to do," Alberts said.



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Nothing like the game **T**ell, the first weekend of the 2021 season is in the books. There were ups and there were downs, and results were mixed across the four different sports, but there were definitely highlights from each.

The potential of our Dogie athletes - whether volleyball or football players, cross country runners or swimmers - was



Sonja Karp

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The greatest thing about the first competitions of the season is that each and every

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Runners, to your mark!

Sonja Karp **NLJ Sports Editor**

For the third consecutive year, the Newcastle High School Cross Country team started their season at the Newcastle Country Club golf course, hosting their one and only home meet on Friday.

The Dogies finished third overall as a team in the varsity division with 52 points and second overall in the junior varsity event with 29 points. The Lady Dogies competed in the junior varsity race and as the only school with enough runners to fill a team, finished first with 15 points.

"It was really nice to see Aspen [Bloom] win her race, Sam [Scribner] win the boys' JV and for Avery [Chick] to take second in the varsity race," head coach Kathy Beehler said.

Sawyer Clarkson of Belle Fourche, S.D., won the varsity race with an impressive time of 15:33.53. Beehler noted that he put her in mind of 2021 graduate Sydney Thorvaldson from Rawlins who amassed perhaps the best cross country career of any Wyoming athlete.

"It was crazy and fun to watch him run, because he reminded me very much of watching Sydney," Beehler said, smiling. "It was also fun to watch Avery run. He went out with Sawyer and gave it a whirl, but Sawyer just ran away from the pack pretty quickly."

Clarkson ended up taking first a little over three minutes faster than Newcastle @ Mallo Meet 8/27/21 Men's Results Team: Varsity 1. Belle Fourche 26 2. Torrington 49 3. Newcastle 52 Individual Varsity: 2. Avery Chick 18:47.27 10. Teegan Hatheway 20:12.87 13. Wyatt Cole 20:50.48 15. Max Makousky 20:57.67 21. Mathew Drake 21:48.93 Team: JV 1. Sundance 26 2. Newcastle 29 Individual JV: 1. Sam Scribner 20:21.31 4. Nick Lopez 22:02.18 5. Logan Olson 22:24.18 12. Ben Carter 23:29.64 13. Tayson Wheeler 23:57.40 16. Travis Scribner 25:25.37

NHS Cross Country

22. Caleb Hoover 27:07.70 25. Richard Smith 30:15.57 Women's Results Individual JV:

1. Aspen Bloom 24:05.95 4. Taylor Conklin 28:04.75 5. Rachel Baird 28:13.38 6. Janaya Ralls 29:15.91 8. Julie Morris 29:44.67

Chick, who was second with a time of 18:47.27, which was a full eight seconds ahead of the third place finisher from Torrington.

"Avery ran well, he ran tough and he competed," Beehler beamed. "The Torrington kid was on his tail the whole time but he held him off.'

With about a mile to go, Beehler let Chick know that Ayden Loya, the Trailblazer runner, was just eight seconds behind him. At first, Chick



Wyatt Cole poured it on as he neared the finish line at the Dogies' home meet last Friday. Cole finished 13th with a time of 20:50.48.

Dogies struggle offensively in opener

Sonja Karp NLJ Sports Editor - See Runners, Page 10



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where their strengths lie and what aspects of their game need work.

There is just no way to replicate the reality of a game without being in it, and experiencing the focus and intensity that competition actually presents.

It's just so hard to get that race mentality until you're up to your neck in it.

Obviously, practice is vital to any program and I'm not suggesting that it should be done away with, however unless you have two full teams of equal talent going up against each other in practice, you just can't reproduce what athletes are going to be up against on game day.

In a school the size of Newcastle High, we just don't have enough players to fill two starting varsity spots, so it's going to be hard to get the reps in practice like you do in a game.

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Defensively, the Dogies came to play as they kicked off their 2021 season Friday against the Bison of Hot Springs, S.D., however, offensively, head coach Matt Conzelman's squad just couldn't seem to get things started.

Only four first downs, and a total of 56 yards rushing and receiving meant little opportunity for Dogies to put points on the board. Despite holding the Bison scoreless until 36.6 seconds remaining in the first half, Newcastle would ultimately drop their week zero, home opener to Hot Springs 0-23.

The zero week game is a good one to give the team a low stakes contest to be able to get into a varsity competition to see where they stand and give them an idea of their strengths and weaknesses before jumping into conference play.

Unfortunately, the Bison came into the contest with an extra week and a game under their belts. Hot Springs also put together a decent overall game with attacks on the ground and in the air, while their defensive line was consistently solid in closing off options for the Dogies.

"They're better as a team than they were last year," Conzelman admitted. "They are tougher

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Slade Roberson caught a Hot Springs Bison and brought him down, denying him the endzone in the Dogies' home opener last Friday.



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admitted that he wasn't too worried, but after Loya gained four seconds on him, Chick developed a much greater sense of urgency.

"At that point, I probably started my push to finish a little early and had to really gut it out," Chick exclaimed. "It was kind of scary!"

"I was second for the whole race and Sawyer was so far in front of me that it was like he wasn't even in the same race," Chick chuckled. "It was weird to essentially be in the lead because I've never been in that situation before, and it was a little hard to pace myself."

For the Dogies, Chick is the only seasoned varsity runner who returned to the squad this season. Teegan Hatheway, Wyatt Cole and Max Makousky each made appearances on the varsity roster last year, however those appearances were intermittent.

"We're pretty young, so kids are getting thrown in the deep end a little bit," insisted Beehler. "We're going to get better because we have the potential to do some good things this year."

Hatheway was the second to finish for the Dogies coming across the finish line in 10th place with a time of 20:12.87. Cole was next in 13th, Makousky 15th and Mathew Drake rounded out the scoring for the Dogies in 21st place.



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Avery Chick accepts his second place medal in the Dogies' home meet at the Newcastle Country Club on Friday. With the first race under his belt, Chick is ranked third in the 3A East Conference and 13th in the state for 3A.

"They're improving each week JV race with a time of 20:21.31 which and I'm already seeing that," Beehler nodded. "Now we're going to work on getting our times closer together. We'll also work on strategies to put ourselves in better positions to improve our team score."

would have been the third fastest time for Newcastle in the varsity race. Because he's an incoming freshman, Beehler made the determination to enter Scribner in the JV division for his first high school race. However, Sam Scribner finished his 5k in the with the third fastest time, Scribner will be running varsity this week in Spearfish, S.D.

Nick Lopez finished fourth in 22:02.18 with Logan Olson right behind in fifth place and just 22 seconds off of Lopez' time. Ben Carter was 12th, Tayson Wheeler 13th, Travis Scribner finished 16th, Caleb Hoover was 22nd and Richard Smith was three behind Hoover in 25th place.

"Our JV boys did a great job," Beehler said. "It's a big jump moving from middle school to running a 5k in high school."

After last year with only four girls out for the sport, Beehler is pleased that the Lady Dogies have enough runners to compete as a team this season.

"It's just so awesome to have a team, and they are working hard and doing a great job," she said.

Freshman Aspen Bloom won the junior varsity division by a margin of 35 seconds over the second place finisher. In addition, she finished four minutes in front of the next Lady Dogie runner, and comparing races, her time would have placed her 13th in the varsity division.

Taylor Conklin crossed the finish line in fourth place with a time of 28:04.75. Rachel Baird was hot on her heels finishing fifth in 28:13.38. Janaya Ralls was a minute behind

Baird but still took sixth place while Julie Morris was eighth in 29:44.67.

"Aspen did a great job, and was really out in front with a pretty comfortable margin," Beehler began. "Taylor and Rachel finished together and Janaya and Julie were pretty close together as well, so the girls also will need to work on running closer together. I was really proud of Julie because she is a sprinter, so for her to adjust to the distance running, she did a great job."

With their first meet under their belt, the team is turning their sights to Friday when they will travel to Spearfish for their meet. Beehler identified this as a 4A meet and due to its size it has a freshmen, JV and varsity division. As such, she is planning to run quite a few of the freshmen in that division, though she will be moving some up.

"We will move them up as quickly as they are ready, but we don't want to do that too fast so that we don't mess with their confidence," Beehler explained. "We have some time to make the transition."

The freshmen girls will start things off on Friday at 10 a.m. They will be followed by the freshmen boys, the varsity girls, the varsity boys, the JV girls, the JV boys, and then the middle school races will close out the day.

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up front and have a couple of pretty nice weapons."

One of those weapons was junior running back Landon Iverson who ran for more than 200 yards and scored four times against Hill City a week ago.

"I thought we controlled [Iverson] for most of the night, but at the end we kind of lost containment a couple of times," Conzelman admitted. "I knew that if he got some space, he'd be dangerous, but I think the longest run he had was his scoring one of 41 yards, so I was pretty pleased to hold him to just 125 yards."

'We need to fix some alignment issues and we need to make sure we are doing our jobs a little bit better defensively, but I think we will do a pretty good job of locking some teams down a little bit and get teams off the field," Conzeman anticipated. "The bend, not break philosophy is a good one, but we maybe need to bend a little bit less to force them into a punting situation so we have a shot at the goal." some bright moments on defense. Tate Engle, Holden McConkey and Josh Womack teamed up to sack the quarterback. Tanner Neilsen was able to fall on a fumble recovery, while Aidan Chick and Hogan Tystad each had a pretty pivotal pass breakup which thwarted scoring opportunities for the Bison. "The biggest thing we have to address is offense," Conzelman determined. "We were never able to get into any kind of rhythm, there were missed assignments, and that

NHS Football

Newcastle v. Hot Springs 8/27/21: 0-23 55 yards rushing, 1 yard passing Slade Roberson: 0-3 pass completions, 5 carries for 38 yards, 2 tackles, 6 tackle Aidan Chick: 1 carry for 3 yards, 3 kickoff returns for 33 yards, 1 pass breakup, 1 tackle ast. Holden McConkey: 10 carries for 7 yards 1 sack, 7 tackles, 5 tackle ast. Quint Perino: 1-1 pass completion for 1 yard, 3 carries for 7 yards, 5 tackles, 1 tackle ast. Tate Engle: 2 carries for -19 yards, 1 reception for 1 yard, 1 sack, 5 tackle ast. Tanner Neilsen: 1 fumble recovery, 4 tackles, 1 tackle ast. Braden Jenkins: 2 tackle ast. Hogan Tystad: 3 punts for 125 yards, 2 tackles, 2 tackle ast. Josh Womack: 1 sack, 3 tackles, 3 tackle

Heath Henkle: 1 tackle, 1 tackle ast. Ian Simmons: 1 tackle, 1 tackle ast. Kalan VanGundy: 1 tackle, 1 tackle ast. Jonathan Anderson: 2 tackle ast. Connor Stohlha nmer: 1 carry for 1 yard 2 tackle ast

just can't happen."

The Dogies went 1-2-3-punt quite often and though most



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Despite receiving blocking from the Dogie offensive line, Holden McConkey (#30) was challenged to pick up yardage against a tough Bison defense last Friday at Schoonmaker Field.

running when it was clear that to keep getting better. He was about our chances," Conzelman will take a couple of games to shaking off some jitters and insisted. "We were getting get our legs under us." the Bison defense had closed

players are on the field on both sides of the ball, to spend most of the game on defense definitely demands a lot from the athletes.

"We still had our chances," The Dogies definitely had Conzelman said. "We missed a great opportunity early that if the pass was connected, we would have started out 7-0. We really need to take advantage of the opportunities when they are there.'

Conzelman noted that it was nice having Slade Roberson back on the field as quarterback. In the second half, the senior made the decision to put the team on his back to try to turn things around offensively. It was Roberson who picked up the Dogies' initial first down of the contest in the third quarter by tucking and

off his options.

He ended up leading his team with 38 yards rushing and picked up three of the squad's four first downs on the night.

"I don't mind Slade running over people every now and then, but I don't want him doing that every time," Conzelman chuckled. "I want him to hit soft and take care of his body so we don't lose him again."

Realistically, Roberson hasn't played since he was a sophomore given he tore his ACL in the first contest of the year against Hot Springs last season.

"You can't get that game speed and intensity you really need in practice," Conzelman admitted. "There's no doubt in my mind that Slade is going

he rushed a couple of throws, but we will get him locked in a little better and get him more familiar with our scheme and that will work itself out."

Senior tackle Josh Womack was tough off the defensive line throughout the contest, often breaking free and putting pressure on the Bison's quarterback.

"Josh is physical and has a good motor on him," Conzelman nodded. "He did a good job putting pressure on their QB."

The Dogies went into the fourth quarter down only 0-13 so with a good defensive stance and an offensive opportunity, could have pulled to within one us to start to know what it score of taking the lead.

"With 12 minutes left to play, I was still feeling pretty good

into a position where we were creeping up on their doorstep, but then we had a missed punt opportunity in the third quarter which left Hot Springs with great field position to start the fourth and they took advantage of that."

The Bison pushed their lead to 20-0 with just 10 seconds ticked off the clock in the fourth quarter to really put the Dogies in an adverse situation, then connected on a 22-yard field goal attempt with 5:46 remaining to secure their 23-0 point advantage over Newcastle.

"It was a good game for feels like to be in it for 48 minutes," Conzelman declared. "We aren't in shape yet, and it

Conzelman anticipates getting some of his players back this week who didn't have enough practices to be eligible to play on Friday. The presence of those players will give the team some depth.

"Looking at all of the high school games played in the country last weekend, what you will see is that one team lost, so this week is a bounceback week for us," Conzelman said. "But, we have a tough, good effort Buffalo Bison team coming to town against whom we won't have a chance to miss assignments, so we need to clean that up."

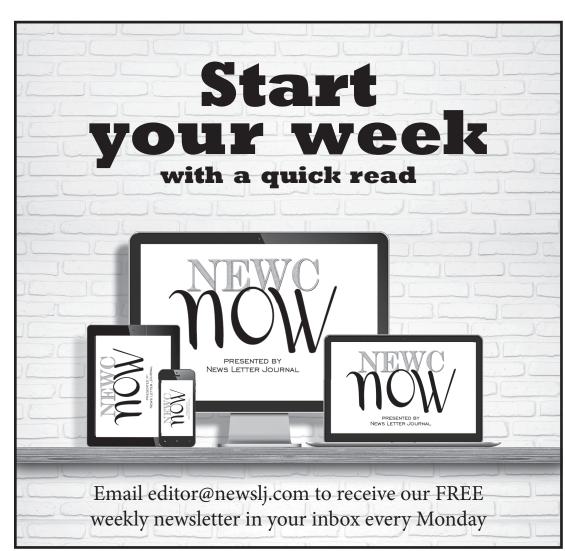
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Babe Ruth ball program still competitive A solid summer leaves teen baseball with plenty of options for 2022

Bob Bonnar NLJ Publisher

Although they compete in a state tournament this year after claiming a string of Wyoming championships to close out the previous decade, Newcastle's Babe Ruth baseball program continues to be one of the most competitive in both the Black Hills and Wyoming.

But like Newcastle, perched as it is along the borders of both the Black Hills and Wyoming, Weston County's teen baseball program has access to the best of both worlds and that actually makes it hard to commit to a league or affiliation that produces a meaningful postseason.

"We stuck with Babe Ruth this last year, but decided not to go to the state tournament," coach Justin Tystad said at the conclusion of the summer season. "We just decided to

go play some good baseball instead of worrying about that."

The 2021 Wyoming State didn't Tournament for Senior Babe Ruth was held in June, and that would have shortened the season considerably for Newcastle's boys of summer, who traditionally have trouble starting the season too early in the spring because of the unpredictable nature of the weather in northeast Wyoming.

In addition to allowing the teams to extend their season a bit, the decision to opt out of state tournament play also presented opportunities for the Newcastle squads to compete against a slew of solid teams much closer to home, but just across the border in South Dakota or Nebraska.

"The goal was to get them as good a quality of baseball as we can, and be competitive," Tystad explained. "We had the freedom to go to Rapid City and

Spearfish for tournaments, and other places that were close, like Gillette and Chadron. We also played Billings and Casper, and some of their Post (Legion) teams, as well as independent teams from Chevenne and Billings. We played against some JV teams and participated in U-16 stuff when it fit. We just kind of combined all of that together, and we never played a team from a town smaller than us - ever. Chadron was one of the closest, and they are about double our size."

A total of 28 ballplayers made up the rosters of the junior and senior Babe Ruth teams, which finished with a combined record of 32-30-1 to end the season. The junior squad, coached by Phil Lipp and Neil Schiller and called the Stampede, rolled to an impressive 10-5 record, with many of its wins coming in a competitive Gillette league.

Longhorns, finished the year 22-25-1, with the tie coming as a result of a lightningshortened affair, and wrapped up the campaign with a threestate winning streak, symbolic of a season in which they sacrificed a league identity for the benefit of more — and better — competition.

"We finished the season beating Belle Fourche, Chadron and Douglas, and we didn't play a lot of small towns," reflected Tystad, who was assisted by alums Peyton Tystad and Isaac Prell. "That's not bad for little ol' Newcastle."

The team's showing is all the more encouraging because the vast majority of the players will return to the diamond next year in Newcastle.

"We only lose two kids going into next year, and we will actually get some kids back from injuries and stuff, so we

The seniors, dubbed the should really be in pretty good shape," Tystad said.

> He also reported that the program is on solid footing due to consistent participation numbers and continued support from businesses and individuals in the community.

> "We had really good support from the community in the way of sponsorship and resources," Tystad said. "We were even able to get new uniforms for the first time in eight or 10 years."

If there was a downside to the summer of 2021, it was a shortage of home contests. Tystad indicated that was partly because the teams were presented with opportunities to play a wider variety and higher quality of teams, and they took advantage of them. The weather also interfered with a couple of planned home dates, and the coach hopes that loyal fans will be treated to a little more baseball in Weston County in 2022.

"Our support was good, and we really had a pretty decent crowd for the Chadron game, but we didn't have a ton of home games this year because I tried to kick up the competition a bit," Tystad stated. "We also had a few games canceled that we were hoping to have at home, and next year we hope to play more games here for our fans."

He said that the league would explore all of its options for affiliations and competition in the 2022 season over the winter, and he expressed confidence that the program would be waiting as the school year winds down to offer a quality baseball experience to local vouth.

"We're excited for the coming year, but right now I'm excited to see them play their other sports. We will be ready to welcome them back in the spring," Tystad concluded.

Netters hot and cold during first weekend

Sonja Karp NLJ Sports Editor

The Lady Dogies served up their opening season tournament Friday and Saturday in Douglas, and on day one seemed to shake off last season's tendency to start slow, however on Saturday, it seemed as though that old monkey had climbed back on the team's collective backs.

"Friday was fun because usually we are the team that starts slow and then has to play catch-up," head coach Keeley Anderson began. "We had a moment of that, but then we really turned it on. Unfortunately, we just seemed a little bit off on Saturday, which hurt us."

The Lady Dogies hit the court against the 2A Moorcroft Lady Wolves on Friday afternoon, and lost a fierce battle in the first set 24-26 but then rallied and rolled over their opponent 25-13 to push it to a third set where they prevailed 15-11.

"We started a little slow in our first set, but we turned things around pretty quickly," Anderson described. "We've been working on a lot of different things in practice like swing blocks and slowing down our approaches and waiting for the ball. We got into the game setting and our nervous energy kicked in, but they did a good job of reeling things in and applying those things they learned,

NHS Volleyball

Newcastle @ Douglas Tournament 8/27-28/21 Win v. Moorcroft 24-26, 25-13, 15-11 Win v. Wright 25-13, 25-19 Win v. Wheatland 27-25, 25-18 Loss v. Big Horn 29-27, 20-25, 10-15 Loss v. Burns 22-25, 25-21, 12-15 Loss v. Wheatland 19-25, 18-25

Individual Tournament Stats Jaylen Ostenson: 39-40 serves, 48 kills, 3 block assists, 45 set assists, 46 digs Tiernen Stanton: 17-22 serves, 2 aces, 40 kills, 4 stuff blocks, 5 block assists, 1 set assists, 16 digs MacKenzie Conzelman: 1-1 serve, 26 kills, 2 block assists, 1 set assist, 2 digs Hunter McFarland: 64-69 serves, 14 aces, 18 kills, 1 block assist, 69 set assists, 31 digs Shelby Tidyman: 79-88 serves, 18 aces, 7 kills, 2 block assists, 11 set assists, 36 digs Gabby McVay: 21-29 serves, 2 kills, 1 block assist 22 digs

Mckenzie Rose: 3 kills, 1 block assist, 4 set assists, 6 digs LaKacee Lipp: 31-37 serves, 2 aces, 16 digs

Olivia McVay: 6-8 serves, 1 ace, 21 digs

which was great to see."

Next up for the Lady Dogies were the Wright Lady Panthers. After several years of being a powerhouse in the 2A ranks, the Panthers are down a bit this season and Newcastle took advantage of that to sweep the squad in two sets with scores of 25-13 and 25-19. The final match of the day had the Lady Dogies pitted against their first 3A East competition of the day. The Lady Bulldogs of Wheatland, whom Anderson identified last week as being a team to watch this season, showed up without two of their starters who had not completed the requisite 10 practices in order to compete.

Newcastle had to battle the Lady Bulldogs to win the first set 27-25, but then finished them off in the second set 25-18.

"You could really see on the girls' faces that they were having a great time and had the kind of confidence they needed to get the win," Anderson nodded. "They were communicating and really connecting which was great to see.'

The victories on the day set the Lady Dogies up with a No. 2 seed heading into Gold bracket play on Saturday morning. As such, they took on the No. 7-seeded Big Horn Lady Rams bright and early in the 9 a.m. match.

Unfortunately, the team that went undefeated on Friday just didn't seem to show up on Saturday. The Lady Dogies fought for a 29-27 win in the first set, but then lost the second 20-25 and the third 10-15.

"We could have beat them," Anderson sighed. "We just weren't putting up the net play that we are capable of doing. The blocks just weren't there, we weren't helping the back row out at all. Our back row also seemed to be a step slow because they weren't hitting the floor and just weren't moving their feet the way they needed to." The loss put the squad up against the Burns Lady Broncs, also a 3A East Conference team.

'Our goal was to get in their best player's head because when she gets flustered, the team tends to follow," Anderson began. "We were able to slow them down, but again, we were just a little off our game. We played well, and I think we are more than capable of beating them, but things just weren't clicking.'

The match went to three sets with Newcastle losing the first 22-25, coming back to win the second 25-21, and dropping the third 12-15.

Once again, the Lady Dogies found themselves up against Wheatland for the last contest of the day and the tournament. The Lady Bulldogs had their two starters back for this match, and though they didn't really bring anything unexpected to their game, by that point Anderson believes that her squad was maybe a little affected by coming off a day of winning only to follow that up with two consecutive losses.

By the final game of the first weekend of tournament play, all "Tiernen had her big hits and Jay and teams were feeling the fatigue. Again, the squad didn't play poorly, but their tanks were low which impacted the effectiveness of their play. "There's always been a rivalry between this particular group of girls all the way back to middle school," Anderson explained. "Wheatland didn't like that we swept them on Friday, so they came back with a

vengeance when we met up again on Saturday."

The Lady Bulldogs evened the score, defeating the Lady Dogies in two straight sets, 25-19 and 25-18.

"I don't know what happened," began Gabby McVay. "We do this thing where we get up 10 points and then we let them back in.'

"Yeah, we kind of beat ourselves," MacKenzie Conzelman admitted. "We played great on Friday, but then we just made too many mistakes on Saturday.'

Jaylen Ostenson, Tiernan Stanton and Conzelman led the team with kills over the course of the tournament racking up 48, 40, and 26, respectively. Hunter McFarland finished with 69 set assists while Ostenson contributed 45 and Shelby Tidyman led the team with 18 ace serves and McFarland was close behind with 14.

"I can't pick one player to highlight because everyone just had a pretty great weekend," Anderson said. Hunter as setters did a great job and had some pretty powerful hits from the outside as well." Next week is another two-day tournament for the team in Gillette. On Friday, they will kick off pool play against Campbell County, then will take on Douglas who did not fare well at their tournament last weekend, and finish off the day with Sundance.

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For volleyball, that makes the preseason tournaments the squad participate in that much more valuable to the program.

The Lady Dogies are short numbers this season so it's tough to set up those gamelike situations for the passers and blockers in order to get them prepared to take on other varsity squads.

It's difficult for the Dogie football offensive line to get game-like simulation when the same players who are playing offense also play defense.

But you don't have to play a team sport to benefit from actual competition. It's just tough to get yourself in race mode when you know that you are going to have to swim several 50s over the course of your practice. We have a natural proclivity to save ourselves for the task ahead rather than go all out without having a competitor swimming next to us.

The same goes for cross country runners. Doing hill repeats, running the canyon, doing park practices all require the athletes to run much more than a 5k, so the urgency of the race just isn't there.

That's why I so love the beginning of any season when teams get the chance to play those first games and race

those first races.

I love to watch the growth that inevitably occurs from just the first contest to the second. Granted, it doesn't mean that a program goes from zero to 60 in just one week, but what we tend to see is that getting to actually compete has a marked impact on the athletes.

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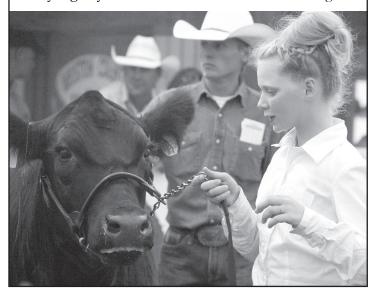
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NHS swimmers off to good start

Sonja Karp

NLJ Sports Editor

The Lady Dogies opened up their 2021 season by making the long trek to Lander for a relays meet on Friday, followed by a pentathlon on Saturday. The format of the two meets is unique and provides a great opportunity for all swimmers to get their feet wet.

"I think the biggest thing for us this year is that we have two really brand new swimmers so getting Lilly [Ralls] and Ruth [Rose] prepared and ready to go was a big focus," began head coach Doug Scribner. "For the other girls, it's a matter of getting back into the groove.

Lydia [Anderson] and Raeleigh [Shipp] both swam over the summer, and Hailey [Beastrom] swam over the summer and has been a part of the club as well."

For Beastrom, Scribner was looking to see where she is beginning her first high school season of competition, while for Anderson and Shipp he wanted to see how they started their season compared with how they finished last year.

With only six swimmers able to compete on Friday, Scribner was only able to man two relays on the day. Fortunately, the meet offered individual races in which the Lady Dogies were able to enter. As a team, Newcastle finished in sixth place with 79 points.

"I'm happy with how we swam and how we placed," Scribner determined. "Raeleigh and Lydia both improved over their times from last season and are starting a little bit faster, which is what we want to see. There were improvements from Friday to Saturday as well."

Shipp finished sixth in the 200 Free and ninth in the 100

NHS Ladies Swimming Newcastle @ Lander Relays and Pentathlon 8/27-28/21

Lander Relays 8/27: Team: 1. Lander 391 2. Kemmerer 232 3. Worland 216 4. Riverton 183 5. Sublette Co. 173 6. Newcastle 79

200 Medley Relay: 2:38.38 9. Lydia Anderson, Raeleigh Shipp, Hailey Beastrom, Lilly Ralls 200 Freestyle 6. Raeleigh Shipp 2:35.67 50 Freestyle: 9. Hailey Beastrom 32.15 16. Ruth Rose 40.39 19. Lilly Ralls 45.84 500 Free Relay: 6:27.54 4. Ruth Rose, Lydia Anderson, Hailey Beastrom, Raeleigh Shipp 100 Backstroke: 4. Lydia Anderson 1:16.20 5. Hailey Beastrom 1:19.65 100 Breaststroke: 9. Raeleigh Shipp 1:33.31 15. Ruth Rose 2:42.50 DQ. Lilly Ralls

Lander Pentathlon 8/28: **Overall Individual Results:** 41. Raeleigh Shipp 6:07.99 50. Hailey Beastrom 6:18.28 Event Results: 100 Butterfly: 44. Rebekah Olson 1:28.05 52. Raeleigh Shipp 1:32.38 65. Hailey Beastrom 1:37.70 DQ. Ruth Rose 100 Backstroke 34. Hailey Beastrom 1:19.13 53. Raeleigh Shipp 1:24.82 86. Rebekah Olson 1:39.71 N.P. Lydia Anderson 1:17.40 N.P. Lilly Ralls 1:58.21 DQ. Ruth Rose 50 Free: 40. Raeleigh Shipp 30.61 67. Hailey Beastrom 33.38 71 Rehekah Olson 33.84 91. Ruth Rose 44.36 N.P Lilly Ralls 44.46 100 Breaststroke: 43. Hailey Beastrom 1:32.38 45. Raeleigh Shipp 1:32.69 88. Ruth Rose 2:32.27 N.P. Lydia Anderson 1:39.40 N.P. Lilly Ralls 2:42.21 DQ. Rebekah Olson 100 Free: 33. Raeleigh Shipp 1:07.49 64. Hailey Beastrom 1:15.69 73. Rebekah Olson 1:18.25 91. Ruth Rose 1:47.55 N.P. Lydia Anderson 1:06.15 N.P. Lilly Ralls 1:47

Breast, Anderson was fourth in the 100 Back, Beastrom finished ninth in the 50 Free and fifth in the 100 Back, Rose was 16th in the 50 Free and 15th in

19th in the 50 Free and DO'd in the breaststroke.

In the 200 Medley and 500 Free Relays, the ladies finished ninth and fourth respectively. Anderson, Shipp, Beastrom and Ralls manned the former while Rose, Anderson, Beastrom and Shipp raced in the latter.

The 500 Free Relay is a crescendo relay where the first swimmer races a 50, the second a 100, the third a 150 and the anchor leg swims a 200.

"Raeleigh ended up swimming the 200 twice because she was in the open and then was the anchor in the 500 relay," Scribner explained. "She had pretty good times in each and Hailey and Lydia both had really good times with their swims as well."

On Saturday, the Lady Dogies were back in the pool for their second consecutive day of competition. Shipp and Beastrom were the only two swimmers to get an overall score in the Pentathlon because in order to tally a score, you must compete in all five events.

Anderson and Ralls didn't compete in the 100 Butterfly while Rose DQ'd in the Fly and the Backstroke, while Rebekah Olson DQ'd in the Breaststroke.

Shipp finished in 41st place with a combined time of 6:07.99, while Beastrom was 50th with a time of 6:18.28.

With the first weekend of competition complete, Scribner walked away feeling good about his swimmer's first outing.

"After this weekend Lydia, Raeleigh and Hailey are in range to qualify. Lydia started the backstroke two seconds faster than last year which puts her in a great position to qualify, so she is only four the 100 Breast, while Ralls was seconds out there and just a

couple of seconds away from the 100 Free," Scribner said. "Hailey as a freshman has a great deal of potential in the backstroke, and with a 1:19 time, she is only six and a half seconds away from qualification in that event, which I feel confident she can accomplish."

Scribner went on to note that Ralls and Rose each performed well in their debut weekend, and was impressed with how far the two novices have come since practice began just over two weeks ago.

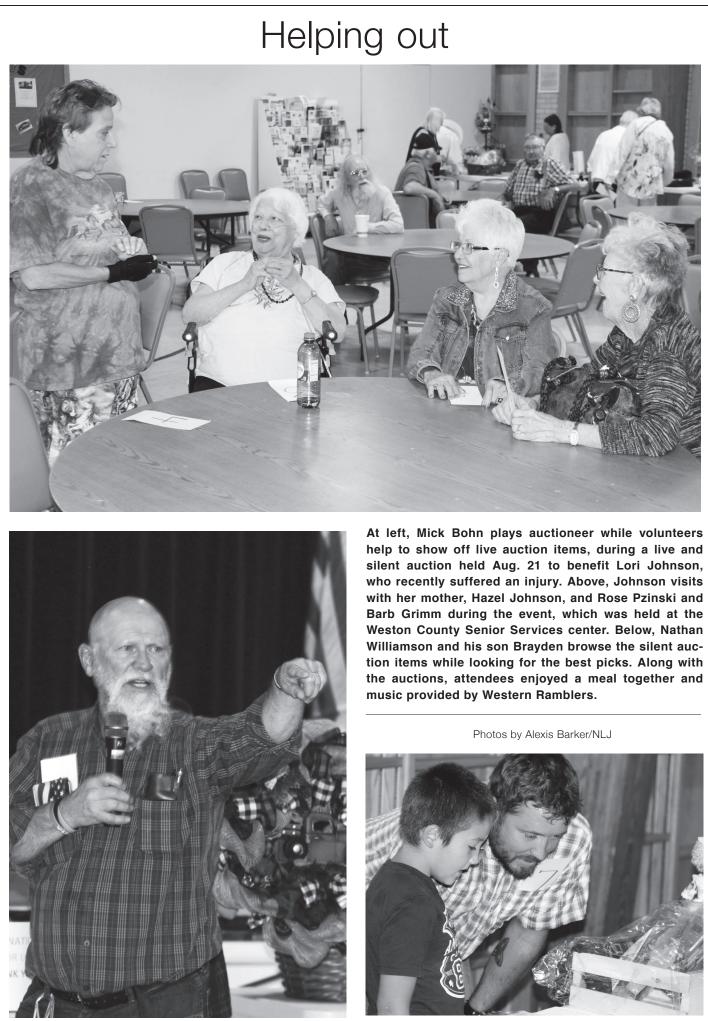
"They still have some technique issues to fix, but those are pretty easy to address," he stated. "They both learned all their strokes so that they were able to compete in the pentathlon, which is a pretty cool accomplishment in such a limited amount of time."

Olson didn't have enough practices to compete on Friday, but her warmup the first day gave her what she needed to participate on Saturday.

"Rebekah has really progressed a lot over the past year in all of her strokes," Scribner nodded. "She ended up with the fastest time of the team in the Butterfly where she shaved off over three seconds from her best time from last year."

"It was a pretty good first weekend for us and we got to see where we stand," Scribner declared. "I think the biggest thing is that despite our less than perfect start given our mechanical issues with the pool, the girls did really well in their opening weekend."

The Lady Dogies are open this weekend, which means they will have a couple of weeks to iron out their various issues before they head to Cody on Friday, Sept. 10, and then Powell on Saturday, Sept. 11. for invitational meets.



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LOUPat the LODGE

Story & Photos by Walter Sprague Art and Culture Reporter

The Weston County Arts Council, partnering with FOCUS Inc, presented the first annual Newcastle Battle of the Bands and Singer/ Songwriter Competition on Friday and Saturday to the delight of dozens of participants and audience members. The event was held in the Cambria Room at the Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center. Friday showcased the singer-songwriter contest, where solo acts performed. Cash prizes went to first, second, and third place. Saturday was the day for the bands, and they also competed for first- through third-place cash prizes.

Other delights were available for the enjoyment of everyone. With food provided by Grazers and drinks available from the Lodge, nobody had an excuse to go hungry. During Saturday's event, Yu Sune Fat and Hot Diggity Dog also had food available in the Bomgaars parking lot.

Black Cat Tattoos and Body Piercing came from Gillette and set up an area as well. It had a section of the room curtained off for privacy for anyone wanting a bit more discretion, but most people who got inked or pierced stayed out in the public area while the artists did their work on them. One of the coolest tattoos of the evening were the matching tattoos for Robert and Kirsten Kenney of Newcastle. The tattoos were of anchors with the infinity rope weaving around them. Anyssa Eldridge of Black Cat did a fine job, according to Kirsten, who had the tattoo placed on her left arm. Robert had his inked in on the left side of his chest. Kirsten said it didn't hurt and that she was thrilled with the results.

But the main reason for people coming out was the music. Artists came from all over Wyoming; Rapid City, South Dakota, and Colorado Springs, Colorado. The latter Allyson Reeder, a crowd favorite, who will be attending the University of Wyoming in Laramie. Her family drove the six hours from Colorado Springs to show support while she performed on Saturday in the group Gerald Place. Friday's singer-songwriter contest was a big hit. Starting at 5 p.m and going well into the night, the songsters performed in a variety of styles. From the comedic Tim Hawkins song ("These Are the Things You Don't Say to Your Wife"), sung by Casper's Jeff Stanley, to the hip-hop sounds of Rachett Jesus, of Gillette, there were plenty of genres available. In total, 10 artists performed on Saturday Night, each having approximately 20 minutes for their sets. The winners were Cort Ingalls, of Sundance, third place; Jeff Stanley, of Casper, second place; and Steve Thorpe, formerly of Newcastle but now living in Lead, South Dakota, taking first place with his folk/ country blend while accompanying himself on his guitar and harmonica. The Battle of the Bands started on Saturday at 11 a.m. and went past 8 p.m. Quite a bit louder and rowdier than the singer-songwriters competition of the previous night, everyone seemed to have a lot of fun; however, earplugs were worn by many. Seven bands had 30 minutes to perform, with Wicked Six, from Rapid City having a more extended set due to another band canceling. They graciously filled in the extra time to help with the scheduling logistics. Some of the solo acts from the previous night also filled the inbetween times on a smaller stage to allow the bands to set up their drums, guitars and other equipment. So there was minimal downtime between acts. The genres spanned from grunge to country, from new-age hard rock to oldies. Loud and proud, the acts entertained the audience, who often



Absolutely wowing the audience and taking first place in the Battle of the Bands, Wicked Six gives a spot on, energetic and flamboyant performance of new age hard rock. They are bassist Jacoby "Kobra" Zimiga, drummer Jerrett "Kramer the Entertainer" Kramer, lead singer Tony "Plutonyum" Sloat, pictured, and lead guitar Derick "Big D" Albrecht. One of the most appreciated songs was their version of 4 Non Blondes' song "What's Going On?" which Sloat easily belted out hitting both the high and low notes with perfection, while the audience came forward toward the stage, singing and yelling along with the band.

cheered loudly, whistled and even gave a couple of standing ovations. Plenty of people had their phones out, livestreaming the bands as they played. One of the evening's highlights was when Wicked Six played "What's Going On," by 4 Non Blondes, with many people coming forward to the stage yelling out the lyrics with the band. The evening ended with Casper's Burning Bridges rendition of Journey's hit song "Don't Stop Believing."

The top three bands that evening were Kim and the Cue Balls, of the Rapid City area, third place; Gerald Place, a group of college students from Laramie playing for the first time on stage together, second place; and in first place, crowd favorite Wicked Six of Rapid City.

Lead singer for Wicked Six, Tony Sloat "Plutonyum" said, "We're ready to give a wicked time and some fun in between." Propelling the new-age hard rock group to the top of the competition was their flamboyant stage presence, the high level and energy of musicianship and the variety of music-covering groups from Pink Floyd, Def Lepard, Motley Crew and many others. Sharon Legerski of Sheridan, right, opened Friday night's Singer/ Songwriters Competition with her powerful voice and fine guitar. Below, Sabrina Hixson, owner of Black Cat Tats from Gillette, gives Sommer Haulman a new tattoo. Haulman owns Perfectly Wicked Piercing Studio, which runs out of Black Cats and was also set up to do body work at the event.





The sponsors for the event were the Newcastle Recreation Board, Powder River Energy Foundation, First State Bank and Pinnacle Bank. It was produced by FOCUS Inc. and WCAC, with Tim Lorenz running the sound.

Tom Voss, president of the arts council, said the event was a great success.

"We're looking forward to having it again," he said, "Next year, though, we're going to be much bigger with a lot more going on."

Kaspen Haley of Casper, below, belts out a song, with fine voice and guitar, during the Singer/ Songwriters Competition. He is also the lead for Box Elder Stomp which performed during the Battle of the Bands on Saturday. At right, Sober Joe of Casper sings with the band 10 Four !0 on Saturday.





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

Docket No. PR-8254 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA J. LUND, **AKA SANDRA JUNE LUND** Deceased.

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 16th day of August, 2021, the estate of Sandra J. Lund, aka Sandra June Lund, was admitted to probate by the above-named Court, and that Cassanrda A. Perkins and Brianne K. Sherman were appointed Co-Administrators thereof.

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Dated August 26, 2021

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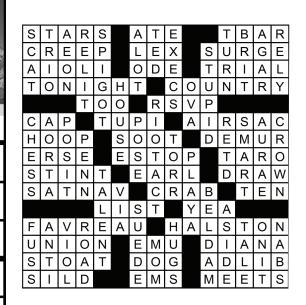
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by JaNel M. Farnsworth



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 that Powder River Energy Corporation's (PRECorp or the Cooperative) has filed an Application for authority to implement a new PREpay meter service to residential members, effective November 1, 2021.

PRECorp is a non-profit cooperative public utility as defined in Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi) (C), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

On August 25, 2021, PRECorp submitted its Application, requesting authority to implement a new PREpay meter service to residential members, effective November 1, 2021. The Cooperative states the offering is a voluntary billing and payment service for members who would like to make payment for their service using a prepayment method. Residential members who do not have established credit with the Cooperative may opt for the PREpay meter service in lieu of paying a security deposit.

Restrictions apply. PREpay meter service is not available to anyone having a life support system in their home. It is also not available to members repaying a service or product related loan which is billed to their electric service account. Those wishing to take the service are required to establish a SmartHub account with the Cooperative. Subscribers of the service will be notified, via the SmartHub account, when the

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SUNSET RANCH WATER DISTRICT

The Sunset Ranch Water District will be

are for four-year terms. The filing period of

these positions is September 2nd through September 30th. Qualified candidates must

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District. This will be a mail-in election. The

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holding an election for two Directors on November 2, 2021. These elected positions

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balance on the electric account is expected to be consumed within the next four days, and again when the account balance reaches zero.

This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect the Application at the Cooperative's business office located in Sundance, Wyoming or at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours, or online at: http:// psc.state.wy.us/ or at the Cooperative's website at: www.precorp.coop.

Anyone desiring to file a statement, public comment, protest, intervention petition, or request for a public hearing in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before September 27, 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 mention Docket No. 10014-218-CT-21 in your communications.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or if you wish to file a statement, public comment, or protest, 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. Communicationsimpaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Dated August 27, 2021

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Bill backed in Sweetwater

GREEN RIVER (WNE) — Sweetwater County is one of 90 groups supporting a federal bill its proponents say will help clean up national forests and reduce the severity of forest fires.

The Resilient Federal Forests Act was initially introduced to the U.S. House July 22 by Rep. Bruce Westerman, R-Ark., a ranking member of the House Committee on National Resources. The bipartisan bill was introduced with 70 cosponsors, including Wyoming's Rep. Liz Cheney.

"For years, the federal government has mismanaged our forests, resulting in more Resources press release about would support the bill.

catastrophic fires. We must take action now to implement effective forest management. I am proud to co-sponsor this legislation, and will continue to work to find solutions to protect Wyoming from the threat of wildfires by ensuring that our forests are properly managed," Cheney said in a statement.

The bill's proponents say it aims to improve the health of federal forests by addressing problems with overgrown forests, the impact beetles and other insects have had, as well as curtailing what a House Committee on National

the bill refers to as "frivolous" and "obstructionist" litigation that has tied up forest management projects. The bill's supporters also claim the bill would help revitalize the economies of rural communities.

The bill received support from multiple Wyoming counties. Amongst the supporters are Sheridan, Carbon, Fremont, Uinta, Lincoln, Converse, Washakie, Park and Sublette counties. Sweetwater County Commissioner Mary Thoman said the Wyoming County Commissioners Association initially contacted the county and asked if commissioners

New sentance in 2018 death

SUNDANCE (WNE) — Marty Smith has a total of 819 days. been sentenced for a second time on charges that she was criminally involved in the death of local man Doug Haar in 2018.

The remainder of her sentence will be suspended pending successful completion of a year of unsupervised probation with Smith to be issued an alcohol monitoring device for the duration.

Smith was originally found guilty of both accessory to involuntary manslaughter and to aggravated assault and battery by a jury in 2019 and sentenced to a minimum of six years and a maximum of 18 years in jail. However, a successful appeal to the Wyoming Supreme Court sent the case back to District Court.

Earlier this year, Smith changed her plea to "no contest." In exchange, the State agreed to suspend the remaining portion of Smith's original jail sentence, of which she has served

Smith would then have been placed on unsupervised probation for the period of one year.

However, Judge Thomas W. Rumpke rejected the plea agreement on the basis that he feels Smith needs more supervision for her drug and alcohol problems before being released back into the community.

The new version of the plea agreement included the addition of an alcohol monitoring device, which Smith would need to wear throughout her year of unsupervised probation.

All remaining terms of the agreement remained the same, said Deputy County Attorney Lynda Black, acknowledging that this is "kind of a difficult case" because the person accused of actually causing Haar's death was not found guilty of the charges Smith was found guilty of being an accessory to.



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Donations pour in for marine

JACKSON (WNE) -Three days after an online fundraiser was started, donations to assist the family of Rylee McCollum — the Jackson native and U.S. Marine who was killed in Afghanistan ---have reached nearly \$500,000.

About 10,000 people from all over the nation had contributed via two online GoFundMe accounts

In addition, friends have established a local account for direct donations to Rylee's widow, Gigi, who is expecting to give birth to their baby in

September. Donations can be made to that account via the Bank of Jackson Hole, which has branches in Pinedale, Dubois, Alpine, Jackson, Wilson and Teton Village.

Bank of Jackson Hole will match up to \$10,000 given through that account.

"This will allow people to donate to that account where 100% of their donations will go directly to the family," Ed Liebzeit told the Jackson Hole Daily. Liebzeit, who is assisting as a veteran and Commander of the Jackson

Hole VFW Post, noted that donors may not be aware that GoFundMe charges administrative and processing fees.

Donations can be deposited into the Bank of Jackson Hole fund named FBO Rylee McCollum. Donations can also be mailed to the fund c/o Bank of Jackson Hole, P.O. Box 7000, Jackson, WY 83002.

The online fundraisers are available at GoFundMe.com under "Rylee McCollum's Child Education Fund" and "Rest Easy USMC Rylee McCollum.'

Feeding bears close park road

JACKSON (WNE) — Berries are ripening and bears are gorging on the nutritious little fruit right now along narrow, winding Moose-Wilson Road, where a close encounter would be potentially dangerous.

And as a result, the northern stretch of the Grand Teton National Park road is closed until further notice. Specifically, all visitors are prohibited from traveling the portion of Moose-Wilson Road between the Murie Ranch junction and Death Canyon junction.

Grizzly 399 and her four cubs plus "several" additional black bears are using the area, Teton Park spokesman C.J. Adams said.

"The road is closed for human safety and the protection of the bears," Teton Park officials announced in a press release. "Because of

its narrow surface lined with dense vegetation, hillsides, and wetlands, the Moose-Wilson Road does not allow for a safe distance between people and bears."

The Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve can be accessed from the south, by coming through Teton Village. But the Death Canyon Road and parking area are currently off limits.

Park staff are monitoring the bears' whereabouts and will reopen the road when they believe it is safe.

"When we do these closures, they typically remain for about 72 hours," Adams said. "And then we reevaluate."

Moose-Wilson Road closes due to bear activity with some regularity, oftentimes as a result of grizzly bears along the corridor.

Big Boy returns for another tour

CHEYENNE - Big Boy No. 4014, the railroad's completion. It left famed Union Pacific steam locomotive built in the 1940s to conquer mountains while communities and one-day carrying equipment in support of World War II, will conclude major cities: Fort Worth and its 2021 tour Tuesday, Sept. 7, when it arrives back to the Louisiana; St. Louis, Missouri; Steam Shop in Cheyenne at and Denver, Colorado. approximately 1:45 p.m.

This is the first time Big Boy has toured since its postrestoration debut in 2019 to celebrate the 150th anniver-

(WNE) sary of the transcontinental Cheyenne on Aug. 5, making whistlestops in more than 90 public display events in five Houston, Texas; New Orleans,

Big Boy No. 4014 was delivered to Union Pacific in December of 1941. This powerful machine was built to cross the Wasatch Mountain

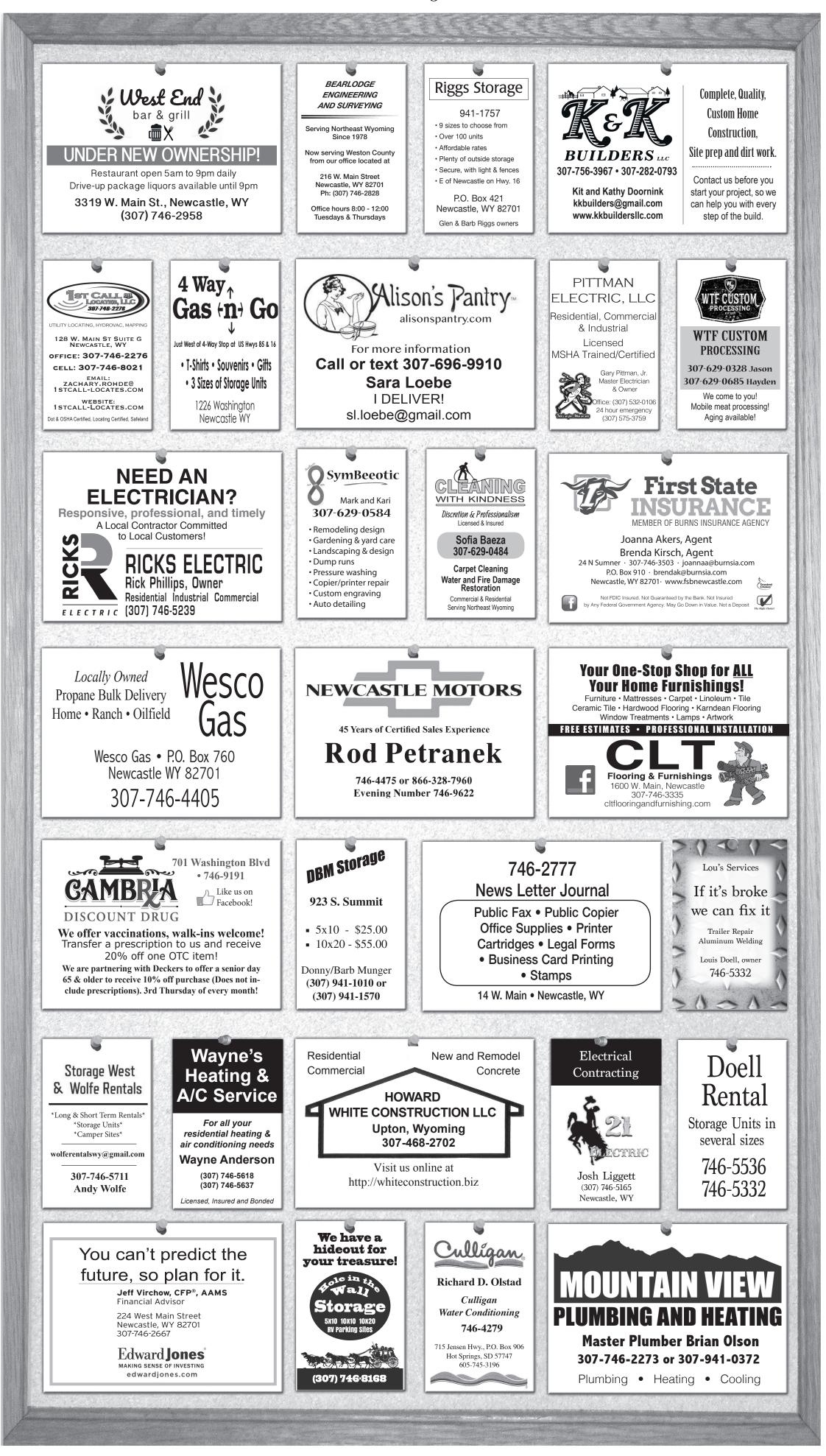
Range east of Ogden, Utah. It was retired in 1961 after traveling a little over a million miles, reacquired by Union Pacific in 2013 and restored to service in 2019.

A complete schedule of Big Boy's 2021 multi-city tour, along with a map tracking its journey, can be found at http:// upsteam.com. The public can also follow along with Big Boy's adventure on Twitter at http://twitter.com/UP Steam #BigBoy2021.

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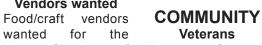
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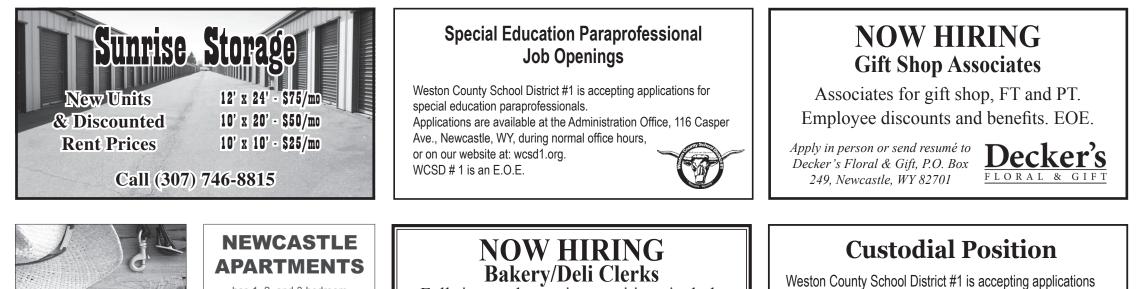
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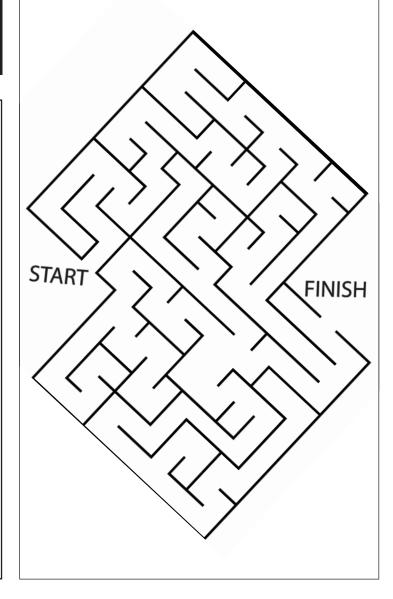
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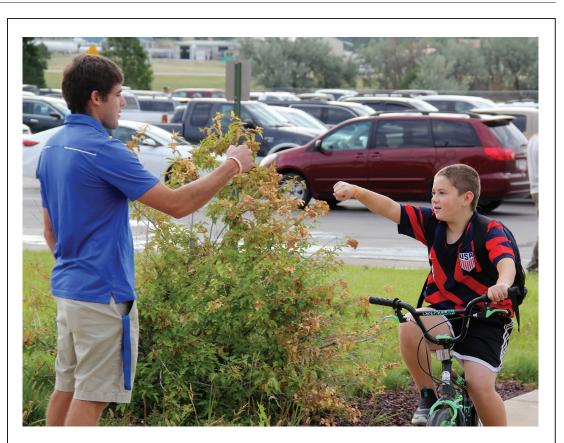
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First day

Weston County School District No. 1 students had their first day of school on Wednesday, Aug. 25. Above, Newcastle **Elementary School physical education** teacher Dave Christiansen fist bumps Davyn Hoffman on the first day of school. At left, Susanna Dutcher with her daugter, ninth-grader Raisa, and son, sixth-grader Trent, head into the Newcastle High School. Below, NHS Senior Harry Lichtenberger and Junior Yestin Davis. Bottom, fourth grade teacher Alaina Liggett is greeted with a gift from Lilly Parsons during the NES open house on Aug. 24.

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