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Redistricting critical for rural areas

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Sen. Ogden Driskill, R-Devils Tower, and Rep. Hans Hunt, R-Newcastle, say they are encouraged by the redistricting process that

both are engaged in as members of the Joint Corporations, Election and Political Subdivision Committee. The pair met with the Board of Weston County Commissioners on Sept. 21 to update them on where the committee is in the process.

According to a Sept. 20 press release from the Legislative Service Office, the purpose of redistricting is to “redraw the geographic boundaries of an area from which people are elected as representatives to the legislature.” Under the Wyoming Constitution, the

Legislature is required to complete the process before the first budget session following each census to reflect shifts in population.

The plan will then be adopted by the full Legislature during the 2022 budget session, scheduled to begin

Feb. 14.

“What we have kind of done is gone ahead with a basic set of rules,” said Driskill, chairman of the corporations committee. “We have carved the state

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Right in the kisser!



Photo courtesy of Leslie Morris

Tyler Bartlett, Newcastle Middle School's principal, took multiple pies right to the kisser on Friday, Sept. 24. The pie throwing was an incentive for students who received zero unexcused tardies. Those students were put into a drawing and a name was drawn from each grade level for a chance to throw a pie. See more photos on Page 18.

Time will tell

City and county still working on dispatch issues

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

The city of Newcastle and Weston County plan to continue to work together to address concerns with dispatch services in the county, as discussed by representatives of the two entities on Sept. 21.

During the Board of Weston County Commissioners meeting that day, Newcastle Mayor Pam Gualtieri reported that the police department and dispatch would be vacating the Weston County Law Enforcement Center and relocate to the city offices. She noted that, despite the move, the city would still provide dispatch services for Weston County entities.

Besides continuing to address the issues that Weston County has expressed regarding services, the county had said it was prepared to move forward with purchasing the Spillman CAD system at a cost exceeding \$500,000. The city had originally agreed before learning that their current CIS system offers many of the Spillman features, according to Newcastle Police

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EcoTech working with state

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

EcoTech Fuels LLC is working with the Wyoming Business Council and Wyoming Energy Authority with the hopes of developing Black Hills Advanced Synfuels LLC in Newcastle.

As previously reported, EcoTech is a privately owned renewable fuels company that is interested in using woody biomass from the Black Hills and other area forests to create advanced synthetic sustainable aviation fuels and diesel at a location in Weston County. President Linda-Rose Myers said that two locations are being considered for the project, but details on the exact location could not be shared due to negotiations in progress.

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Harshbarger honored

KateLynn Slaamot
NLJ Reporter

To the cowboys and ranchers, it's just a way of life — the hard work, early mornings and long cattle drives. But many of these people deserve to be honored for the authentic lives they've led. Jean Harshbarger, longtime cowgirl, is one such person. She was recently inducted into the 2020 Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame, after being nominated by Rhonda Sedgwick Stearns, and honored at the Wyoming State Fair Parade in Douglas this year.

Harshbarger was born on Aug. 5, 1933, in Sterling, Colorado, the only child born to Gus and Charlotte Sherwin. The family owned three ranches, two in Colorado and one in Wyoming, southwest of Newcastle. They didn't live on the ranch in Wyoming, which was purchased by Gus' father,

Leonard, in 1920. However, in the mid-1930's, Gus and Charlotte moved their family of three to the ranch 55 miles from Newcastle.

When starting their new life on the ranch, Jean said, they often had a couple of hired men. Early on, two of their hired hands were young men they knew from Colorado, who left in 1942 to serve in World War II. By then, Jean said, she was old enough to help with chores. Gus also had a pilot's license and a plane, and every morning he rose early to check the water and cattle from the plane.

Jean recalls always having a horse that was hers, but she was never allowed to ride with a saddle unless she was helping with cattle because bareback was safer.

“I got to be a pretty darn good rider,” Jean said. “Just like all the cowboys, I was not

very generous with my horse. You'd have to be a friend of mine before I let you ride my horse.”

Jean told the *News Letter Journal* about one horse in particular that either didn't like men or didn't like large people because it would buck them off. Sometimes Air Force servicemen from Cheyenne flew to the ranch to spend the day.

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Photos courtesy of Cinthia Stimson/Douglas Budget

Local resident Jean Harshbarger was inducted into the 2020 Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame and honored at the Wyoming State Fair Parade this year for her longtime cowboy legacy. Jean has spent her life ranching, riding and working hard.



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Thursday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 66, Lo 42



Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 70, Lo 44



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 71, Lo 43



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 70, Lo 43



Monday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 70, Lo 42



Tuesday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 69, Lo 44

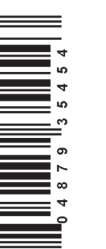


Wednesday
Sunny
Hi 72, Lo 45




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On Sept. 17, the Dollar General sign was installed on the tall post that stands outside. Dollar General is expected to be open mid October. Above, Rick Eiland, of Sign Boss in Gillette, wires up the new sign before hoisting it up on top of the sign post.

Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Dispatch from Page 1

Chief Sam Keller. With the hopes of continuing to move in a direction that provides dispatch services through one entity instead of two, Deputy Dan Fields and Commissioner Don Taylor attended a demonstration of the CIS system. The pair felt that the features demonstrated could address issues the county had with the current system and other entities, although questions remained.

“Basically, there is a new facelift of the same program and some things implemented previously that we did not know about from the company for years that would have helped,” Fields said.

“There is a clear lack of communication in my opinion from CIS to the county and probably the city on some of the available systems,” Taylor added. “They did take some responsibility for that, and we asked for better communication moving forward.”

According to Fields, systems that were available but that local entities had not used include mobile systems, 911 mapping, and fire reporting.

“They never reached out to us on the updates, what they have and what is available to us,” Fields said. “We have been doing things in inefficient ways. ... There was a lack of communication from the company to the customer.”

After the concerns were conveyed to the commission, Deputy County Attorney Jeanie Stone suggested that the city and county continue to work together with other entities to address the current problematic state of dispatch services. She noted that if an agreement could not be met, the county is prepared to create its own dispatch service.

“If you are looking at relocating and having your own space but you are agreeable to providing dispatch services,” Stone said, “are you willing to sit down and discuss the issues the county has in relation to dispatch with the hopes of sorting through those issues?”

When asked if the city was open to discussing the county’s continued concerns, Gualtieri said absolutely but that there had been no decision made on whether the city was willing to move forward with a joint powers board to oversee dispatch.

She had previously told the *News Letter Journal* that concerns expressed by the county could be disputed and that the city council had been present at discussions regarding dispatch for months.

“Moving forward, hopefully the entities can sit down and hash it out. Time will tell how that will go, whether we can formalize more of a process for addressing issues as they come up,” Stone said.

EcoTech from Page 1

The Newcastle City Council had provided a letter of support to the company in July, citing no risk to the city or state in the venture.

The financial partner for the project, Piper Sandler’s managing partner George Longo, confirmed that the state does not provide any funds nor does it incur any risk by supporting the proposed project. Piper Sandler Companies is an “investment bank and institutional securities firm, headquartered in Minneapolis,” according to its website.

The Board of Weston County Commissioners drafted a letter to the Wyoming Energy Authority in July stating it was “encouraged by alternative fuel industries seeking out Northeast Wyoming as a potential venue.”

“After much discussion, deliberation and intense research, we also encourage your board to do the same concerning any and all potential applicants for the funding that is being sought out (by EcoTech). Our board has several unanswered questions that we hope your board can address,” the letter states. “We will rely on your experience and expertise in fully vetting potential industry inquiries and we look forward to hearing from you.”

At this point in the process, Myers said, both the Wyoming Business Council and Wyoming Energy Authority have engaged in substantive due diligence regarding the planned project. She noted that the company has provided answers to their questions.

“The next preliminary step by the state is an Inducement Resolution, which triggers the underwriting and due diligence process,” Myers said in an email. “During the underwriting phase, every aspect of the proposed project will be carefully examined by both Piper Sandler (underwriter for the bond), and a third party designated by the State of Wyoming.”

She noted that no bond issuance would take place “until and unless this intensive process” results in a green light to proceed with the project.

In addition to the work with the state, EcoTech has engaged Black & Veatch, a Kansas-based engineering, procurement, consulting and construction company, to perform the development engineering, including all the permitting and detailed engineering design work. Myers noted that Black & Veatch is also engaged as EPC (engineering, procurement and construction) for the project because they are recognized as leaders in the biofuels industry.

CORRECTIONS

In the Sept 23, 2021, issue of the *News Letter Journal*, in the story on Page 4 titled “Cash Box Connection equals lasting friendship,” Rick McColley’s great-grandfather’s name is Thomas McColley, and his grandfather’s name is Rollin McColley. Don McColley currently resides in Newcastle. *NLJ* regrets the error.

In the Sept. 23, 2021, *NLJ*, on page 12, Josh Kaufman is pictured burning out in his classic Ford pickup after the 2021 Shine and Show. *NLJ* regrets the error.

CLARIFICATION

Clarification: In the Sept. 23, 2021, edition of the *News Letter Journal* in the story, “City to relocate its police, dispatch” story we mistakenly said that the Board of Weston County Commissioners Chairman Marty Ertman was informed that the city planned to rescind the motion. In fact she was told in an email: “Enlight [sic] of new information that came about regarding an update to the current software that dispatch is currently using we would like to have some time to review before making a final decision that will be more cost effective to the City, Upton and County. This demo is to take place this week. We shall know more and advise you by the next county meeting Tuesday.”

This email was sent from Mayor Pam Gualtieri on Aug. 9. The city then made the motion to rescind the motion on Aug. 16, informing the county of the decision through their deputy county attorney Jeanie Stone the morning of Aug. 17.

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Dogie pride

School spirit ran high through Newcastle last week as Newcastle High School and the entire community celebrated 2021 homecoming week. With activities throughout the week the students ended with a bang as both the volleyball and football teams, playing at home, were victorious. The energy at these games was electric. Screaming fans, excitement and satisfaction were plentiful both inside the Dogie Dome and outside on Schoonmaker Field. Not only did the student sections scream extra loud as they cheered on their teams but it seemed to spread into the parents and younger kids as

it was hard to hear in the gym at times. A big congratulations to all of our high school athletes who competed last week, showing what Newcastle is made of in the best of ways. It sure was a great week to be a Dogie! While homecoming week may be over, we hope to see the excitement continue as both the volleyball team and football team play on their home turf once again this week. Make sure to show up and support these young athletes, volleyball takes the court on Thursday evening and the football team will once again play under the Friday night lights. GO DOGIES!

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Yellowstone's favorites just as special today

(part 2 of 2)

“Like No Place on Earth” was the official slogan for Wyoming’s tourism division a few years ago. I liked the slogan but thought it referred more to Yellowstone National Park than anywhere else in the state.



Bill Sniffin
My Wyoming

That was reaffirmed to us recently when we made our annual trek to the world’s first national park. Our initial part of our trip out of Lander was interesting. For example, Wind River Canyon between Shoshoni and Thermopolis was slow going because of workers cleaning up a rock fall. In Cody, we broke one of our windshield wipers while fueling up. We made it to NAPA as they were closing and Tall Joe was wonderful in fixing us up. It was funny as I chased him down the street trying to give him some money. One of the best deals in Wyoming is the prime rib dinner buffet at the Irma Hotel and the Dan Miller Revue

show afterward. Just \$40. Amazing. Miller has done more than 2,000 shows playing with Wendy Corr and his daughter Hannah. The show was top notch and very professional. If you get to Cody, please go. You will not regret it. We spent a lot of quality time at the most heavily-visited part of the park – the lower loop. We skipped Old Faithful because of time constraints but were looking forward to some hot water elsewhere. Norris Geyser Basin is the greatest hot spot in earth. It covers a huge area and can be incredibly dangerous. Once a season you will hear about someone getting burned in Yellowstone and most often, it happens here. During our 11-hour trip we were anxious to get to Norris. We have made many trips to Yellowstone in September and October over the past 51 years and for most of that time, the tourists were “local” – from Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho.

On this trip, I finally spotted cars with Montana and an Idaho license plate parked together. Finally, some locals. Then we noticed they were penned in between cars from Hawaii, California, and Florida. Oh well. Norris did not disappoint. It was a windy day, which meant big blasts of sulfur every so often. If you like geysers like I do, the smell of rotten eggs warms your heart. Traffic was light from Norris to Canyon as we headed for Artist’s Point. It was crowded but we found a parking space. At the Point, two guys talking in a foreign language were beside us, so I asked them where they were from. They said Venezuela originally, but they had lived in Miami for many years now. They bemoaned what had happened to their country but were loving their first visit to YNP. The road south through Hayden Valley was blocked by a big herd of buffalo. The big bulls were right in front of us and snorting at us. I took a photo through my windshield showing the big bull and the

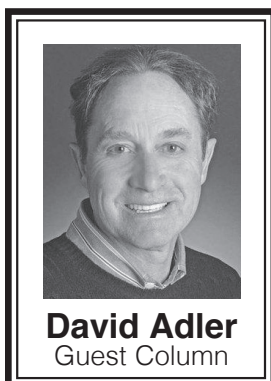
park gal in the distance with her bullhorn. I want to point that out because if you saw the photo, you might think I was being one of those idiots who walk right up to bison. Nope. Not now. Not ever. Our favorite place is the Lake Hotel and specifically, the big sun room. On this day, it was packed with folks all enjoying drinks and watching white-caps on the inland sea called Yellowstone Lake. Everybody was required to wear a mask to get in but they all had them off as they sat, drank their drinks, and enjoyed both the view and the company. The line to the bar was more than 12 people. We chose to move on. The morning we left Lander, banker Bill Von Holtum had just come from Yellowstone and said his family had seen three grizzly bears, all in the Fishing Bridge area on the East Entrance road. We looked but did not see any on this day. As we left the park headed back to Cody, we entered a surreal world called Wapiti Valley. This is such a strange place with huge mountains, deep valleys, and a

beautiful river. The HooDoos were amazing, as was a giant rock formation, which I call the Bear’s Ears looming over the whole area. Sleeping Giant Ski Area has expanded and looked impressive. The Buffalo Bill Reservoir was drawn down somewhat as we approached the famous Buffalo Bill Dam. When it was built in 1912, it was the tallest in the world. The Smith Mansion is a six-story relic that looms over part of the valley as you head toward Cody. When we passed the Cody Rodeo Grounds, we had been gone for 11 hours and had travelled over 300 miles. Wow, what a day! Certainly, one of the best days ever.

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.

What were they thinking? Origins of the right to privacy

Although not mentioned in the Constitution, the right to privacy has been invoked by its enormous following as thoroughly American and indispensable to our conception of liberty and freedom.



David Adler
Guest Column

Its partisans have expressed numerous reasons for its exalted status in the hearts and minds of the citizenry. It prevents the government from spying on the people. It protects personal data. It protects freedom of speech and freedom of religion. It protects one’s reputation, voting rights and participation in politics. While not everyone agrees with the application, enforcement and scope, the right to privacy, the Supreme Court has held, also encompasses the use of contraception, access to abortion and, of course, privacy in our homes. The right to privacy is not enumerated in the Constitution. Its lack of textual paternity is not unique; the right to travel, the right to marriage and the freedom of association, universally valued by Americans, are other examples of unenumerated rights. Nor does the textual omission make them less important than enumerated rights; invariably, every right and liberty requires interpretation by the courts. For many, the puzzling part of the right to privacy is its origins. Like other rights and liberties, the right to privacy enters the annals of Anglo-American legal history through mere assertions that form a rhetorical tradition, embraced and prized by its beneficiaries which, in this instance, refers to those who, centuries ago, were fortunate enough to have homes. The immediate gateway is the Fourth Amendment, which provides

protection from unreasonable searches and seizures of one’s property. Prior to the American Revolution, there was scant evidence of a right to be secure in one’s home from unreasonable search and seizure. English law and practice permitted governmental ransacking of private homes and places of business upon the flimsiest pretexts of illegal possessions, especially whenever the prospects for British revenue gleaned from taxation schemes were at stake. Through the mists of time, we can discern a tradition that forges a path to the Fourth Amendment and the right to privacy. The majestic Magna Carta, written in 1215, and exalted as the basis for English liberty, as well as the legal conceptions of due process and equal protection, both fundamental to American Constitutionalism, was linked in the 16th Century to the fiction that a man’s home is his castle. A clerk of the Privy Council — Robert Beale — connected the dots in 1589, when he asked, rhetorically, what had happened to Chapter 39 of Magna Carta, which provided the basis for the law of the land, when agents of the prerogative courts could, on the basis of general search warrants, enter men’s homes, “break up chests and chambers” and cart away as evidence whatever they pleased. Beale’s conversion of Chapter 39 into a ban on general search warrants influenced Americans’ thinking about privacy rights in their homes. It was a masterful speech to Parliament by William Pitt in 1763 that summoned the idyllic symbol of a “man’s castle” assaulted by unlawful governmental intrusions that played upon the heartstrings of Americans in defending the privacy of their homes. Pitt famously stated, “The poorest man may, in his cottage, bid defiance to all the forces of the Crown. It may be frail; its roof may shake; the wind may blow through it; the

storm may enter; the rain may enter; but the King of England may not enter; all his force dares not cross the threshold of the ruined tenement.” The repetition of this argument against general search warrants by great English legal scholars and statesmen created a tradition that was eagerly embraced by Americans, striving for ways to limit English assaults on their homes and businesses. In 1756, the Massachusetts Bay colony passed legislation that prohibited general searches and required some elements of particularity. This landmark legislation would pave the way for the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution. What was missing on the American scene, however, was the sort of drama embodied in William Pitt’s speech to Parliament, a moment that might captivate the citizenry and become a cause. That moment, that drama, was supplied by a brilliant young Boston attorney, James Otis Jr. who, in 1761, in Paxton’s Case, represented American colonists offended by the British practice of issuing writs of assistance, a kind of general warrant, issued in the name of the King, that empowered the agent to enlist the help of English subjects — American colonists—to aid the search. Otis’ arguments rehearsed those presented by Beale and Pitt, and other English statesmen, and followed the familiar rhetorical tradition of asserting that the right in question had existed since time immemorial. Otis’ plea was futile, of course, for he was arguing before a panel of English judges committed to pleasing King George III, but he made history and, in the words of John Adams, who had decided to attend the argument so that he could watch the brilliant young lawyer at work, “Otis was a flame of Fire!” He later wrote of Otis’ argument and eloquence: “Then and there the child Independence was born.” Otis told the court that the only legitimate and constitutional warrant was a “specific” one, directed to specific offi-

cers, to search “certain” houses, upon an oath sworn by the person who believes certain goods to be concealed in those places. A writ that permitted a customs officer to enter private homes upon bare suspicion violated the essential liberty of every English subject, that of enjoying the benefits of a “man’s castle.” With an eye to history yet to unfold, Otis declared that such a writ represented a violation of the English Constitution and should be held by the court to be null and void. Otis’ constitutional arguments lit the way for subsequent state legislation that required specificity in search warrants. His influence on American Constitutionalism, immeasurable in so many ways, was easily calculated in its impact on specific requirements for searches and seizures. Adams borrowed Otis’ learned courtroom reasoning in writing Article XIV of the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights of 1780. James Madison also drew upon Otis in his introduction of what became the Fourth Amendment. While the right to privacy entered American law through the Fourth Amendment, it found expression and defense in other provisions of the Bill of Rights. We turn to that discussion next week. David Adler, Ph.D., is a noted author who lectures nationally and internationally on the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and presidential power. His scholarly writings have been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court and lower courts by both Democrats and Republicans in the U.S. Congress. Adler’s column is supported, in part, through a grant from Wyoming Humanities funded by the “Why it Matters: Civic and Electoral Participation” initiative, administered by the Federation of State Humanities Councils and funded by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Adler can be reached at david.adler@alturasinstitute.com.

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When God leads you beyond your borders

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Katelynn Slaamot
Yearning for Learning

Attending Survival a couple weeks ago, a youth camp put on by Bold Ministries, was one such experience. Survival teaches students survival skills throughout the week and offers opportunities to practice those skills. Students learn how to build fires, cook their food over fires throughout the week, learn medical training for survival situations, make survival tools out of natural materials and a number of other activities.

Now, I've attended Survival, at Camp Judson in South Dakota, for the past two years as a student. Survival has always been a challenge because there are many obstacles and challenges to overcome during the week. These challenges range from physical challenges like scaling a 12-foot wall, to mental challenges like learning how to communicate with your team in a constructive and helpful manner. But this year, I attended the camp as a staffer, which brought the challenge to a whole new level for me. As a staffer, I wasn't involved the same way students are. As staffers, we are supposed to be there to help, encourage and guide the students.

During the week, I was keenly aware of my faults and shortcomings as I attempted to navigate what it looked like to be a staffer and servant leader. I really struggled with this because I was having a hard time defining what it looked like to do that and let God use me to encourage and



Photo by Katelynn Slaamot/NLJ

A beautiful view of the Black Hills during a hike at Survival.

minister to the students. At the beginning of the week, another staffer said to me that staffing brings a new understanding to relying on God for your strength. Well, quite frankly, I found myself forgetting to rely on God and instead trying to bring my own definitions and expectations to the week and how I should serve.

But one morning, during quiet time with the Lord, what I read in Ephesians 3:8 really stood out to me.

It said, "Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ."

While Ephesians 3 is speaking of the apostle Paul's ministry of the Gospel to the Gentiles, this verse served as a reminder, even to me, that God can and does use imperfect and faulty people to serve him and further his purposes. I mean, he kind of has to because we're all pretty flawed.

The chapter ends with another amazing reminder that it is God who works things out, and he alone has the power to bring about his purposes as he extends his strength to us and works through us.

"Now to him who is able to do immea-

surably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21.

And not only is he the one who works it out, but he works it out far better than we could ever imagine in our human minds. That's such a beautiful thought.

The truths expressed in those verses reminded me that it's not about my performance. Staffing Survival challenged me to not be so focused on myself and to focus on God, realizing it's really not about me at all, it's about God using me, an imperfect person, to somehow make an impact in someone else's life, even if I don't always see the fruits of that right away. And it's ultimately about giving Christ the glory through it all.

I definitely didn't serve perfectly, and I still struggled through the week, but I can say with confidence, looking back over that week, that it was an amazing, fulfilling experience. I know that Christ was glorified, and I sure was blessed by the encouragement from and relationships with the students and other staffers.

Cobblestone Inn and Suites coming to Upton

Braden Schiller
 NLJ Reporter

Groundbreaking will occur on Oct. 5 for a Cobblestone Inn and Suites, which will be operating in Upton within the next year.

Tim Shefchik, vice president of development for BriMark Builders LLC, said that the owners of Cobblestone Inn and Suites, as well as its brand president Josie Kilgore, the president of operations for WHG Companies LLC Amanda Engstrom, and president of construction for BriMark Builders LLC, Stuart Sell will attend the groundbreaking. BriMark, which is

a hotel builder and renovator whose corporate offices are in Neenah, Wisconsin, will handle the construction of the hotel, while WHG Companies LLC will manage the hotel once it is open.

According to the Cobblestone Inn and Suites website, it is an upper-midscale hotel chain based in Wisconsin. There are 160 Cobblestone Inn and Suites operating or in various forms of development across 28 states.

Approximately three years ago, the Upton Economic Development Board began looking into bringing in a new hotel after the previous one had burned down. John Marshall,

president of the development board, explained that a large portion of Upton out-of-town clientele is in transportation, which is why the hotel will sit on five acres with ample room for trucks and trailers.

"We expect that that's going to keep more people in town, overnight, whether they're business or tourism related and then those, those people will spend money," Marshall said.

Marshall said he hopes that when the hotel attracts more overnight stays, business will also follow.

Construction is expected to take nine to 12 months, according to Marshall and Shefchik.

According to Marshall most residents and existing businesses are happy with the new development.

The Cobblestone Inn and Suites is the first phase of a multi-phase development plan created by the Upton Economic Development board. The plan includes a convenience and truck center, restaurant and room for housing development.

"I think it (the hotel) is going to work very, very well with other projects that they have in the works right now in development," said Shefchik. "It is going to support every new business that comes in and support the existing businesses in the existing community."

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Daily Devotional Reading

October 1 Psalm 72
October 2 Psalm 9
October 3 1 Cor. 11:17-34
October 4 Isaiah 3:1-15

October 5 Isaiah 5:1-30
October 6 Isaiah 9:8-10:4
October 7 Isaiah 24:1-23

Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

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- **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** Rev. Wendy Owens, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. haydishall@hotmail.com. Service times: Sunday 10 a.m.
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Rob Carr, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am
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- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service Tuesday 6 PM; Celebrate Recovery (18+) & Undeclared Youth (Infant- 12th Grade) Wednesday 6:00 pm
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- **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;

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- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer
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- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, Upton. Sunday Mass 5 pm
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Donnie Holt, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am
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25 Years Ago October 3, 1996

The Weston County School District #1 celebrated the 10th anniversary of its science camp last week. Every year during the last full week of September, the fifth graders from Newcastle and Osage gather at Mallo Camp to learn more about the great outdoors.

The Blotter: Sept. 23 – A man reported being attacked repeatedly by a dog. Sept. 24 – A boy was bitten by a chow. Sept. 25 – A woman reported two of her three-legged dogs running loose. A small wolf-type dog was incarcerated for running at large. Sept. 27 – A woman requested assistance with a skunk in her yard and wanted to shoot it.

Homecoming candidates for 1996 are Rachel Fox, Dessa Taylor, Kasey Keeler, Koree Khongphand and Taryn Starck; Aaron Erickson, Saul Larson, Jason Logan, Murray Fisher and Jeremy Unterseher.

The Newcastle Dogies are a much better team than their 0-4 record might show, says head coach Ed Neibauer. So far the Dogies have been unable to get on the winning side against teams from Moorcroft, Sundance, and Douglas.

Lightning, Newcastle's under-14 soccer team, continues to dominate area teams in their age group this Fall. On Saturday, Sept. 29 they beat a young Custer team 5-2. The Custer hosts learned that

everything they had heard about Newcastle's speed, footwork and teamwork was true. For example, Newcastle had over 20 shots on goal during the first 45-minute half of the game. In comparison, Custer had 5.

50 Years Ago September 30, 1971

The Newcastle Dogies failed to get their offense moving last Friday night and were edged by the Wheatland Bulldogs 6-0 at the NHS homecoming game. It was the first loss for the Dogies as they now have a 2-1-1 record and it was the first conference loss for Newcastle.

William Townsend II won the Grand-Dad's golf tournament at the Newcastle Country Club.

Townsend's net was 67. Runner up was Lee Hayne with a 69 and Earl Crum finished third carding a 72.

Jeanette Huber and Bill Lunney were crowned Homecoming Queen and King at the pep assembly last Friday at the Newcastle High School. Other candidates were Linda Carr, Candy Keeline, Ellen Marshall and Connie Campbell for Queen and Kim Elliott, Mike Jording, Charles Bartlett and John Prell for King.

Mr. and Mrs. F.G. VanVleck of Newcastle have purchased the Berry Hotel in Newcastle. The VanVlecks purchased the hotel from Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pauwels, effective Sept. 21.

The sophomore class at the Newcastle high school won the homecoming parade float competition for classes last Friday.

Mrs. Jay Page from Belle Fourche was a Wednesday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Glenn Julius and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kuemmerle called on Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rose at their ranch home on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. N.S. Clark from Sundance were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clingan and family. It was also the birthday celebration of Raymond Clingan.

Mrs. William Gray was honored on her birthday on Friday when a group of friends called at her home. Mrs. Irene Phillips baked and decorated the birthday cake and ice cream and coffee were also served. The afternoon as spent visiting and Mrs. Gray received several nice birthday cards.

Dianna McLennan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. McLennan of Laramie, became the bride of Lee Carr of Newcastle on Aug. 13 at 10 in the morning. The Rev. Cletus Prado officiated at the double ring ceremony at Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

100 Years Ago September 29, 1921

Thomas R. Shaw of Denver and others interested with him in oil properties this part of the state, visited Newcastle a few days ago, and, it is stated, made arrangements for the resumption of operations on lands leased near this city.

At the home of Mrs. Olive Mahnke, the bride's mother, September 27, at 10:30 a.m., Miss Ada Pearl Mahnke and Arthur V. Roadifer were united in marriage by Justice of the Peace Vernon R. Thomas of Newcastle. Mrs. Warren Hinsdale was matron of honor for her sister, and Mr. Hinsdale acted as best man for the groom.

Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Newcastle high school football team will meet the Edgemont high in the first game of the season here. The business houses will close during the hours of the game and it is hoped a large crowd will turn out.

Fire, starting in the rear of the E. & M. cafe and which spread to the surrounding buildings at a rapid rate, burning out the entire block except for the Antlers Cigar store and the Antlers Hotel proper, did an estimated damage of over one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars early Thursday morning. When discovered the fire had gained such headway that no thought was entertained for saving the restaurant, and the work of the volunteer firemen was turned to keeping it from reaching the adjoining buildings. A brisk wind was blowing from a north-westerly direction, whipping the flames to a great height and sending burning sparks all over the southern part of the city.

Mrs. Gale of Lone Tree, about 25 miles southwest of Newcastle, was so severely injured in a runaway last Sunday that she died shortly afterward. Her husband, who was with her at the time, had several ribs broken and otherwise suffered painful injuries, but they will not prove fatal. The deceased was 56 years of age, and had resided on the homestead near Lone Tree for three years.

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Thank you, Weston County, for making my career in USDA such a memorable and rewarding one. You are the best customers anyone could ever have worked with in their career.

A very big thank you to the County Committee Members, office staff, NRCS, and WCNRD who stepped up and provided me with guidance and support the past several years to accomplish the job needing done. You all hold a very special place in my heart and I will miss our visits, shared stories and laughter.

Thank you to Chuck Grieves, Randy Oleson, Harry Tavegia and Sherie Hilgenkamp for putting together such a wonderful and thoughtful retirement party. I enjoyed it so much.

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WHAT'S UP

October 2021

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

Fri. Oct. 1	9AM	Caramel Rolls	Weston County Senior Center
	1PM	Bridge	Weston County Senior Center
	4-7PM	Friends of Fair Garage Sale	WC Event Center
	5:30PM	BINGO	VFW Hall
Sat. Oct. 2	8AM-1PM	Friends of Fair Garage Sale	WC Event Center
	9AM-1PM	WCHS Girls Getaway	Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center
Mon. Oct. 4	11AM-5:45PM	Blood Drive	Weston County Senior Center
	9AM	Exercise Class	Weston County Senior Center
	1PM	Dominoes	Weston County Senior Center
	5PM	American Legion Auxiliary mtg.	Weston County Senior Center
	7PM	Newcastle City Council	City Council Chambers
Tues. Oct. 5	9AM	WC Commissioners	Courthouse
	1PM	Bridge	Weston County Health Services
	11AM	Story time	Library
Wed. Oct. 6	6:30-8:30AM	Wellness Wednesday	WCHS
	7-9AM	Wellness Wednesday	Upton Medical Clinic
	9AM	Exercise Class	Weston County Senior Center
	9AM	Toe Nail Clinic	Weston County Senior Center
	11AM	Free Medicare Workshop	Weston County Senior Center
	NOON	Lions Club	Weston County Senior Center
	5:30PM	WC Travel Commission	Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center
	6PM	WCSD#1 Board retreat	Pizza Barn
7PM	Jr Livestock Committee	Fairgrounds Office	
Thurs. Oct. 7	7AM	TOPS #218	Weston County Senior Center
	1PM	Bridge	Weston County Senior Center
	4:30PM	WC Museum District mtg	Anna Miller Museum
	7:30PM	Masons #13	Masonic Hall
Fri. Oct. 8	9AM	Caramel Rolls	Weston County Senior Center
	5:30PM	BINGO	VFW Hall
Sat. Oct. 9	2PM	Leonard Sedgwick 80th birthday celebration	VFW
	NOON-4PM	Free Breast Exams, preregister 746-2182	Hometown Medical Clinic

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News Letter Journal

Recalling Clareton

Clareton, Wyo., slept peacefully in a cow pasture along a quiet hillside in Weston County for decades. Very, very early the morning of July 18, 2021, the village arose like Rip Van Winkle, wiping sleepy eyes. Awestruck residents stared at the large, beautiful building gracing the hillside to the Northwest! Bright-colored parasols blossomed around it, shading laughing, chattering people. More gathered, alighting from strange automobiles which sped along the dirt road up the steep hill! People emerged, laughing, visiting and carrying things — they were preparing for some social happening, like a picnic?

Clareton is neither child's story, nor fairy-tale; although calling it a "village" may be a stretch. Many members of the Townsend family homesteaded that area and some of them established a general store and post office, along with a dance hall. Barbers, tailors and milliners increased the population over time as Clareton became a center for neighbors to bring milk, cream and butter; garden produce, eggs, chickens, beef, or other items for sale or barter. Enterprising men delivered wagonloads of coal, dug from the nearby Rochelle Hills.

As with many western prairie communities, Clareton grew into a social center and meeting place for widely dispersed settlers and homesteaders. News was gathered and gossip shared while men chewed, spat and whittled in the shade of a storefront or tree. Weather was a favorite topic — how wet or dry it was in their neck of the woods, how large the hail, maybe what date the creek froze dry, and how deep the snow laid on their roads through winter.

Perhaps they wondered what the new school marm would look like when she arrived via mail wagon to take up residence in the teach-erage. Some clandestine side conversations involved beverages banned by Prohibition, and the prices of beef, pork, mutton, wool, mohair, and livestock feed worried each discussion. Brows furrowed as friends compared their prospective returns against the rising prices of teams, machinery, feed and fuel they'd have to buy.

Womenfolk fortunate enough to hitch a ride on wagon, buggy, or horse proudly showed off their new babies, or the ones just walking and talking. Maybe they discussed education, religion, or what their community had to offer for each. They met to plan — and hold — seasonal celebrations, weddings and funerals. They exchanged gossip, the conditions of their gardens, the health of their children, and possibly ailments and other concerns. As more women settled in the area they realized their need for space to gather regularly in a common area where their children could sleep or play together while they could laugh or work together and share common concerns and joys.

The people Clareton saw early July 18, 2021, seemed much the same — except for clothing and hairstyles — some even looked familiar!

That was because many cars toiling up the steep hill to Mike and Nancy McFarland's home early this Independence Day were driven by descendants of those original settlers, people

whose grandfolk had socialized near that same slope! Families who took up residence, filed homesteads, made their livings and reared their children amid the sagebrush, thistles and cockleburs. Perhaps they'd been fortunate to dwell among the few cottonwoods and elm that dotted the slopes of distant watersheds which created creeks like Black Thunder, Lodgepole, and Wildcat, eventually to enrich the ancient

Cheyenne River.

Bearing the resilient strength, determination, toughness, honesty, faith, joy, and community spirit of their forbears, they shook hands, laughed, hugged, and bantered in the comfortable tradition of Wyoming's prairie — which has nurtured generations of them. That unforgiving land has instilled wisdom, integrity, honesty, community spirit, patriotism and deep joy in all their hearts — the enduring qualities which make America great, qualities which don't erode with time, rather growing deeper and stronger in each generation.

Rhonda Sedgwick-Stearns
Guest Columnist

Submitted by Jim Darlington

On July 18, about 65 people gathered at the home of Mike and Nancy McFarland to share some of the history and memories of Clareton. Several longtime area residents recalled many of the good times they had at dances at the community hall.

Anna Simmons presented an extensive accounting of the Progressive Anns, the social group largely responsible for the community building's construction and operation.

Kenny Fordyce, whose ancestors provided some of the music at many of the dances held in past years, played guitar and sang several songs during the gathering.

Many wedding dances were held at the hall, in addition to those for the boys going off to and coming back from war. Several

area country schools held their Christmas programs at the hall also.

A common theme of the dances was music provided by local talent, a break at midnight for sandwiches, and then more dancing — sometimes until dawn. A large table was available downstairs for coats and the little ones to doze on.

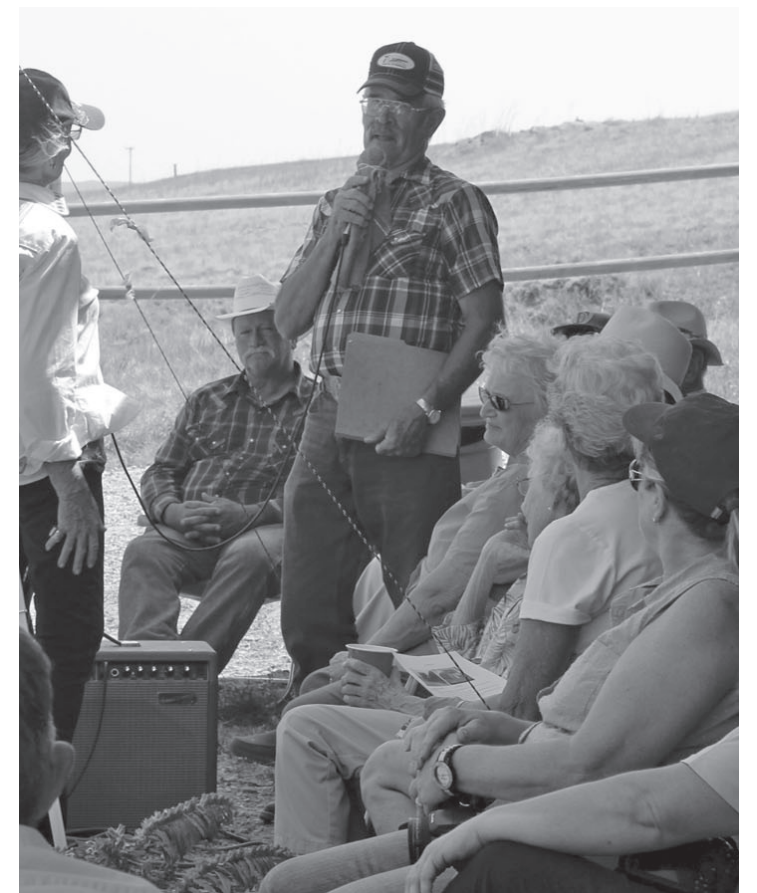
Stories about the Clareton Oil Field and memorable characters of the area were also shared.

The Goodson Brothers owned the half section of land at Clareton, and ran a store, selling wind-chargers, washing machines, and radios, to name a few items.

Clareton was named by its one-time postmaster, Clarence Townsend, and is an amalgamation of his name. Part of the old mail box cabinets were rescued a few years back and is on display at the Anna Miller museum in Newcastle.



Above, Kenny Fordyce, Anna Simmons, Mike McFarland, Nancy McFarland and Robbie Shook share stories and memories.



Jim Darlington speaks to the gathered attendees.



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The Clareton event organizers, Rhonda Sedgwick-Stearns and Betty Petranek.

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Denise Anderson collects a treat during the annual Pinnacle Bank Customer Appreciation Day held on Friday, Sept. 24. Displayed during the event were signed jerseys and helmets from Newcastle High School, celebrating NHS Homecoming Week.



Redistricting

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into nine regions that roughly fall inside county lines.”

He noted that Crook, Campbell and Weston counties are blocked together. Senators and representatives may end up representing small populations of Campbell or Crook counties while representing Weston. Driskill said Weston County should, as currently proposed, have its own full representative and Crook County should have its own.

The committee is doing its best to recognize county lines and use a system of nested districts.

“Nested districts have two House seats that lay within a Senate seat,” Driskill said, adding that if he had his choice he would be nested with Weston County.

“Crook and Weston have a long history. If I have my choice, I prefer to be nested with Weston County representatives, Neiman (Chip) and Hunt, at this point,” he said.

The major concern when it comes to redistricting, the senator said, is the battle over rural versus urban. As previously reported by the *News Letter Journal*, the 2020 Census shows that rural areas in Wyoming declined in population while the more urban areas experienced significant growth.

“The biggest county, (with) Cheyenne and Laramie, grew by a full representative and half a senator and they want it,” Driskill said. “If we leave it blocked up, they have 10 representatives and five senators. ... I am going to fight to keep them from getting that other representative. That dilutes the

rural loads.”

Driskill said that he and Hunt are doing what they can to preserve the rural representation with its shrinking population.

“Natrona grew, Campbell grew and those three counties (including Albany) represent 40% of the state’s population,” he said. “I hate to say it, we are heading down a tough path.”

Along the same lines, the senator said he takes issue with the one man, one vote rule. He noted that Wyoming should follow the U.S. Constitution and amend Wyoming’s Constitution.

“It is tragic that we can’t mirror the federal government because we are headed down the same path. Rural areas are shrinking while urban areas are growing,” Driskill said. “I think one day there will be a suit (lawsuit). You can’t tell me that someone who represents 14 blocks in Cheyenne and a guy that represents five counties at the same time, that each person gets equal representation.”

Because of this, Driskill said the current redistricting process is critical. He noted that at this point he is comfortable that northeast Wyoming is a “non-issue” and that this corner of the state should be left alone as the process continues.

“I don’t see a problem with these three counties,” Hunt added, noting that representatives from all three counties will need to meet to hash out the details.

Driskill explained that the counties will need to meet with representation because the plan

is to allow the county clerks and legislators to divide up the regions. This, he said, is the community interest portion of redistricting emerging because local elected officials will have a better idea of the community’s needs.

“So far everyone seems to be in agreement. No real stink has been raised,” Hunt said. “I get some misgiving about a district that goes into representing Campbell because you are split in interest, but that is what we have gone with as a committee so far. We will see how that goes.”

He noted that the committee is flexible, open to comment and that there is still time to make changes.

Those wishing to comment can provide suggestions using the Wyoming Legislature’s interactive redistricting mapping portal, according to a press release dated Sept. 20.

“This online tool allows legislators and members of the public to draw state legislative districts for consideration by the Joint Corporations, Election and Political Subdivision Committee. The user-friendly portal, provided by Mapitude, utilizes population data from the 2020 U.S. Census,” the release states.

A link to the portal can be found at redistricting.wyoleg.gov/Default.aspx, or on the Legislature’s 2022 redistricting webpage prominently displayed on the wyoleg.gov homepage.

In addition to the website, Driskill said, public meetings will be held as the process continues toward finalization.

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The Newcastle High School Hall of Fame banquet was held on Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Weston County Senior Center to induct this year's class. Inductees are Anna Coy, Leah Barrett, Jodene (Dixon) Branscom, Brian Hokanson, Georgia Japp, Pam Pzinski, and 2021 Legacy Family Dr. Tracy and Mary Ragland. NHS Principal Bryce Hoffman emceed the event. Above, Barrett, president of Northeast Community College and new inductee, visits with Tom Wright, WCSD No. 1 board member and 2015 NHS Hall of Fame member.

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— WCHS Chief Executive Officer Maureen Cadwell.

WCHS receives honors

Weston County Health Services Home Health has been named a 2020 HHCAHPS Honors recipient by HEALTHCAREfirst, a leading provider of web-based home health and hospice software, billing and coding services, CAHPS surveys and advanced analytics. This prestigious annual review recognizes agencies that continuously provide a positive patient experience and high quality care as measured from the patient's point of view. It acknowledges the highest performing agencies by analyzing the performance of the Home Health Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HHCAHPS) survey satisfaction measures.

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Harshbarger

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Jean said that she was amused during one such visit because a colonel who had past experience with horses in the cavalry insisted on riding the horse but got bucked off.

Jean spent a lot of time at the ranch during her childhood because she never attended school in town. Living 55 miles outside of Newcastle made regular trips into town difficult, so she was home-schooled intermittently. She also attended school with a hired hand's two kids because only three children were needed to start a school, and at that time teachers only needed a high school education. Jean rode her horse 5 miles to school every morning, opening gates along the way, she said.

“Riding over there (school) one frosty morning was the first time I had ever seen a bobcat,” Jean said.

Although she never had siblings, Jean said she enjoyed playing with the children of

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Alaska, for a stint when he was an engineer for the Navy there. However, in 1964, Gus passed away, so Jean and Bill came back to the ranch. Charlotte died in 1970.

After Bill died in 1981, Jean lived alone on the ranch for a few years because her children were grown. She met her second husband, Bob Harshbarger, in 1987, when he came to the ranch with the Air Force. The couple was married in 1989.

“I went and found him a nice horse and named him the Captain,” Jean said, noting that Bob needed someone to boss around.

Jean and Bob continued working the ranch for many years, but now the baton has been passed to Chad Sears, Jean's grandson. Chad is the child of Jean's son, Tony, who died in 1980. Jean also has two daughters — Nicky, who lives on her ranch east of Jean's, and Elana, who is a lawyer.

Although Jean and Bob still live on the ranch, most of the day-to-day operations lie in Chad's hands, along with his wife, Gillian, and daughter, Lainey.

“It's very important to us to have a family ranching legacy,” Chad said. He added that once the ranch is handed down to Lainey, that will be the sixth generation for the Wyoming ranch.

While Jean said she doesn't know what she did to deserve the honor of being recognized in the Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame, the many genuine experiences over her lifetime say otherwise. Chad noted that Jean has always been very involved in agricultural associations too, such as the Wyoming Farm Bureau and the local grazing association.

“It's certainly a pleasure,” Jean said, adding that riding in a side-by-side during this year's Wyoming State Fair Parade, driven by her grandson, was quite the enjoyable experience.

“It's just kind of amazing,” Jean said.



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hired hands, as well as her cousin, Mary Ellen, who also lived on the ranch. Jean also had an “imaginary play friend” named Susie.

In high school, Jean attended Ivinson Hall, a girls boarding school in Laramie operated by the Episcopal Church. The girls attended classes at University High, also receiving education at the hall, and were often taught by student teachers from the University of Wyoming.

Jean laughed.

“Most of them (student teachers) weren't as smart as the kids in the class, so we gave them trouble,” she said.

During the summers, Jean continued to work hard on the family ranch. One summer, she brought home a friend from Ivinson Hall and the two of them, along with neighbor Earl Lynch's son, Byrd, trailed cattle from their ranch all the way to Dewey, South Dakota, to put on the train bound for Omaha, Nebraska. The three teens completed this feat by themselves, with Charlotte following them with a pickup and trailer for them to sleep in at night.

After completing school at Ivinson Hall, Jean married her husband, Bill Sears, in December of 1951. She also went on to the University of Wyoming to pursue a degree in agriculture, and she was the first woman to graduate with a degree in range management from UW.

Bill's job as a petroleum engineer moved them to Adak,



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NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

NHS Football
10/1 Glenrock HS H 6PM
10/8 Torrington HS A 7PM

NHS Volleyball
9/30 Douglas H 5PM
10/1 Sundance A 4PM
10/8 Torrington A 2PM
10/9 Wheatland H 10AM

NHS Cross Country
9/30 Sturgis A TBA
10/8 Campbell County HS A 1PM

NHS Girls' Swimming
10/1 Buffalo Triangular A 3PM
10/2 Douglas HS A TBA
10/9 Buffalo HS A TBA

It was magic!

When you feel it, you know. After a truly challenging couple of weeks at Newcastle High School, Homecoming Week feels like a paradigm shift.

School spirit ran high last week at NHS. Dress up days were on point, the evening activities had great participation, and cowbell day was a huge hit, to put it lightly.

I can't remember the last year I have seen so many students really embrace

Homecoming and participate in the fun.

The juniors and seniors competed in the Powder Buff volleyball game and the Powder Puff football

game, while the freshmen and sophomores had a go at each other in dodgeball. Students and

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CORRECTIONS

The volleyball photo on page 9 of the Sept. 23, 2021, edition was mistakenly identified. The person in the photo was Tiernan Stanton.

The swimming photo on page 9 of the Sept. 23, 2021, edition was mistakenly identified. The person in the photo was Rebekah Olson, doing the butterfly.

Lady Dogies fight epic battles

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

If you didn't watch Lady Dogie volleyball last weekend, you missed out!

Two matches, nine sets, and back-and-forth, knock-down-drag-out face-offs between 3A East Southeast Quadrant teams made for highly entertaining contests for fans to watch — and Newcastle came out with a win and a loss against Torrington and Wheatland respectively.

Looking away, even for a minute, meant you missed something big during both Friday and Saturday night's matches.

After a spirit-filled Homecoming week, the Lady Dogies hosted the Torrington Lady Trailblazers on Friday evening, and acting head coach Andrea Gregory was pleased to see her team ready to play.

In the first set, Torrington pulled to a 14-8 lead before Newcastle was able to rally back within one. The 'Blazer's tall, middle hitter/blocker Allison Brummel gave MacKenzie Conzelman some trouble at the net, but Mack also gave it back to her.

Unfortunately, Torrington went on a 6-3 run to make it a catch-up game for the Lady Dogies who would drop the

initial set 23-25.

"We switched our lineup to make sure that Tiernan [Stanton] was in the front row against Reece [Halley]," Gregory explained. "That put Mack up against their tall middle blocker who has her timing down well, which got Mack a couple of times. That was a little frustrating for her, but she adjusted."

Newcastle seemed warmed up going into set two, and sophomore McKenzie Rose was on point from the service line making serve receive tough for Torrington.

The Lady Dogies jumped out to a 9-2 advantage after a 7-0 run. Between forcing overpasses and taking advantage of those at the net, Newcastle pulled to a 14-3 lead before the 'Blazers could stop the bleeding.

But volleyball is a game of momentum, and between a combination of the outside hitting power of Halley and the blocking presence of Brummel, Torrington came blazing back to tie things up at 20.

By this time, both teams were out of timeouts, however Shelby Tidyman took advantage of a slow shoe-tying moment to give her team a moment to collect

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Photo courtesy of Nicole McFarland
Tiernan Stanton is a blocking and hitting force at the net for the Lady Dogies. The junior got up for 22 kills in the Lady Dogies' contests against Torrington and Wheatland last weekend.

Newcastle Dogies win in overtime

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

Victory is sweet, but it is downright scrumptious when it's the first win of the season and it happens on Homecoming night.

Dogie head coach Matt Conzelman has watched his team improve since their zero week game in August, and was excited — to say the least — that they were able to put everything together to get their first W and to do so in an overtime showdown.

"You know, my first win as coach was in overtime against Custer, so it's kind of cool that the same thing hap-

pened in the first win of the season this year," Conzelman said, with a smile. "The guys were so excited and amped up that by the time I got to the locker room, they were out of there and off to celebrate."

Fans had been waiting for this night, and at first it looked as though things might not go so well for Newcastle as their first possession began with back-to-back sacks for quarterback Slade Roberson.

After a huge gain deep into Dogie territory, the Eagles were knocking on the door of the end zone, however, with a determined Dogie defensive stand in the red zone, Newcastle

turned Tongue River over on downs on their own 7-yard line.

"We didn't start out great and we kind of went backward. Then our special teams kind of hurt us," Conzelman admitted. "We got a punt blocked but then the defense played great on a short field and got some stops for us."

The Dogies closed out the first quarter on offense and continued to march the ball down the field in the second, picking up one first down after another, and anyone could see that Roberson, Tanner Neilsen and Holden McConkey were determined to get into the end zone.

McConkey got around the corner for a huge gain with about four minutes remaining in the second, however a block in the back called it back and left Newcastle with a long way to go.

Bad luck struck again when they were 3rd and 22 at the Eagle 40-yard line and Roberson was intercepted on a pass intended for Neilsen.

The Dogies had to recover from the disappointment of failing to convert on what had been a promising drive which ate up about eight minutes out of the second quarter.

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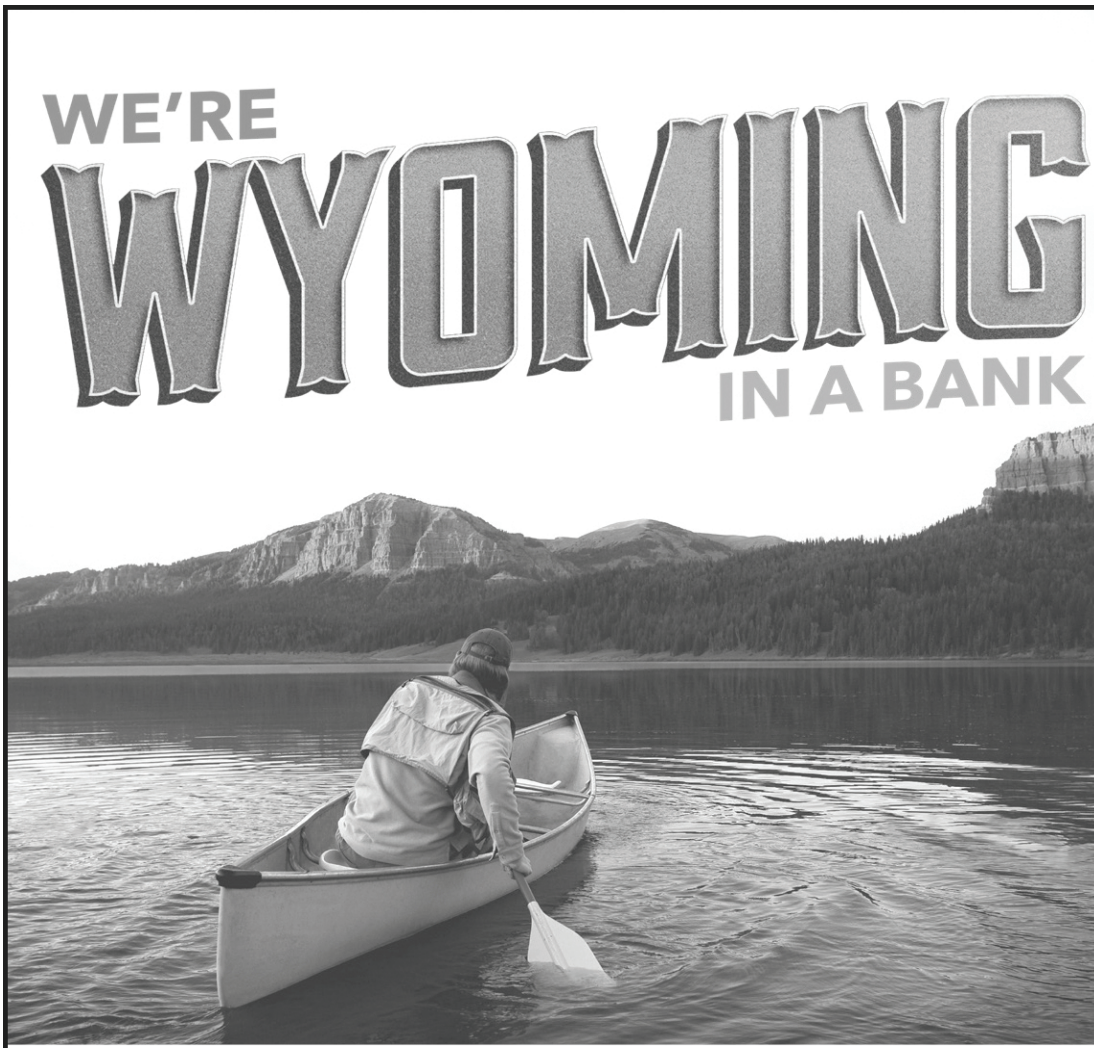
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themselves, and after, her team went to work to take the 25-22 win.

With the match tied up at 1-1, the fight was on. In set three, the two teams went back and forth with the last tie occurring at 13-13. Newcastle was able to turn up the heat in the last half of the set, as Jaylen Ostenson served out the final 7-0 run to dominate Torrington 25-15 and take a 2-1 set advantage.

Torrington went into the fourth set knowing it was do-or-die for them, and they played as such. They came out strong and had a three point advantage over the Lady Dogies until Newcastle recovered to tie things up at 12s. After that, it was back and forth with a final tie of 21-21 until the Lady Dogies were able to push to the 25-21 set and match win.

Ostenson was dialed in for Newcastle, mixing things up by swinging hard for kills and then placing the ball strategically to rack up 19 kills on the night, while Stanton was close behind with 14. Conzelman ended the night with one solo block and five block assists as she put up a wall at the net while Rose dominated the service line with six aces.

"Jaylen's hit and tip game were on point and she kept switching things up and finding holes, which she was able to hit for points," Gregory said. "Starting Tiernan in the back row gave her an open net which she was able to take advantage of to swing away, and that's where we got a lot of our points and momentum."

On Saturday, Newcastle traveled to Wheatland, and like warriors on the field of battle, the Lady Dogies and Lady Bulldogs faced off and fought to the death to come out on top.

In a best out of five contest, it would come down to all five sets and more before a winner would be decided, and each one consisted of long volleys that had fans on the edge of their seats.

"It was like a pendulum in every set," Gregory began. "We would score a point or two and then they would. We talked in the

huddle about it all coming down to math. You have to make a run of three or four and then stop them at one or two."

In the first, the Bulldogs and Dogies went point for point, refusing to let the other gain an advantage. Neither squad held larger than a two point lead and there were eight ties before Newcastle was able to edge out Wheatland for the 26-24 win.

The second set brought about much of the same with the lead changing hands throughout, however, the Lady Bulldogs were able to go on a 4-2 run to take a 25-18 win to even things up at one set to one.

Set three was another barn burner with Wheatland edging out Newcastle for the 25-22 win. The Lady Dogies came stampeding back to lead the entire fourth set for the 25-18 win, pushing the match into a fifth set.

Determination and grit was evident from both squads in the 15-point deciding set, and ironically, this last set mirrored the first of the night only to end with an opposite result.

The Lady Dogies reached the "first to eight" rule which nearly always means a victory, however, the Lady Bulldogs were not to

be denied. It began to look as if the match could go on forever as the two teams were tied from 13s through 19s with each team exchanging the lead with the chance for set and match points.

Wheatland was ultimately able to go on a 3-0 run to finally clinch the match with a 21-19 win over Newcastle.

"You can't ever count Wheatland out because they are scrappy, and we talked about that and I thought our girls rose to that challenge," Gregory said. "The volleys lasted and it was a point for point battle, so the girls walked out of there with their heads held high."

This week is back to quadrant play as the team hosts Douglas on Thursday. Right now, the two teams are tied in the quad, so it'll be a great opportunity to decide that situation. Then on Friday, Newcastle will go to Sundance for a non-conference contest against the Lady Bulldogs.

NHS Volleyball

Newcastle v. Torrington 9/24/21: 23-25, 25-22, 25-15, 25-21
Jaylen Ostenson: 13-14 serves, 2 aces, 19 kills, 1 block assist, 14 set assists, 17 digs
Tiernan Stanton: 6-7 serves, 14 kills, 2 block assists, 6 digs
MacKenzie Conzelman: 9-10 serves, 3 kills, 1 stuff block, 5 block assists, 1 set assist, 5 digs
Hunter McFarland: 18-19 serves, 4 aces, 4 kills, 23 set assists, 10 digs
Shelby Tidyman: 6-7 serves, 2 kills, 1 block assist, 2 set assists, 4 digs
Mckenzie Rose: 30-30 serves, 6 aces, 3 kills, 4 block assists, 6 digs
LaKacee Lipp: 9-9 serves, 1 kill, 5 digs
Olivia McVay: 3 digs

Newcastle @ Wheatland 9/25/21: 26-24, 18-25, 22-25, 25-18, 19-21
Jaylen Ostenson: 11-12 serves, 10 kills, 1 block assist, 11 set assists, 11 digs
Tiernan Stanton: 8-9 serves, 8 kills, 8 block assists, 8 digs
MacKenzie Conzelman: 8-9 serves, 8 kills, 1 block assist, 1 dig
Hunter McFarland: 12-17 serves, 1 ace, 4 kills, 3 block assists, 19 set assists, 13 digs
Shelby Tidyman: 13-14 serves, 1 ace, 3 kills, 1 stuff block, 3 block assists, 14 digs
Gabby McVay: 11-12 serves, 2 aces, 17 digs
Mckenzie Rose: 3-5 serves, 3 kills, 2 block assists, 1 set assist, 2 digs
LaKacee Lipp: 11-13 serves, 1 ace, 1 set assist, 14 digs
Olivia McVay: 4 digs

Football from Page 9.....

But recover they did!

The Dogie D went to work with a vengeance forcing the Eagles into a fourth and 14 situation with 2:22 to go in the half, and a huge hit by senior Aidan Chick which backed them up on second down was a pivotal part of that defensive stand.

Chick wasn't done yet as he then blocked the punt attempt and big Josh Womack fell on the ball for great field position at the Eagles' 15-yard line.

"That was a momentum changer for us," Conzelman said. "We were able to feed off that play and used our great field position to punch one in."

Roberson picked up 9 yards on first down to get to the 6-yard line, and in the next play he picked up 3 yards for a first and goal.

Next, McConkey got the call for a slight gain on first down. Roberson kept it on second down but was thwarted by the Eagle defense. Roberson was not to be denied, however, as on third down, he put his head down and punched it in for the first touchdown of the contest. Dylan McFarlin was good on the PAT to give the Dogies a 7-0 lead with just 25 seconds to play in the half.

Unfortunately, Tongue River connected on a long pass on first down, but Quint Perino saved the TD by dragging the Eagle down short of the goal line with nine seconds to play. The Eagles were able to put the ball in the end zone and were good on the PAT to tie things up going into the half.

The Eagles received to start the second half and went to work on their own 35-yard line but Newcastle held them to only 4 yards in their first possession.

Conzelman said last week he'd like to see more yardage on the ground, and he got just that on Friday night as his team methodically drove down the field picking up one first down after another.

In their first possession of

NHS Football

Newcastle v. Tongue River 9/24/21: 20-17 OT
166 yards rushing, 38 yard passing
Slade Roberson: 2 TDs, 1 TD pass, 5-13 pass completions for 38 yards, 21 carries for 56 yards, 1 interception, 2 tackles for loss, 2 tackle asts.
Aidan Chick: 1 kickoff return for 22 yards, 1 punt block, 1 tackle, 2 tackles for loss, 1 tackle ast.
Holden McConkey: 21 carries for 88 yards, 1 punt return for 7 yards, 2 kickoff returns for 45 yards, 2 tackles for loss, 2 tackles, 7 tackle asts.
Quint Perino: 3 carries for 22 yards, 2 punt returns for 1 yard, 1 interception, 3 tackles, 2 tackle asts.
Tanner Neilsen: 1 TD, 4 receptions for 29 yards, 2 kickoff returns for 16 yards, 2 pass breakups, 1 tackle, 1 tackle for loss
Hogan Tystad: 1 reception for 8 yards, 3 tackles, 1 tackle for loss, 3 tackle asts.
Tristan Troftgruben: 1 pass breakup
Josh Womack: 1 fumble recovery, 1 tackle, 7 tackle asts.
Jacob Prell: 1 tackle for loss, 4 tackle asts.
Heath Henkle: 4 tackle asts.
Dylan McFarlin: 2-2 PAT, 3 kickoffs for 118 yards, 6 punts for 78 yards
Connor Stohhammer: 1 pass breakup, 1 tackle, 1 tackle for loss, 4 tackle asts.
Colton Vanderpool Mobely: 1 tackle

River nothing on the ground, however, the Eagles had a little more luck when they went to the air.

It would be a 50-yard pass completion which gave them great field possession they were able to use to pick up another touchdown to tie things up at 14 with only 2:05 to play and the score remained knotted up at the end of regulation.

Overtime consisted of each team taking possession on the 10-yard line with four chances to score. Newcastle won the toss and opted to go second, putting pressure on the Eagles.

"McConkey was huge in stopping their first two attempts at the goal line," Conzelman declared. "He is so fast and slippery, and reads the offense so well that it's just tough to block him."

The Dogies held the line and forced the Eagles into a field goal attempt which they completed to go up 17-14.

Then it was the Dogies' turn at the end zone.

"It felt good knowing we were only down three," Conzelman said. "We knew we had a good shot of getting it in the end zone and we had a lot of confidence in Dylan if we ended up needing to go for three."

Roberson was the man of the hour and ran a keeper on second down to get the ball to the 5-yard line and on third down it was Roberson again. The senior put his head down and drove with everything he had as his team helped push him into the end zone for a walk-off touchdown.

"That was just the best moment," Conzelman said. "Obviously, getting the win was great, but to do it the way we did was even better. I was just so happy for the guys!"

The Dogies are hoping to continue their momentum into this Friday's contest against the Herders of Glenrock. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Schoonmaker Field.

Newcastle's runners continue to cut their times

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

A jam-packed Homecoming schedule last week was a factor in head cross country coach Kathy Beehler's decision to attend only the contest in Hot Springs on Tuesday, and forgo the Hart Ranch meet in Rapid City on Friday.

"Rapid is a fast course, so a good opportunity for kids to get PRs, but with guys in the homecoming court and kids in the band, there was just too much conflict for us to go," Beehler explained. "Hot Springs is also a good meet for us, and it's another hilly one so with Belle, Custer and Hot Springs all presenting some challenging hills, you just hope that they improve after each."

The coach got her wish as most of the runners were faster and personal best times were recorded for senior

Max Makousky and freshmen Aspen Bloom, Thatcher Troftgruben, Sam Scribner, Tayson Wheeler and Ben Carter.

Both the ladies and the men's varsity teams finished second, with the ladies losing by only one point.

"We just needed one person to beat one person and we would have gotten first," Beehler sighed. "We will talk about the fact that every point counts this week, and that you just have to push yourself to get past the next runner."

Given that it was the first time the Lady Dogies have competed as a varsity team, however, Beehler was pleased to see how her young squad performed. Bloom once again led the way, finishing fourth, Janaya Ralls was eighth and Tara Carter was just a second behind Ralls in ninth.

Rachel Baird was next in 14th while Taylor Conklin and Julie Morris were

tight together with their 16th- and 17th-place finishes.

"There was only a 2:00 spread between our first and third runners, but we need to tighten things up from there," Beehler determined. "We will be working on that in the next couple of weeks but we are on our way to get there."

For the men, Avery Chick led the way again finishing second, while Troftgruben and Sam Scribner churned up grass to come in close behind in fourth and seventh.

"Though Avery wasn't on the PR he ran in Spearfish, the Hot Springs course is a great deal harder so in perspective, he had a great time," Beehler said. "Thatcher had a personal best race and was only 36 seconds behind Avery, which was huge. It was also Sam's first time in the 19s, and he was close to the 18s so that is also great."

NHS Cross Country

Newcastle @ Dave Scott Southern Hills Invite in Hot Springs 9/21/21
Men's Results
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1. Douglas AFB 23
2. Newcastle 34
Individual Varsity:
1. Avery Chick 18:11.49
4. Thatcher Troftgruben 18:47.48
7. Sam Scribner 19:17.99
11. Wyatt Cole 19:58.37
12. Max Makousky 20:27.93

13. Mathew Drake 20:57.27
Team JV:
1. Newcastle 19
2. Douglas AFB 36
Individual JV:
3. Tayson Wheeler 22:47.88
4. Logan Olson 23:00.74
5. Ben Carter 23:28
7. Caleb Hoover 23:57.43
14. Travis Scribner 26:11.30
17. Richard Smith 27:22.37

Women's Results
Team Results:
1. Hot Springs 27
2. Newcastle 28
Individual Varsity:
4. Aspen Bloom 22:54.32
8. Janaya Ralls 24:04.84
9. Tara Carter 24:05.59
14. Rachel Baird 26:46.37
16. Taylor Conklin 28:14.16
17. Julie Morris 28:47.68

Wyatt Cole also broke into the 19s with his 11th-place finish, and Makousky and Mathew Drake were close behind in 12th and 13th respectively.

In the JV division, the men won pretty handily with Wheeler, Logan Olson and Carter finishing third, fourth and fifth respectively. Caleb Hoover was close behind in seventh place while Travis Scribner finished

14th and Richard Smith 17th. According to Beehler, this week was their peak week in mileage so the team will be starting to taper down. The plan is to begin to drop mileage while maintaining the intensity of their training runs as they begin to prepare for conference and state.

This week, the squad heads to Sturgis on Thursday for their only meet of the week.

Swimmers on pace with three weeks left in season

NHS Ladies Swimming

Newcastle @ Buffalo Triple Duals 9/24/21

Team Results:
Loss v. Worland 6-92
Loss v. Buffalo 17-63
Individual Results:
200 Medley Relay:
DQ. Rebekah Olson, Hailey Beaström, Lilly Ralls, Lydia Anderson
200 Freestyle:
5. Hailey Beaström 2:52.12
7. Lilly Ralls 3:38.04
200 IM:
4. Rebekah Olson 3:25.29
50 Freestyle:
5. Raeleigh Shipp 30.54
100 Freestyle:
6. Raeleigh Shipp 1:07.28
100 Backstroke:
4. Hailey Beaström 1:19.24
6. Rebekah Olson 1:37.52
100 Breaststroke:
5. Lydia Anderson 1:35.41
7. Lilly Ralls 2:19.46
400 Free Relay: 5:22.74
4. Rebekah Olson, Hailey Beaström, Lilly Ralls, Raeleigh Shipp

Newcastle @ Worland Invite: 9/25/21:

Team Results:
1. Powell 515
2. Cody 308
3. Worland 303
4. Douglas 297
5. Buffalo 273
6. Riverton 180
7. Newcastle 67
Individual Results:
200 Medley Relay: 2:38.61
9. Raeleigh Shipp, Hailey Beaström, Rebekah Olson, Lilly Ralls
200 Freestyle:
11. Lydia Anderson 2:30.53
19. Rebekah Olson 2:47.09
50 Freestyle:
12. Raeleigh Shipp 30.06
15. Hailey Beaström 31.28
23. Lilly Ralls 36.69
100 Butterfly:
11. Rebekah Olson 1:30.76
100 Freestyle:
9. Raeleigh Shipp 1:07.24
200 Free Relay: 2:14.97
7. Lydia Anderson, Rebekah Olson, Lilly Ralls, Raeleigh Shipp
100 Backstroke:
7. Hailey Beaström 1:19.61
100 Breaststroke:
17. Lilly Ralls 2:20.52

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

Only three more weeks remain in the regular season for the Lady Dogie swim team, and Friday in Buffalo the squad performed pretty much as head coach Doug Scribner anticipated for this point of the year.

"On Friday, the girls were tired which is what I figured would happen based on how we swam last week and then how busy of a week we had," he declared. "My challenge to the girls was regardless of that, to go out and swim their races and overcome the fatigue."

Though overall the ladies were a bit slower at the triple dual in Buffalo, there were a couple of highlights on the day.

Over the last couple of weekends, Lilly Ralls has competed in the 100 Breaststroke only to disqualify. However, on Friday she was able to put everything together to not only record a time, but to also put up a time faster than any previous attempt.

"Lilly has been putting in a lot of work toward perfecting her technique in the breaststroke," Scribner said. "That work finally paid off and she dropped quite a bit of time."

Rebekah Olson has also been focusing on perfecting her technique in the breaststroke. Olson's struggle has been

maintaining the appropriate kick for the stroke, and she also was able to swim technically correct and in doing so, was able to put up her first time ever in the 200 IM.

"Getting the kick correct is her struggle because she tends to revert to scissor kicks instead of frog kicks," Scribner explained. "Since it's only a 50-yard breaststroke in the IM, she is better able to make it through successfully for her first legal IM time."

After a night's rest, the Lady Dogies went into the invitational meet in Worland on Saturday ready to go.

"I was really excited to see the girls swim faster in Worland on Saturday, because that is where we'll be swimming the conference meet in just a few weeks," Scribner said. "That bodes well for us, I think."

After stalling out for the last couple of meets, Raeleigh Shipp was able to drop time in the 50 Freestyle to get within two seconds of a qualifying time.

"I think Raeleigh puts a lot of pressure on herself, so we talked about working on swimming in races like she does in practice, because her meet swims look different," Scribner explained. "She looked a lot better in Worland than she did in Buffalo so she dropped time to get to 30.6, and I feel pretty good about her being able to



Photo by Robb Hicks/Buffalo Bulletin

Rebekah Olson was successful last weekend in putting together a technically correct race in the 200 IM to pick up her first time of the season in that event.

drop what she needs to qualify." Lilly Ralls also continues to improve each week as evidenced by her two-second drop in her 50 Free time.

Shipp competed in the 100 Free, a race in which she is attempting to put up a qualifying time. Though she came up a little short on both days, Scribner is confident she will get the time she needs.

"She looked super good through the first 75, but

then had a bad turn on her last wall which made her lose some steam on the last 25," he explained. "But, she has started to swim more relaxed so she is looking good."

Lydia Anderson dropped a handful of seconds in the 200 Free in Worland, while Hailey Beaström made strides in the backstroke in both Buffalo and Worland.

"Hailey's goal is to qualify in the backstroke, and she has

a fast enough 50-yard time, so now it's about building her endurance and racing the 100," Scribner stated. "She needs to make sure that her kick and her arm pace is good. She needs to drop six seconds, but I think that she can make that happen."

The ladies will return to Buffalo this Friday for a triangular beginning at 3, then go to Douglas on Saturday for an invitational beginning at 10.

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staff/parents faced off in basketball, trivia night was a success, there was a rousing pep rally and then a fun-filled Mock Olympics competition to close out the week.

Student Council, Sources of Strength, sponsors and parents worked so hard to promote the fun and kids responded.

Cowbell Day was the dream of now senior Avery Chick for two years, and through the Sources of Strength group it finally came to fruition and, man, was it a hit.

My room was a cowbell distribution center and I had students coming into my room requesting bells all morning on Friday. In order to get a bell, the students had to tell me about a healthy activity they took part in regularly. It didn't have to be a physical activity, just one that they did to help themselves.

The other distribution rooms had students identifying mentors and positive friends in their lives.

We burned through about 300 bells by lunchtime and it was hard

to find a student, or teacher, walking the halls without at least one around their neck.

The school spirit was strong at both the Homecoming football game and volleyball game. The pep band was in the stands at Schoonmaker Field, cowbells could be heard ringing throughout the game, and for the first time in a while, we burned the N at halftime.

To that end, the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department was on hand to not only manage the burning

of the N, but also to provide hype following the three touchdowns scored by the Dogies in their exciting win over the Tongue River Eagles.

The Lady Dogies won their match against a longtime rival, the Lady Trailblazers of Torrington. It was a battle and a contest made for fans as they took the win in four sets.

And, wow, we had great fans both inside the gym and out at the field!

All of the activities made for a pretty special week, but what made

it even more so was that the kids, pretty universally across the many different peer groups, all thought it was the best Homecoming Week NHS has experienced in a long time.

And, they were all pretty excited to have been a part of it and proud to show their school spirit.

I'm even seeing that spirit carry into this week. Though the festivities are over, I am feeling pretty hopeful that the magic of Homecoming will linger and that more good things are on the horizon for the Dogies.

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Homecoming festivities



Seven Newcastle High School boys vied for the title of Mr. Dogie on Thursday in the Crouch Auditorium at NHS. The mock beauty pageant that was just one of the events of Homecoming Week festivities. Above, Robert Humes, Ian Simmons, Harry Lichtenberger and Dakota Morgan show off their moves. Below, Lichtenberger performs his talent during the competition. He was the winner of the contest.



Newcastle High School held Homecoming Week last week, with a variety of activities for students, parents and NHS staff to participate in. Included in the week's events was the annual Homecoming Parade, as well as the Mr. Dogie contest — a mock beauty pageant — on Sept. 23. Top of page, left, NHS Future Farmers of America members Callie Hiser, Rachel Sweet and Brook Martell carry the flags at the head of the 2021 Homecoming Parade on Friday. Top of page, right, McKenzie Clark-Brownlow gets fired up shouting Dogie spirit while riding in the senior class float. Above, members of the NHS football and volleyball teams customarily ride on fire trucks in the parade.

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 - Dr. McEleney N/A
 - Echo: Patient's Personal Physician must schedule Oct. 20
 - Heart Doctors: To schedule appointments call 800-432-7822
 - Dr. D'Urso Oct. 25
 - Dr. A. Schabauer N/A
 - VA Clinic: (Usually 1st Monday of month, except holidays).....Oct. 11, Oct. 25
 - Mammography: Call 746-3704 to schedule an appointment
 - MRI: Oct. 7, Oct. 21
 - Patient's Provider must schedule with WCHS Radiology Department
 - Speech Therapy: Every Monday & Thursday, 4-6 pm
 - Upton Lab Draws: (1st Wednesday, except holidays) Oct. 6
 - Wellness Wednesday, WCHS Newcastle Every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 am
 - Wellness Wednesday, W.C. Upton Clinic 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7-9 am
 - Home Health Toenail Clinic: (W.C. Senior Center 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 9-10:30 am)
 - To schedule appointments call 746-3553 Oct. 6, Oct. 20
- Weston County Newcastle Clinic Specialists**
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 - Pediatrician: Tara Ulmer, MD (4th Thursday) Oct. 28
 - General Surgeon: Wesley Badger, MD (4th Friday) Oct. 29

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Newcastle Dogies

Girls Swimming 2021-22



Coach Doug Scribner, Ruth Rose, Raleigh Shipp, Hailey Beastrom, Lydia Anderson, Rebekah Olson and Lilly Ralls



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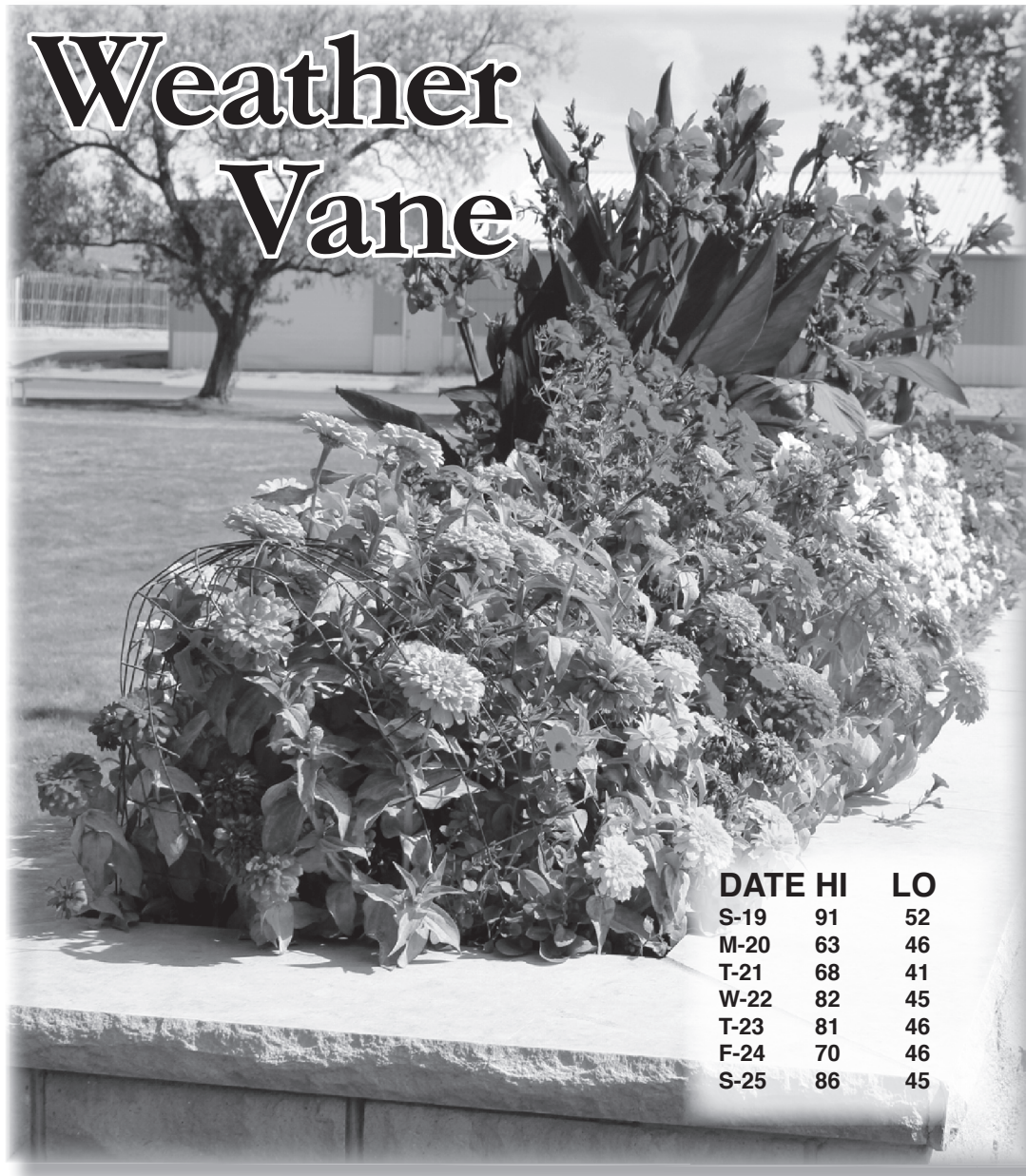
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S-25	86	45

Legal Notice

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

Civil Action Case No. CV-2106 Plaintiff/Petitioner: Donald Ballard Jr. vs. Defendant/Respondent: Kimberly Janicke

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Notice to Kimberly Janicke, Defendant/Respondent
Defendant/Respondent's Current Address: Unknown
You are notified that a Complaint for Divorce

has been filed in the Wyoming District Court for the Sixth Judicial District, whose address is 1 West Main St. Newcastle, Wyoming 82701, seeking dissolution of your marriage to Donald Ballard Jr. Unless you file an Answer or Reponse or otherwise respond to the Complaint or Petition referenced above within 30 days following the last date of publication of this notice, a default judgement will be taken against you and a Decree of Divorce will be granted.
Dated this 13 day of September, 2021
By Clerk of Court: Tina Cote
Clerk of Court

(Publish September 16, 23 and 30 and October 7, 2021)

Legal Notice

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

CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. CV-2103 GLORIA SCOTT, PLAINTIFF. VS. JOSEPH HENRY, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF GEORGE L. HENRY AND MYRNA M. HENRY, and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3309 STIRRUP STREET, NEWCASTLE, WYOMING, DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT
Gloria Scott has filed a Complaint against you in the above-entitled action in the District Court of Weston County, Wyoming, Sixth Judicial District and has alleged the following:
1. Plaintiff has filed suit against you requesting that title to the following property be quieted in the name of the Plaintiff, to wit: **Lot 19, Block 3, West Saddle Subdivision**

of Arnold First Extension to Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming, according to the recorded plat thereof.

2. Plaintiff claims ownership of said property and seeks to have title quieted solely in the Plaintiffs name.
3. Plaintiff has also requested that the District Court declare the Plaintiff's ownership in the foregoing described property to be superior to all others claiming an interest in such property.
4. The addresses of the foregoing named defendants are not known.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that if you fail to answer or otherwise defend the action within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, a judgment by default may be entered against you.

Dated this 10 day of September, 2021
By Clerk of Court: Tina Cote
Clerk of Court

(Publish September 23 and 30 and October 7 and 14, 2021)

Legal Notice

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

Probate No. PR-8257 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Dianna L. Holscher Deceased.

NOTICE OF PROBATE TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that, pursuant to W.S. §2-1-205, Noella Otten has filed a sworn Application for Decree of Distribution with the Clerk of the above-entitled court wherein she prays the following-described real property at 43 Skull Creek Road, Osage, WY be set over and distributed to the decedent's nieces and nephews:

A tract of land in the E1/2SE1/4 of Section 4, Township 46N, Range 63W of the 6th P.M., Weston County, Wyoming, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the SE corner of the said Section 4, run N 0° 54' E along the east boundary of the said Section 4 for 1189.38 feet to the Southeast corner of this tract

and the point of beginning; Thence S 89°07' W for 280 feet to the Southwest corner of this tract; Thence N 0°54' E for 310 feet to the Northwest corner of this tract; Thence N 89°07' E for 280 feet; Thence S 0°54' W along the East boundary of the said Section 4 for 310 feet to the point of beginning; Said tract containing 2.0 acres, more or less, together with all improvements situated thereon and all appurtenances applicable thereto.

and the personal property consisting of the personal effects of Dianna L. Holscher be set over and distributed to the decedent's nieces and nephews, Tara Blissard, John Vaught, Kena Derby, Penny Vaught, Jason Blissard, Steven Vaught, and Noella Otten pursuant to the provisions of W.S. §2-1-205.

If no objection to the application has been filed within thirty (30) days of the first day of publication, to-wit, October 26, 2021, the Court shall enter such a decree.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2021

Anthony Toscana
307 Law Office
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SCARY MOVIES

ACROSS
1. Shenanigan
6. "Losing My Religion" band
9. Kind of learning
13. Capital of Egypt
14. Nest egg acronym
15. Cupid's target
16. Bar, legally
17. Indian restaurant staple
18. Kind of committee, two words
19. "Hedge maze, dull boy, redrum, with The
21. "Pretend girlfriend, surgery, body parts
23. Monkey _____, monkey do
24. Post-it message
25. It makes a guitar louder
28. Royal Indian
30. Perfumes
35. Glorify
37. Freeway exit
39. Like today's cell phones?
40. Keen on
41. Like a confection
43. At any time
44. One of the large keys on the right
46. Greek portico
47. Common workday start
48. Former President of Egypt
50. Ancient eternal life symbol

52. *Bathtub, hacksaws, Jigsaw
53. Euphemism for "darn"
55. *Blind violinist, transplant surgery, sees ghosts, with The
57. *Hotel, mother, shower
60. *Count, bite, cross
64. Hot winter drink
65. Aye's opposite
67. Financial benefactor
68. Seize a throne
69. Headquartered in Langley
70. Exclude or omit
71. Done on a Smith Corona
72. Old age, archaic
73. 6666...

DOWN
1. Single pip cards
2. Crosby, Stills, _____ & Young
3. South American monkey
4. Actor Jeremy
5. Xerox machine
6. *Videotape, stone well, seven days, with The
7. Paleozoic one
8. Tropical smoothie flavor
9. Make over
10. Hawaiian island
11. Ragtime turkey dance
12. And so on, abbr.
15. Bias crime perpetrators

Gwamma by JaNel M. Farnsworth

Babydoll! I thought you 'SAID' you were going to try to be nicer!

I know but my mouth and my brain have separate agendas!

Newcastle City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Michael Alexander moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to approve the agenda for Monday, September 20, 2021 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ann McColley moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday September 7, 2021 and the minutes of the Executive Session of Tuesday, September 7, 2021 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATION FOR RECOGNITION: Dick and Bonnie Rich for their work to organize and sponsor the 15th annual Shine & Show car show.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: Martha Bickford and Tasha Townsend for the Madness on Main Event, will be mailed.

Flowering Fingers Garden Club for the flowers at Dow Park, the Fairgrounds and the trees at Centennial Park. Norma Shelton was present to accept the award.

Dirt Daubers Garden Club for the flowers in the coal cars at the 4-Way, and their efforts at the Post Office and parks. Dallas LaCross was present to accept the award.

Marsha Halliday for her beautification efforts at Girl Scout Park, First State Bank and Taco Loco. Marsha was present to receive the award.

Ann Hansen for the coal cars. Ann was present to receive her award.

Don and Lois Thorson for their efforts and flowers at the head of Main Street. Their certificate will be mailed.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—IN WRITING: None
CITIZEN'S BUSINESS-VERBAL: None
BID OPENING: as advertised at 7:30 p.m. to open and consider bids for new dispatch radio equipment. There was only one bid from Motorola, a non-resident bidder, and no bid bond enclosed. Since there was only one bidder, the bid bond will be provided later. Bid amount \$269,631.00 for two (2) dispatch radio consoles. Don Steveson moved, seconded Lance Miles to accept the bid in the amount of \$269,631.00. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS: None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Attorney Dublin Hughes noted that the Executive Session might involve potential litigation.

City Engineer Mike Moore reported the grant for restrooms at Dow Park had been approved, a 50% match from the City which we have. There are 2 water projects being considered for next construction season. Mr. Moore is holding two neighborhood meetings regarding the proposed bike path and road work along Sage Street and the proposed bike path along Highway 16 west. The past 2 events, Madness on Main and the Shine & Show went well. The annual hazard waste day will be Saturday, September 25 at the Elementary School. The DuraPatcher is back and street patching will resume. Mr. Moore requested a Street Committee meeting to discuss several matters including a shortage on manpower.

City Police Chief Sam Keller reported calls for service at 3983 year to date, and 305 for

the month of September so far. Chief Keller recommended a \$.50 per hour raise for Ashley Knowlton for completing the probation period, retroactive to September 4, 2021. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve this request. **MOTION CARRIED.** Chief Keller is working on budget numbers for the patrol vehicle, repair versus replace.

City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James had no report for regular session, but a matter in Executive Session.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: None
ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Don Steveson moved, seconded Ann McColley to suspend the rules and go into an executive session reference personnel and contracts at 7:40 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ann McColley moved, seconded Daren Downs to return to regular session at 8:55 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.** Don Steveson moved, seconded Lance Miles, in light of the letter received from Weston County, signed by Chairwoman Marty Ertman, to move the Newcastle Police Department and Dispatch from the Weston County Law Enforcement Center and into the City building. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CLAIMS: Don Steveson moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to pay the claims against the City dated September 20, 2021. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ann McColley moved, seconded Michael Alexander to adjourn this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 8:57 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Claims: Ad-Pro Office Supply, office supplies, \$140.30; Alpha Communications, Sept. 2021 tower rent, \$95.00; American Business Software, web maintenance, \$49.00; Black Hills Energy, electric service, \$746.67; Black Hills Truck & Trailer, parts, \$445.88; Butler Machinery Co., parts, \$109.07; Contractor's Supply, Inc., silt fence & stakes, \$180.13; Culligan Water Conditioning, bottled water, \$84.50; Deckers Food Center, housekeeping supplies, \$152.61; Delta Dental of Wyoming, employee dental insurance, \$2311.00; Eastern Wyoming Equipment Co., Inc., parts, \$3243.64; Energy Laboratories, Inc., water sample testing, \$330.00; Farnsworth Services Co., Inc., blocks & water line work, \$20,377.00; Fisher Sand & Gravel, base course, \$395.68; Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, materials/supplies, \$801.10; Hometown Medical Clinic, PD medical, \$65.00; Hughes Law Office, Sept. 2021 attorney fee, \$3500.00; Jeffery Lush, forensic interview, \$150.00; Mastercard, fuel purchases/office supplies/materials/supplies, \$7042.17; Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept., reimburse uniforms, \$444.44; News Letter Journal, PD legal ads, \$456.00; Northern Safety & Industrial, safety vests/spill kits, \$1617.42; Office Shop Leasing, lease buy-out, \$858.40; One Call of Wyoming, utility locates, \$43.50; PCA Engineering, Inc., pole building standards, \$1955.00; Powder River Energy Corp., electric service, \$973.18; Range, E-911 data service, \$151.28; Rapid Delivery, Inc., parts delivery, \$59.10; Genell Rothleutner, PD cleaning, \$200.00; Russell Industries, Inc., mission modules for water tanks, \$3865.00; Short Stop Fuel Mart, fuel purchases, \$5133.02; Trugreen-Chemlawn, FD fertilizer, \$119.00; Valli Information Systems, credit card service/card reader, \$120.00; Becky Vodopich, city office cleaning, \$300.00; Voelker's Autobody/Glass, lights & vehicle repair, \$293.00; Weston County Health Service, DOT testing, \$40.00; Weston County Treasurer, airport fees/August 2021 youth services, \$1108.66; Woody's Food Center, housekeeping supplies, \$60.30.

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

(Publish September 30, 2021)

Cowboy State Look-In

Courtesy of the Wyoming News Exchange

Moose injures man

JACKSON (WNE) — A Wilson man went to the hospital after being knocked down by a moose on the bike path northeast of Wilson Elementary School, according to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

The man was reportedly walking his dog at 7:15 a.m. Friday when he saw a bull

moose about 50 yards away, a Game and Fish news release said Sunday.

“It was reported that his dog was at his side when the bull decided to charge him and knocked him down,” the release said. “While human injuries from moose are not common, Game and Fish officials are warning people

that it is now the fall mating season for moose, elk and other ungulates and to give wildlife plenty of room.”

Game and Fish said the man went to the hospital but did not specify injuries. After learning of the incident Saturday, Game and Fish looked for the moose but did not find it in the area.

Deer disease outbreak

SUNDANCE (WNE) — An outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) in white-tailed deer and pronghorn has seen cases identified across the east of Wyoming, including in Crook County.

The Wyoming Game & Fish Department last week announced that it was actively tracking the outbreak of EHD, which is confirmed in the Arvada area as well as near Douglas, Laramie and Cheyenne.

The disease was confirmed in Crook County near Moorcroft on September 6.

EHD is not unusual in Wyoming; in fact, wildlife managers say they see it in big game every year.

However, 2021 could be one of those years when the disease has a bigger impact.

“This year seems worse, but we are just at the beginning of the outbreak,” said Hank

Edwards, Wildlife Health Laboratory supervisor, in a press release. “Monitoring will be important to chart the impacts.”

EHD is often seen during drought and hot weather, especially if wildlife congregate around small water holes containing the midge that carries the disease. Transmission occurs when a host animal with the virus is bitten by a midge. The disease is not always fatal.

The number of cases is expected to grow — although not in a uniform manner across the state — until the first hard frost, which will kill off the midge populations.

Game & Fish reassures hunters that they should not be concerned about contracting EHD or passing it to their pets.

However, if the disease spreads to the point where it could have a substantial impact on wildlife, this may curtail hunting seasons.

Man loses \$150,000 to scam

GILLETTE (WNE) — A 64-year-old Campbell County man is out \$150,000 from scams involving transactions that masqueraded as federal debt relief programs.

He told Campbell County Sheriff's deputies on Monday

that the suspects sent bad checks for him to deposit and asked for the cash to be sent to different locations throughout the country, as a tax payment on the relief payouts.

A significant portion of the \$150,000 lost in the scam

was converted into and sent as Bitcoin, said Undersheriff Quentin Reynolds.

Deputies contacted the FBI for help on the case. Some of the money sent through Bitcoin may be retrievable, Reynolds said. The investigation continues.

Public Notice

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE:

In accordance with Chapter 6, Section 2(m) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations, notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, proposes to approve a request by Basin Power Solutions LLC to operate eighty (80) temporary portable rich burn natural gas fired generator engines consisting of twenty-eight (28) 199 hp Doosan 8.1L engines, forty (40) 272 hp Doosan 11.1L engines, three (3) 362 hp Doosan 14.6L engines, seven (7) 456 hp Doosan 18.3L and two (2) 612 hp 21.9L engines, to be operated at oil and gas well sites at various locations in Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Crook, Johnson, Laramie, Natrona, and Weston Counties, Wyoming.

For the duration of the public comment period, the permit application, the agency's analysis, and the public notice are available for public inspection online at <https://openair.wyo.gov>, utilizing facility ID F027582 and permit number P0034015 under permits. Additionally, during the state of emergency declared by Governor Gordon on March 13, 2020, if you have questions about or need assistance accessing the materials, please contact Nancy Vehr, Air

Quality Division Administrator, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, by fax at 307-635-1784, via phone at 307-777-3746, or via email at Nancy.vehr1@wyo.gov. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternate formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

Written comments may be directed to Nancy Vehr, Administrator, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, or by fax at (307) 635-1784. Please reference A0012499 in your comment. In addition, comments can be submitted electronically at <http://aq.wyomingdeq.commentinput.com>. However, comments submitted by email will not be included in the administrative record. All comments received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 1, 2021 will be considered in the final determination on this application. A public hearing will be conducted only if in the opinion of the administrator sufficient interest is generated or if an aggrieved party so requests. For the duration of the state of emergency declared by Governor Gordon on March 13, 2020, public hearings will be conducted telephonically. Para español, visite deq.wyoming.gov.

(Publish September 30, 2021)

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE or Company) for authority to pass on an Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) increase of \$0.012 per kilowatt hour (kWh), effective for usage on and after September 1, 2021. The proposed rate is due to increased purchased power and natural gas costs, largely driven by winter storm Uri, combined with a decrease in annual retail energy sales. The Commission's approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing and further order of the Commission.

The average residential customer using approximately 771 kWh per month may expect a monthly increase of \$9.25, or 9.77%, excluding taxes. Actual bills will vary with usage.

This is not a complete description of the Application. It is on file in the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and in the

Company's offices in Newcastle, Wyoming. The Application is available for inspection, by any interested person, during regular business hours or online at: <http://psc.wyo.gov>.

Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest, or request for hearing must file, in writing, with the Commission on or before October 18, 2021. An intervention or request for hearing must set forth the grounds under which it is made as well as the position and interest of the petitioner. Please reference Docket No. 20002-122-EM21 (Record No. 15888) in your communications.

If you wish to participate in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated: September 17, 2021.

(Publish September 23 and 30, 2021)

Upton resident killed in crash

TORRINGTON (WNE) — On Sept. 18, 2021, a fatal crash occurred around milepost 112 on U.S. 85 north of Lingle.

At 4:14 a.m., Wyoming Highway Patrol troopers were notified of a one-vehicle rollover.

A 2018 GMC Sierra was headed north on U.S. 85. The driver failed to negotiate a curve to the left and exited the roadway's east side. The driver steered the truck to the left before the vehicle began to overturn.

The driver of the GMC has been identified as 18-year-old Upton resident Caleb M. Brenner.

Brenner was not wearing a seatbelt and succumbed to his injuries at the scene of the crash.

Driver fatigue is being investigated as a potential contributing factor.

This is the 84th fatality on Wyoming's roadways in 2021 compared to 95 in 2020, 117 in 2019, and 81 in 2018 to date.

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In accordance with Chapter 6, Section 2(m) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations, notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, proposes to approve a request by Mac Midstream, LLC to modify Air Quality Permit P0032668 for the Newcastle Gas Plant by replacing two (2) 379 hp Waukesha F18SEU engines (ENG006-ENG007) with two (2) 440 hp Waukesha F18GSI engines (ENG008-ENG009). The Newcastle Gas Plant is located in the NW¼ NW¼ of Section 9, T42N, R64W, approximately twenty-three (23) miles southwest of Newcastle, in Weston County, Wyoming.

For the duration of the public comment period, the permit application, the agency's analysis, and the public notice are available for public inspection online at <https://openair.wyo.gov>, utilizing facility ID F000893 and permit number P0034049 under permits. Additionally, during the state of emergency declared by Governor Gordon on March 13, 2020, if you have questions about or need assistance accessing the materials, please contact Nancy Vehr, Air Quality Division Administrator,

Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, by fax at 307-635-1784, via phone at 307-777-3746, or via email at Nancy.vehr1@wyo.gov. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternate formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

Written comments may be directed to Nancy Vehr, Administrator, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, or by fax at (307) 635-1784. Please reference A0012592 in your comment. In addition, comments can be submitted electronically at <http://aq.wyomingdeq.commentinput.com>. However, comments submitted by email will not be included in the administrative record. All comments received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 1, 2021 will be considered in the final determination on this application. A public hearing will be conducted only if in the opinion of the administrator sufficient interest is generated or if an aggrieved party so requests. For the duration of the state of emergency declared by Governor Gordon on March 13, 2020, public hearings will be conducted telephonically. Para español, visite deq.wyoming.gov.

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Pie face

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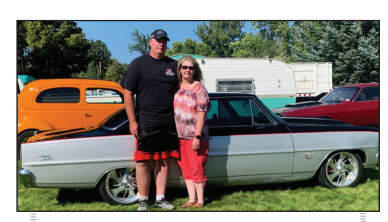


We would like to thank everyone that jumped in and helped at the car show: the Newcastle Police Department for making the burnouts go off without a hitch, the city crews for getting the park ready it looked great; to our family & friends that helped before during and after, we couldn’t have done it without you; to the 152 entrants that came and shared their beautiful vehicles with everyone — you are all winners in our book; a huge Thank You to our many sponsors that help to make this event a success — without you it wouldn’t be possible; and to Newcastle and the surrounding communities that continue to support us in doing this event.

— Thank You, Dick & Bonnie Rich



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