

# News Letter Journal

Weston County

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Newcastle, Wyoming

Year 136 Week 23

## Newcastle police chief arrested, resigns

**Alexis Barker**  
NLJ News Editor

Too many beers and a joke gone wrong led to a domestic dispute call and the arrest of Newcastle Police

Chief Samuel Keller, 58, and the Newcastle City Council began the process of finding and hiring a new chief on Monday.

Keller tendered his resignation within 24 hours of his arrest last week,

pleaded guilty and was released on his own recognizance, according to court documents and reports from Weston County Sheriff Bryan Colvard.

“On May 30, at approximately 20:14 (8:14), I (Sheriff’s Deputy Dan

Fields) was contacted by Newcastle Dispatch requesting that I respond to a domestic dispute, due to it being a conflict of interest with Newcastle Police Department,” Fields said in the probable cause documents.

Upon arriving at the scene, 441 Cambria St., Fields found Newcastle Police Sgt. Levi Tacy and officer Jason Barker, who were the first to arrive

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### Flingin’ mud



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Sunday’s finish to RPM Days was met with lots of fans filling the stands and cheering as monster trucks and sports trucks attacked the mud bog at the Newcastle Speedway on the Weston County Fairgrounds. The heavy rains during the previous night created a thick and goopy mess that had to be scraped and compacted by heavy equipment during the morning hours. Piling up the excess mud to make the grounds usable for both participants and fans alike delayed the start of the mud bogs for two hours, but the crowd still came out to enjoy the mess. In the modified class, monster trucks throw up plenty of mud and water as they power through the mud bogs.

## Whitney chosen as graduation speaker

**Bri Weigel**  
NLJ Correspondent

Markie Whitney’s skills, experiences and passions fueled her success, and led to her being chosen as Casper College’s 2022 commencement speaker at the Ford Wyoming Center last month.

Whitney credits her time as a forensics competitor for her ability to present to a large audience at such an important event.

“I think speech gave me the platform to talk about things that I’m really motivated to talk about and am passionate about. Since having that platform, I’ve always sought those (speaking) opportunities,” the 2020 Newcastle High School graduate said.

Whitney will be joining the esteemed University of

Alabama forensics team this fall after completing her associate degree in criminal justice at CC with a 4.0 grade point average. She plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice before attending law school.

While at CC, Whitney won a national championship title in both 2021 and 2022, and is a back-to-back gold medalist in international public debate.

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Submitted photo  
**Markie Whitney, 2020 Newcastle High School graduate, was chosen to lead Casper College’s 2022 commencement ceremony held last month.**



## Power of a penny

**Alexis Barker**  
NLJ News Editor

In spite of a global pandemic and a downturn in the state’s energy economy, the pennies you pledged to support the local hospital piled up faster than expected and people who spend money in Weston County are about to get an early tax break.

That’s because the specific purpose sales tax implemented in late 2015 for the remodel and expansion at Weston County Health Services will be paid off roughly 15 months early, according to CEO Maureen Cadwell.

The voter-approved optional 1% sales tax has raised a total of \$8,484,013.78 since December 2015. The total amount authorized for collection was \$8,750,000, meaning there is only \$265,966.22 left to be collected.

“We estimate that we will receive roughly \$91,557.33 a month,” Cadwell said. “That is the average for the last three months. At that rate, it will take roughly three more months to pay it off.”

She noted that the amount received by the facility is determined by sales tax in the county. Weston County Health Services reports

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## WCHS approves \$26.5M prelim budget

**Alexis Barker**  
NLJ News Editor

The Weston County Health Services board of trustees approved a \$26,486,368 preliminary budget for fiscal year 2023 on May 15. The budget includes expenditures and revenue from the hospital, as well as the Newcastle and Upton clinics and pharmacies.

“We’ve kept everything pretty status quo,” CEO Maureen Cadwell said during an interview with the News Letter Journal.

This year’s budget, according to the provided documents, is \$1,437,284 more than the budget

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### WEATHER FORECAST

**Thursday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
Hi 74, Lo 51



**Friday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 80, Lo 57



**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 85, Lo 62



**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 84 Lo 60



**Monday**  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 76, Lo 49



**Tuesday**  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 67, Lo 48



**Wednesday**  
Sunny  
Hi 75, Lo 53



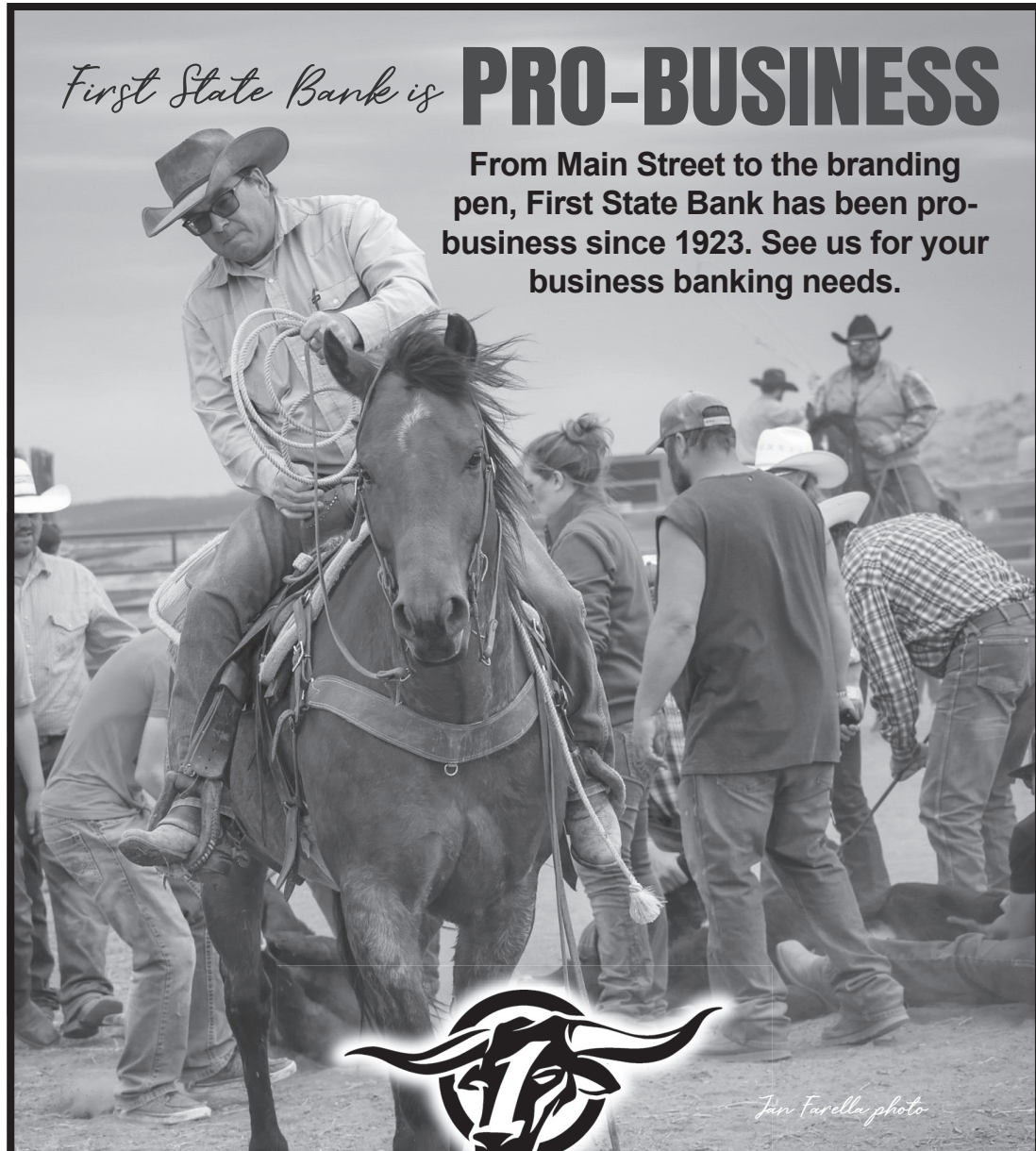
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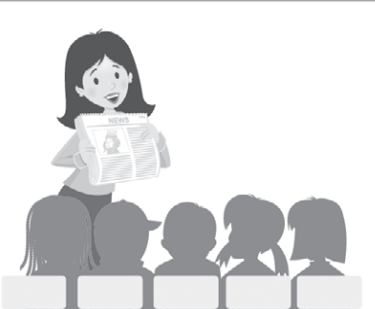


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**Free lunch**



Trina Baird and Abi Deveraux of Farmers Insurance cook up some fun at the free hot dog lunch on Wednesday, celebrating the fifth anniversary of Farmers Insurance being in business in Newcastle. Below, Kendrick Blumenthal and Tanner Baird enjoy their hot dogs.



Photos by KateLynn Slaamot/NLJ

# Unemployment falls

**Alexis Barker**  
NLJ News Editor

Weston County has finally seen its unemployment rate fall — to 2.8% — after several months of increases or holding steady. That was the good news according to the April 2022 unemployment report from the Research and Planning office of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services.

With an unemployment rate of 2.8%, the report states that Weston County has 3,714 individuals in its labor force, with 105 of those people unemployed.

In March, the county had an unemployment rate of 3.1%, with a labor force of 3,722. The report states that at this time, 116 people were listed as unemployed.

Despite the drop in the unemployment rate, Weston County was unable to claim one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state, as it has done in the past.

“The lowest rates were reported in Niobrara County at 2% and Goshen County at 2.4%,” the report says. According to the state, Albany, Crook and Hot Springs counties all have an unemployment rate lower than Weston County’s, at 2.5%.

“The highest unemployment rates were found in Natrona County and Sublette County, both at 4.4%,” the report says. “They were followed by Teton County at 4.3% and Sweetwater County at 4.1%.”

Statewide, the unemployment rate was 3.5% or 3.3% seasonally adjusted. Nationally the unemployment rate was reported to be 3.3% or 3.6% seasonally adjusted.

Seasonal adjustment, according to the report, is a “statistical procedure to remove the impact of normal regular recurring events — such as weather, major holidays, and the opening and closing of schools — from the economic time series to better understand changes in economic conditions from month to month.”

# Keller

on the scene. They informed the deputy that there was one female victim who was checked by EMS and refused service.

Upon meeting the victim, Fields said, he observed a laceration under her right eye, her cheek bone and both dried and fresh blood on her face. He noted that she appeared to have been lying down and had mud on her face.

“I asked her what happened,” Fields reported, “she flipped him back in the chair and he threw a full beer in the air, and it caught her in the face.”

“She stated that she thought it was a joke to tip him back in the chair, but he got mad and threw the can at her. I asked her how she got mud on her face, she stated she fell when she got hit in the face with the can,” the deputy wrote.

When asked if the two had been arguing, the female responded that she had tipped him back like he had done to her before, noting he threw the can full force at her face.

“I walked to the backyard where this had happened. She stated she tipped him back where he was sitting near a table, and she ran about approximately 8 feet away, where he picked up the full beer and threw it at her,” the affidavit says. “She stated they talked about it for a while and drank some more beers, along with the one that was thrown.”

Barker reported in the court document that Keller had said she attacked him and he retaliated, and that he should be arrested.

“I went to officer Barker’s patrol car to talk to Keller who was currently detained inside the vehicle,” Fields says in the affidavit. “I asked Keller what happened and if he would like to talk with me. I told him I heard her side and would like to hear his. He stated they pushed each other’s buttons, along with too much alcohol.”

After consulting with Colvard, Fields placed Keller under arrest for domestic assault. He was remanded into the custody of Cpl. Tavis Witcher at the Weston County Detention Center, where he was held until court the following day.

Fields reported in the court documents that Keller had asked for his weapons and vehicle to be secured and that Tacy and Barker had secured the weapons.

Due to the nature of the case, Crook County Attorney Joseph M. Baron was appointed to serve as a special prosecutor.

On May 31, Keller was released on his own recognizance by Circuit Court Judge Lynda Bush. Colvard reported that Keller had pleaded guilty.

The sentencing hearing is scheduled for July 13 at 11 a.m.

On Monday evening, the Newcastle City Council adjourned to an executive session at the end of their regularly scheduled meeting. When they returned to open session, they voted unanimously to accept Keller’s resignation without any further discussion.

When asked for comment Tuesday morning, Mayor Pam Gualtieri said that they could not provide comment at this time due to the active nature of the situation.

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## Our View Let YOUR voice be heard

We always encourage people to speak their voice and let their opinion be heard, especially when it comes to anything your government is doing. When issues affect you or your neighbors, it's crucial to be a part of the conversation. However, we don't feel you should hide behind paper, the internet or someone else's voice in doing so.

Recently, the Newcastle City Council hosted a town hall to discuss the possibility of allowing backyard chickens within Newcastle's city limits. The meeting was well attended, with roughly 20 people who showed up in favor of the idea, and a handful against.

During this meeting, the overwhelming theme was that chickens should be allowed, with regulation. Two or three individuals made statements questioning the decision, and suggested that there are several issues that allowing residents to have chickens in the city might bring.

Then, on June 6 during the council meeting Mayor Pam Gualtieri read two letters from concerned individuals about backyard chickens in town. The letters outlined issues that could arise with allowing backyard chickens, and reasons why these individuals are against it. The problem, however, as Councilman Tyrel Owens pointed out, is that neither of these letters were signed.

Owens said that neither of these letters are relevant to the issue, because the individuals who wrote them were apparently not willing to put their name out there. He said that a public meeting was held to encourage an open narrative on the discussion, and if people are against chickens in Newcastle they should be willing to be a part of that narrative.

We want to applaud Owens for his statements and encourage anyone who has an opinion on any topic to let your voice be heard, but you must do so in an appropriate way. Civility is crucial, approach is important, and anonymity only leads to problems.

We've all heard the saying, "you catch more flies with honey than you do with vinegar." This statement is true when dealing with government officials — or anyone. People are more likely to listen and consider your opinion when you approach them in an appropriate and respectful way, when you speak (or write) your feelings openly and concisely.

Your opinion matters, and people deserve to hear it, but you need to make those statements publicly. Signing your name to your opinion gives it credibility.

At the News Letter Journal, our policy is that we don't run opinion pieces or letters to the editor that are not signed, and we applaud Owens once again for making sure that people know they should sign their names to their opinions if they feel their input is needed publicly.

## POLL of the WEEK

QUESTION:  
Does the City of Newcastle regulate domestic animals?

- too much
- not enough
- just enough

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

- Yes .....21% 8 Votes
- No ..... 79% 30 Votes

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## Peck: Is there a solution to mass shootings?

Billings Gazette recently caught our eye: "Is mass death now accepted in America?"

The Associated Press analysis that followed stated that, as Americans, we have become numb to death on a large scale, from the more than 1 million deaths caused by the COVID-19 pandemic to the seemingly endless string of mass shootings in our nation.

It's not that we don't care, but in a nation of 335 million people, it's hard to come to grips, emotionally, with the non-stop reports unless it's in your neck of the woods. How many times have we heard a person say, "I never thought it would happen here?"

In the case of COVID, we all know someone, even a close friend or family member, who has died during the pandemic, but as death rates have waned and millions survive the disease, even with new variants

popping up, many people have simply reached the point that they're not willing to stop living life anymore. We're rolling the dice, so to speak.

The mass shootings are more disturbing. No other developed nation on earth experiences the kind of gun violence we have seen in the United States in recent years, but the issue is so politically charged that our leaders seem utterly incapable of dealing with it or taking any action at all. Indeed, no one can agree what even could or should be done.

There are now so many shootings that we can't even remember them all. It's almost like the Monty Python skit about the black death where a fellow walks by homes with a cart calling out "Bring out your dead" except that the carnage is very real and horrifying, with lives shattered on a huge scale.

Uvalde, Buffalo, Boulder, El Paso, Virginia Beach, Pittsburgh, Santa Fe, Parkland, Sutherland Springs, Las Vegas, Orlando, Sandy Hook, Aurora, Fort Hood, Virginia Tech, Columbine — the list goes on and on.

The little kids slaughtered last week at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, seems especially heartbreaking — 19 fourth graders shot to death in their classroom, plus two teachers.

One TV interview sticks out. A little boy from another classroom in Uvalde told the reporter his mother hugged him so tightly that she nearly squeezed the air out of him, and when asked what he told his mom upon their reunion, he replied simply, "I told her I left my water bottle in the classroom."

Innocence on display. Innocence lost. According to various media reports, there have been 213 mass shootings — any shooting with four or more persons shot or killed — in the first 21 weeks of 2022. That's 10 per

week. No wonder we're numb.

In most cases, the violence is well planned, and in the wake of nearly every shooting, as mass shooting researcher Mark Follman put it, there is a trail of behavioral warning signs.

Certainly, there is no easy solution, though many opinions ranging from limiting firearms to better security and from more background checks to better mental health screening and treatment. Many have staked out a firm, seemingly unbending position.

But as a society we must do something, and just maybe the tragic Uvalde school shooting will shock policy makers into actually working together to find solutions, to communicate better in an effort to reduce the rate of violence.

We must believe that, in America, wise and thoughtful people can somehow collaborate to find a better way.

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David Peck  
Lovell Chronicle  
Guest Column

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## Wyoming's future is inseparable from rural communities

Several challenges come with regularly writing and commenting on Wyoming politics. First, it is a challenge to keep from repeating yourself too much. Real problems are not usually solved overnight, so when I write about what I believe are important issues, I am often tempted to return to the same subjects.

Another challenge is that — with the space limitations associated with writing a regular column — it is difficult to achieve a sufficient level of nuance. Broad generalities are easier to get across, while details are often the necessary casualties of writing about big issues.

I worry that I may speak too broadly without articulating a clear vision of what I hope Wyoming will be in the future. With that in mind, I want to give more detail to some of my ideas. Rather than merely saying that Wyoming needs to have

thriving rural communities, focus on broadening our economic base, and support sustainable growth in our larger cities — all of which are absolutely true — I hope to provide more depth and detail on how I hope Wyoming will approach each of those priorities and more.

Let's begin with the future of Wyoming's rural communities. Wyoming is

a rural state and nothing we do is going to change that. As a rural state, we also have strengths and weaknesses. We have wide open spaces and lots of natural resources. We also have difficult weather and the wind. We are a state with a small, spread-out population but lots of room for growth and opportunity. None of this is going to change, and Wyoming's character is defined by its rural nature. It does not matter how big Cheyenne or Casper get, rural communities will always play a major role in our state.

In fact, Wyoming's future as a whole is inseparable from that of our rural communities. A prosperous future for Wyoming requires thriving rural communities. This means rural areas that are not suffering population loss, are able to support their key industries, and have the ability to support new business opportunities as they arise. The question for us to consider is how we achieve this future: there are some things that we in Wyoming have control over and some we simply do not. We do not control global markets. This means we cannot control coal, oil, gas, or agricultural product prices or demand. However, we do control how prepared we are to seize the opportunities available to us.

For Wyoming's rural communities to thrive, we must have the ability to compete on a level playing field with other similarly situated places. We must invest in infrastructure so our rural communities have equal access to markets and are not unnecessarily disadvantaged when competing with other communities for jobs and investment. We need good

roads, quality internet and data access, and energy, land, and water. Some of those we already have (energy and land), while some will take more work to make sure we are prepared. These are the types of things that our state government should be focusing on if it wants a prosperous future for Wyoming.

We also need other community investments that do not necessarily spring to mind when we talk about "infrastructure." The people who live in rural Wyoming do not live here because they want the city life (and if they are, they are not likely to stay for long). Rather, those who choose to live here want access to the outdoors, the different pace of life, and the sense of self-reliance that comes with rural and small-town life. However, there are things that may cause otherwise great community members to leave if they are missing. These additional community resources include access to healthcare and quality education. Similarly, if rural communities do not allow people to maintain their standard of living, that may also cause them to

leave. Accordingly, when we talk about the investments that must be made in rural communities, we also must think about the things that are necessary to live a good life in the modern world.

We must remember that government itself cannot create prosperity — only people can. However, government can set the conditions that makes it easier or harder for people to achieve that goal. If we want rural communities where their best days are ahead of them, we must create the conditions that allow those who want to build their life in rural Wyoming to do so. We all know what a great place to live Wyoming can be and we should hope that those who share that understanding have the opportunity to experience it as well. Our state should therefore focus on building the infrastructure to support rural communities, as well as making the community investments to provide the quality healthcare, education, and standard of living that we need to our rural communities to thrive. If we can do this, Wyoming's future is bright.



Khale Lenhart  
Guest Column

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**Obituaries**

**MAUREEN 'BUNNY' DOROTHEA CARRO**  
April 6, 1941–June 1, 2022

In 1941, on Palm Sunday, a film "How Green Was My Valley" starring actress Maureen O'Hara, was being watched by her parents at the theater. During the film, her mother went into labor and with her debut that day, the name Maureen was chosen. Being born close to Easter, she received her nickname, "Bunny," which she was best known for by friends and family.

Thus, Maureen Dorothea Margiano was born April 6, 1941, in Queens, N.Y., to George and Geraldine Margiano.

The oldest of four children, she had a sister, Ginger, and two brothers, Douglas and Thomas. The four of them had happy memories at their home in South Ozone Park, Queens.

She was married to Angelo Carro, and they had four beautiful children together. The six of them lived on Long Island, N.Y., and eventually moved to Maspeth, Queens, where she was a devoted business partner to their Arrow Ice Company and Fish Haven store.

In 1979, Angelo and Bunny moved to Newcastle, Wyo., along with Nick and Debbie to help open the Pizza Barn Pizzeria. Kevin and Martha Carro, his wife, later joined them in Wyoming to help them with this venture. Bunny then pursued a different career shortly after; she began working for Kerr McGee-Jacobs Ranch Mine in the parts department, then devoted her time to the Human Resources department for a grand total of 20-plus years.

After her retirement from Kerr McGee

coal mine, she became a certified nursing assistant for Weston County Manor and one of their receptionists, too. Her own mother, Geraldine, was a resident of the Manor during her employment, and being nearby to her mother was something that brought her great joy.

Bunny's free time consisted of Bingo with her friends, crossword puzzles, dice, and her favorite pastime of cooking spaghetti on Sunday for her family. She also treasured her tea time with her granddaughters, getting to participate in all the girl talk.

Her family said, "She was someone who made everyone, whether related or not, feel as though they could open up to her without judgement. And everyone loved her for that. Maureen 'Bunny' Carro impacted us all in many ways with her wise counsel, and our memory of her will live forever in the hearts of all she touched."

She leaves behind to cherish her legacy four children, Angelo Jr., Kevin, Nick, and Debbie; three daughters-in-law, Martha, Maria, and Lisa; one son-in-law, Bob; her brother, Thomas Margiano; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Ginger Evangelista; her brother, Doug; and Angelo, her former husband and father of her children.

Services will be held Saturday, June 11, at 11 a.m. at Church on the Hill in Newcastle.

Black Hills Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**KIM JEFFREY MICHAELIS**  
Aug. 1, 1958–May 23, 2022

Kim Jeffrey Michaelis passed away unexpectedly on May 23, 2022.

He was born Aug. 1, 1958, to Jim and

Jean Michaelis in Lovell, Wyo., and graduated from high school in Newcastle, Wyo., in 1976.

Kim joined the Navy out of high school and with short stints with other jobs, re-upped then retired from the Navy in 1998.

In 1990, he married his first wife, Carla (Stafford), in San Diego, Calif. They brought three children into their lives, and were married for 13 years. After his

Navy career he worked in law enforcement in Saratoga, Wyo., and in Corpus Christie, Texas. He retired for good after marrying his current wife, Chris (Marsh), in September of 2008.

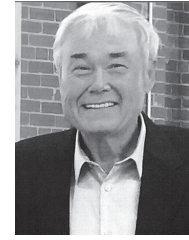
Kim loved hunting, especially in the beautiful state of Wyoming; his friends and family have fond memories of hunting with him.

Kim loved to fish, especially at Flaming Gorge, then finally in his beloved Pacific Ocean, with his own boat. His animated stories showed how much pleasure he got out of being out on the big blue!

Kim is preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Jean; sister, Nancy; and mother-in-law, Margaret Marsh.

He is survived by his wife, Chris; Carla, the mother of his children, daughter, Hannah, and sons, Connor and Matthew, all of San Diego; brothers, Jim of Green Valley, Ariz., Tim (Vi) of Loveland, Colo.; sister, Janie (Scott) Sukut of Bozeman, Mont.; 10 nephews, two nieces; father-in-law, Ed Marsh of San Diego; and brother-in-law, John Kerhlikar of Single Springs, Calif.

Kim's wish was to have his ashes spread into the Pacific Ocean where he spent many memorable years and adventures. He will be greatly missed. A memorial service for Kim is pending.



**Kim Michaelis**



**Maureen Carro**

**Making the rounds**



Photo courtesy of Walter Sprague/NLJ

For the first time during RPM Days the mini sprints cars were a part of the fun. On Friday, June 3, the sprint cars and dirt bikes took to the Newcastle Raceway at the Weston County Fairgrounds to open the three-day event. The sprint cars take off at the start of the final race.

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**Daily Devotional Reading**

- June 10 Acts 10:1-33
  - June 11 Acts 10:34-48
  - June 12 Acts 2:1-13
  - June 13 Acts 11:19-30
  - June 14 Acts 12:1-25
  - June 15 Acts 13:1-12
  - June 16 Acts 13:13-41
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- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Rob Carr, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am
- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Ty Checketts, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am
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- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 8 am; Weekday Mass 7 am
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10 am
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- **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7:00 pm. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting, Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am
- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer
- **OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm
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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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This was taken about 1896 at the Spencer Ranch on Canyon Springs Prairie, present day Fourcorners.

# Recapture

## A PIECE OF HISTORY

**25 Years Ago**  
**June 12, 1997**

Weston County Memorial Hospital, Manor and Home Health Care is changing its name. At their April meeting the hospital trustees decided it was time to revisit the issue and charged the administration with the task of finding a new name. "Effective July 1 we will be officially doing business as Weston County Health Services," said Administrator Ann Snow.

Have you got a zoning permit for your chickens? According to City Attorney Jim Peck there seems to be some confusion about the keeping of barn yard type animals within city limits.

"It has come to the attention of the Newcastle City Attorney's Office that there may be some public misinformation in regards to keeping livestock or barn yard type animals inside the city limits," Peck noted.

"With the exception of pigs, sheep and goats which cannot be kept anywhere within the City, there is no general prohibition against keeping livestock

or barn yard type animals inside the city limits."

But that does not mean Bessie can graze on any front lawn. There are City zoning regulations as to where within the City such animals can be kept, how many can be kept, and other specific requirements and conditions," explained Peck.

Rose McMeekin started watching the weather officially 30 years ago. And last week officials from the National Weather Service drove down from Rapid City to her home in Osage to present her with her award for those 30 years of service.

This year's Sagebrush Festival is coming up at the end of this month, and preparations are already in full swing. This year's festival will have more to offer for people of all ages in the way of contests and entertainment, and it's time to start making your plans for the weekend of June 27 and 28.

**50 Years Ago**  
**June 8, 1972**

Donna Rae Lorenzen, 17,

was named Miss Weston County at the annual Miss Weston County Scholarship Pageant in Newcastle Saturday evening and was crowned by Patti McMillan, Miss Weston County, 1971. Miss Lorenzen is the daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Lorenzen.

Miss Constance Kay Campbell and Dennis M. Hayward exchanged marriage vows at the First United Methodist Church of Newcastle on Saturday evening, May 27, in a candlelit ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Campbell of Newcastle, and the bride-groom is the son of Mrs. Maxine Hayward and the late Guy Hayward, also of Newcastle.

Roberta Kuemmerle received her diploma at the 43rd annual commencement exercises at St. John's McNamara School of Nursing in Rapid City, S.D. Diplomas in nursing were awarded to 20 students who had successfully completed their education for becoming registered nurses.

Open house was held Sunday,

June 4 for Mr. and Mrs. Ray Streets at their home in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary. The affair was arranged by their son and daughter, Marcia and Dallas Streets, assisted by Mrs. Leo Skinner, Mrs. Norman Spilde and Mrs. Ruby Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmella Medulla were honored by their children at an open house, Friday, June 2 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the honorees.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Weisback and Linda of Herreid, S.D., were social callers of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Petersen Sunday, May 28. Mrs. Weisback is Mrs. Petersen's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mayberry were callers of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jonasson and Brenda Monday evening. Richard and Frank Rawhouser were also callers that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Thoeming were callers of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perino Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. John Toth were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Simpson.

**100 Years Ago**  
**June 8, 1922**

Newcastle will have a typical Frontier Days celebration July 14, 15, 16, and which will be full of excitement and thrills from the opening until the closing day. Many good exhibitions of riding, roping, bull-dogging and other interesting things will be seen during the Frontier celebration.

There is rumor in Hampshire and Clareton that Mrs. Amanda Lee of the former place is seriously considering filing for the nomination of sheriff at the coming primaries. No party affiliation mentioned, but it is expected that she will enter on the Republican ticket. Mrs. Lee has served as teacher in various schools in southwest Weston County and always has been found to be capable and efficient. Last year she taught the Lone Tree school.

One of the largest dances of the season was given at the L.R. Keys' ranch last Saturday night in honor of the homecoming of Donald, who had been attending college at University Place, Neb. The crowd gathered a little after 9 o'clock and a merry time was had by all. The midnight supper consisted of chicken sandwiches, pickles, cake and coffee. A like dance will be expected by the public in the near future.

A boiler was hauled from Osage Wednesday to the Pedro well. It is understood that they intend to pull the casing. R.E. Clark made a hurried trip to the shallow field west of Osage Wednesday to make a line survey of Section 5.

Joe Ryan, well known movie star and actor, who served several years as a cowpuncher in this vicinity and is well known by many people here, got off the passenger Sunday evening and looked about the platform to see if he could find any of his old acquaintances. Mr. Ryan was on his way to Billings and is a member of the "Abraham Lincoln" company that played in that city Monday evening.

# NOTICE

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

For questions, please call Greg Stumpff, City of Newcastle Public Works, at (307) 746-2882 or email [public.works@cityofnewcastle.org](mailto:public.works@cityofnewcastle.org)

## OPEN POSITION

Weston County Health Services is taking applications for an open position on the Board of Directors. The term will be until May 7, 2024. Applications are at the reception desk at WCHS and need to be completed by June 10, 2022.



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## WHAT'S UP

### June 2022

#### Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

<b>Fri. June 10</b>	8AM	TOPS #322	W.C. Senior Center
	9AM	Caramel Rolls	W.C. Senior Center
	1PM	Bridge	W.C. Senior Center
	5:30PM	BINGO	VFW Hall
<b>Sat. June 11</b>	1-4PM	John and Jan Ellis Retirement	101 East Rd.
<b>Mon. June 13</b>	9AM	Exercise Class	W.C. Senior Center
	6:30PM	W.C. Fair Board	Fairgrounds, W.C. Event Center
	7PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	W.C. Senior Center
<b>Tues. June 14</b>	8AM	Flag Day Veterans' Breakfast	W.C. Senior Center
	10:30AM	Alzheimers/Dementia Support	Zoom
	11AM	Story time	W.C. Library
	1PM	Bridge	W.C. Senior Center
	1PM	Dominoes	W.C. Senior Center
	3PM	W.C. Natural Resource District Mtg.	US Forest Service meeting room
	6PM	W.C. Humane Society	Humane Shelter
	6PM	American Legion Meeting	Newc Lodge & Conv. Ctr.
<b>Wed. June 15</b>		Deadline to remove Memorial Day flowers	Greenwood Cemetery
	6:30-8:30AM	Wellness Wednesday	WCHS
	7-9AM	Wellness Wednesday	Upton Medical Clinic
	9AM	WCSS Board Mtg.	W.C. Senior Center
	9AM	Exercise Class	W.C. Senior Center
	9AM	Toe Nail Clinic	W.C. Senior Center
	10AM	Cambria Baseball & Boxing Coffee	Anna Miller Museum
	NOON	Lions Club	W.C. Senior Center
<b>Thur. June 16</b>	7AM	TOPS #218	W.C. Senior Center
	1PM	Crafts	W.C. Senior Center
	6PM	Veteran's Memorial Meeting	Four Square Church
	6PM	WCHS Board of Trustees Mtg.	WCHS
	7PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	W.C. Senior Center
	7:30PM	Masons #13	Masonic Hall

# Practice safety when preparing outdoor meals

Branding season has begun in our area. A branding crew loves a hearty meal with dessert. So, I have decided to share information on food safety.

Good food safety practices are essential in preventing food-borne illness. Some of the more common culprits of food-borne illnesses include E. coli, Salmonella, and Campylobacter, resulting in various gastrointestinal symptoms ranging from mild to severe.

Sometimes the usual safety controls in a kitchen, such as hand-washing facilities and refrigeration, may be limited when cooking and/or eating at an outdoor venue. This makes it even more critical for you to be prepared and follow food safety guidelines. Follow these tips to keep your food safe when eating outside.



Vicki Hayman  
Extension  
Notes

### Preparation

Wash hands well and often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the bathroom and before cooking or eating.

Use separate preparation areas for raw and cooked food.

Defrost meat, poultry, and seafood in the refrigerator or submerge sealed packages in cold water. You can also microwave-defrost if the food will be cooked immediately afterward.

Marinate food in the fridge, not the counter top. Set aside some marinade before marinating food for a

sauce later. Don't reuse marinade that contains raw meat.

Wash all produce before eating, even if you plan to peel it. The knife used for peeling can carry bacteria into the part you eat. Pre-cut or peeled fruits and vegetables must be refrigerated or kept on ice to maintain quality and safety.

Wash cutting boards, dishes, utensils, and work surfaces frequently with hot, soapy water.

If the eating site doesn't offer clean water access, use a water jug, soap, and paper towels. Also, consider carrying moist disposable towelettes for cleaning your hands and surfaces.

Remember to pack a food thermometer if cooking food at the destination!

In addition, attach a thermometer inside each cooler.

### Packing coolers

A best practice to increase food safety is to start with a clean cooler. First, wash the cooler with warm soapy water and spray it with a bleach solution or disinfectant spray. Completely dry the interior.

Place food from the refrigerator directly into an insulated cooler immediately before leaving home.

Use ice blocks or ice packs to

keep the cooler and cold food at 40°F or below to prevent bacterial growth. Aim for an ice to content ratio of 2:1.

Pack raw meat, poultry, and seafood in a separate smaller cooler. Otherwise, securely bag or put raw meat in sealed containers and store it at the bottom of the cooler where

the juices can't drip onto other foods causing cross-contamination.

Food that doesn't need much refrigeration (some fruits and vegetables) goes on top. A full cooler keeps cool longer.

Keep and transport hot food in a casserole carrier, slow cooker, or thermos.

Place beverages in a separate cooler; easy drink access will keep perishable food coolers closed.

When loading your vehicle, keep the cooler inside the car with you if possible. Avoid putting it in a hot trunk or strapped to the roof where it is apt to sit in the direct sunlight.

Once at the site, keep coolers in the shade and out of the direct sun until serving time. Avoid opening the coolers repeatedly so the food stays cold longer.

### Cooking

Have clean utensils and platters available. When dirty equipment and utensils are used, microorganisms will be transferred to the food.

The temperature of the food is critical for food safety. Cook food to the correct temperatures — use a food thermometer to be sure. Never partially cook food for finishing later because you increase the risk of bacte-

rial growth. Pork, lamb, fish, eggs: 145°F; ground beef and pork: 155°F; poultry 165°F.

When removing foods from the cooking source, place them on a clean platter.

Never use the same platter and utensils for cooked food that you used for raw meat, poultry, seafood, or eggs.

Keep hot foods at 135°F or warmer until serving time. Wrap it well and place it in an insulated container.

When reheating food, be sure it reaches 165°F. Bring sauces, soups, and gravies to a boil.

Do NOT touch food with bare hands. Use tongs, forks, gloves, deli tissues, or scoops to handle food.

### Time and Temperature

Control insects. Keep bugs at bay by placing plastic wrap or foil over food until ready to serve.

Don't let hot or cold food sit in the "Danger Zone" (between 40°F and 135°F) for more than 2 hours — or 1 hour if the outdoor temperature is above 90°F. If it does, discard it!

Follow these four steps to protect your family and friends and keep food safe: 1) Clean: Wash hands and surfaces often. 2) Separate: Separate raw meats from other foods. 3) Cook: Cook to a safe internal temperature. 4) Chill: Refrigerate food promptly.

With proper preparation, you can tempt your guests with an array of foods while still keeping food safety in mind!

(Sources: cdc.gov; fda.gov; fightbac.org)



## Budget

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for fiscal 2022. The largest increase, Cadwell said, is for wages and additional staff.

"The biggest increase is pay increases based on the annual survey done by the Wyoming Hospital Association," Cadwell said, noting that the facility uses the WHA survey report as a way to compare and set ranges for salaries.

In addition to the pay increases, Cadwell said, the budget increase also includes the cost of hiring two doctors who have joined the facility, but were not included in the fiscal 2022 budget.

The proposed increase for salary and wages is \$978,791, bringing the total amount of wages paid by WCHS to

\$12,154,348. This increase, when combined with the benefits and taxes associated with the increases, adds another \$1,286,541 to the total budget, bringing the total expense for wages, taxes and benefits to \$14,805,154.

The total cost for other expenses — including purchased services, supplies, pharmaceuticals, legal and professional fees, general and administrative expenses, utilities, insurance and depreciation and amortization — will increase \$150,743 over last year's.

Decreases in the line items for both purchased services (down \$563,461) and depreciation and amortization (down

\$198,193) helped to offset the increases in other line items.

"We have an increase for supplies and pharmaceuticals (up \$598,732) because of inflation. We are seeing food being around 15% more," Cadwell said.

She noted that the facilities have also struggled with supply shortages and have had to shop around for various items. The total amount budgeted for supplies and pharmaceuticals is \$9,970,508.

Utilities (up \$105,562) and general and administrative expenses (up \$185,689) have also gone up because of inflation, Cadwell said. The total amount budgeted for utilities is \$486,471, and for

general and administrative expenses WCHS has budgeted \$1,123,764.

On the revenue side of things, Weston County Health Services reports an estimated net operating revenue of \$26,486,368 for the upcoming fiscal year. Net patient revenue will bring in a total of \$21,593,056, while other retail revenue is anticipated to bring in \$4,262,797.

The biggest revenue source is outpatient services, which is anticipated to bring in \$17,456,063. Other patient revenue sources are inpatient (\$7,217,455), home health/in-home/lifeline (\$772,921) and the Manor (\$4,464,429).

The capital expenditure

budget for fiscal 2023 includes \$3,143,500 in expenses, although Cadwell said that some of the projects will depend on funding sources.

"We are hoping to get some of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grant monies to pay for the top four items (on the budget), in particular," Cadwell said. "If we don't get grants, we will have to figure out what we do — if we go ahead with them or wait."

Those four items, according to the provided documents, are an oxygen supply upgrade for \$150,000, Manor HVAC for \$1,200,000, Newcastle clinic building upgrade for \$1,200,000 and Upton clinic building upgrade for \$150,000.

Other expenditures include a patch and seal of the parking lots for \$20,000, steam sterilizer for \$50,000, blanket and fluid warmer for \$15,000, a treadmill for cardiac rehab for \$10,000, sleep study equipment for \$17,000, televital signs roll carts and telemonitors for \$55,000, ultrasound machine for \$100,500, a CT upgrade for \$135,000 and a few other items.

Also included in the capital budget is \$15,000, which came to the facility by donation, to automate the main Manor door.

If the grants are received, the capital budget will be funded by \$2,770,000 in grants and donations, with \$373,500 coming from the facilities.

## Hospital tax

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that it received \$84,426.46 in March, \$89,449.93 in April and \$100,793.61 in May.

"What happens from here, the bond council at Wyoming Bank and Trust will review this and do the notices to the bond holders that it is payable ahead of time," Cadwell said. "That we will be paying the bonds earlier. Once that is done and paid off, the sales tax will cease to happen."

As previously reported, back in 2015, the facility had a bond issued to pay for the remodel and expansion project with the specific purpose tax going to pay off said bond following a special election where Weston County voters approved the bond by a vote of 494 for to 379 against.

The project itself, as reported by the News Letter Journal, was completed in 2018 with a total cost of \$16,761,862.

In addition to the specific purpose tax, two State Loan and Investment Board grants contributed \$2,506,205, revenue bonds paid for \$2,905,283.77, and Weston County Health Services dedicated \$3,283,536 to the project. Other funding for the project included \$236,988 from the Weston County Health Services Foundation Board and \$201,619 in insurance proceeds for the roof repairs.

The first phase of the project was completed in January 2017, and employees completed their move into the pharmacy, business office, administration area, laboratory, kitchen and dining rooms shortly after that on Feb. 13. The nursing home's dining area was complete 11 days later, with the move into that space taking place shortly after, according to the timeline.

On Sept. 15, work was completed

on the second-phase areas, including the therapy space, clinic, radiology, trauma rooms and sleep-study rooms. At that time, the third phase was started, with completion coming on March 5 of this year. This final work encompassed examination spaces in the emergency room, ER entrance, nurses' station, two additional hospital patient rooms and the outpatient waiting rooms.

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**WYOMING STATE SENATE DISTRICT 3**

I will seek re-election for Wyoming State Senate District 3, which includes Goshen, Niobrara, and Weston counties, in the upcoming Republican Primary election on August 16th.

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The last four years have been trying. We have endured the Goshen Irrigation District (GID) tunnel collapse, a widespread drought, the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic, the impact of COVID mandates, the effects of bad policies coming out of Washington, D.C., inflation, and increasing unrest in America and around the world. In response we, as a community, have become more informed, more involved, and more concerned about the direction of our state and country.

Wyoming has held two special sessions: the first to appropriate the CARES Act funding, and the second to deal with the federal COVID vaccine mandate, along with increased committee work and the regularly scheduled sessions. In the latest session — the 2022 budget session — the Legislature dealt with the state budget, redistricting, and appropriation of the American Recovery and Prosperity Act (ARPA) funds. In short, we have nearly become a full-time legislature due to the ramifications of the government response to COVID-19. Could it be that we have had about all the “help” from the government that we can stand? We seem caught in a Groundhog Day cycle where each attempt to rectify a situation, like a game of Dominoes, causes another unintended consequence for which someone will pay a price. I trust we can solve our own problems when government functions in its proper role to protect life, liberty, and property.

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**Flying high**



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

The Weston County Arts Council held its second Cornhole Tournament at the Weston County Senior Center on May 21. Jerry Whitney of the second-place team BAM, tosses against Billie Jo McFarlin of the first-place team Nacho.

**Whitney**

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Whitney said she is passionate about topics such as burnout and other sacrifices that plague many, and she chose to use her role as commencement speaker to further spread her message.

She focused on the importance of self-care and the balance one must find in taking care of oneself while still growing and chasing goals in the face of life's challenges. Whitney knows the struggle all too well, as she balanced a full-time course load, forensics practice and competitions, and her work as the GEAR UP administrative assistant at CC.

“In today’s society we are often encouraged to put our work in front of ourselves and be productive at all costs,” Whitney said in her speech. “There is this hyper focus to take care of the responsibilities around us because we are told that through accomplishments we will find success, and that such success will bring us peace.”

She went on to explain that success is not always something tangible. She stressed the need for self-preservation, using examples such as scheduling in a workout or finishing a book before attending to other matters, because a healthy and balanced person is better equipped to handle problems and adversity.

Whitney encouraged the Wyoming graduates to maintain the values present in the state’s

“I feel like I’m standing on their shoulders a bit. Without them — if Newcastle didn’t have a speech team — there’s no way I would be where I’m at right now.”

— Markie Whitney

cowboy way of life while also prioritizing self-care.

“Embrace a healthy balance of rugged individualism and needed self-care because if the world is going to need more cowboys, then it will need those who can effectively maintain a cowboy-up mentality for years to come,” Whitney said in her speech.

She received positive feedback for her message and delivery.

“I thought she did really well. I like that she brought humor into it, and I really like that she talked about a subject that’s personal for her and not your typical motivational speech,” said Doug Hall, a Casper College instructor and director of forensics and communication.

Whitney said that several people approached her after the speech to tell her that her speech resonated with them. She said

such comments meant she achieved her goal, despite any nerves present at the podium.

Whitney’s speaking experience helped her navigate the situation, even when she described graduation rehearsal as “terrifying.”

“There’s something about me that when I see the people ready to listen to me, it’s like a flipped switch,” she said. “There definitely is an adrenaline rush (with public speaking), but you do get this feeling where it’s almost just like a clarity, like things focus up.”

Her ability to rise to the occasion is a trait also noted by her coaches and teammates.

“She’s got an energy — a number of people said that this year — you just want to keep watching her when she’s speaking. She just has a style and a dynamism that is receptive to people,” Hall said.

Whitney credits her success at CC to her support systems. She said her teammates and coaches provided a respectful community and space where she felt welcome, heard and supported. She said her coaches dedicated themselves to running drills and mock debates in practice to really teach the technicalities of debate that set them apart in competition. Whitney also stressed the importance of her high school speech and debate experience.

She said her dad is a former forensics coach at Newcastle High School, so she grew up around “speech nerds” and found their interpretation of literature captivating. Whitney emphasized the influence of Lexie and Jim Stith for their dedication to high school students’ success. The CC coaches recruited both Whitney and teammate Shelby Davis, also a national champion and top speaker, while they competed for Newcastle High School.

“I feel like I’m standing on their shoulders a bit. Without them — if Newcastle didn’t have a speech team — there’s no way I would be where I’m at right now,” Whitney said.

Now, Whitney will build on her success at the University of Alabama, though she noted that she hopes to return to Newcastle with her law degree.



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## Franz honored at celebration

**Hannah Gross**  
NLJ Correspondent

For 28 years, Dr. Willis Franz, 101, has worked to beautify Newcastle through his activity on the Newcastle Tree Board, so this year the board chose to recognize Franz for his efforts at the annual Arbor Day celebration on April 29.

The board presented Franz with a plaque for "his many years of participation with the highest regards after countless contributions, selflessness, dedication and hard work during a 28-year period with wishes for many more."

Held on the last Friday of April, Arbor Day is marked by planting at least one tree in town. This year was the 150th national celebration of Arbor Day and the 50th anniversary of the Arbor Day Foundation.

Franz's four children, David Franz, Carol Gulbransen, Nancy McFarland and Barb Crow, joined him this year for the Newcastle celebration, and watched their father receive this honor.

"Each of us thought it was important to make the effort," Crow said, as she reflected on the day. "We were proud. ... I was appreciative of all he's done for the community."

Franz was a member of the tree board from 1994 to 2010, and since joining the board, he's attended every local Arbor Day celebration. The ceremony always includes a proclamation from the mayor and the planting of at least one tree in a different location each year.

"I doubt that we ever missed an Arbor Day," he said. "We went to a



Submitted photo  
**Travis Peterson presents Dr. Willis Franz with a plaque on behalf of the Newcastle Tree Board at the local Arbor Day ceremony on April 29 for his dedication to making Newcastle beautiful.**

## Starting a new chapter

Who knew graduating high school could present such busy and stressful weeks?

Well, that's exactly what happened, but this high school graduate would do it over again in a heartbeat.

Graduating from high school was one of the most fun experiences I have had the pleasure to be a part of — in my entire life!

Along with the overwhelming joy of friends and family comes the sadness of leaving the past behind, turning the page and finally starting that new chapter.



**Avery Chick**  
**'Straight Shootin'**

High school gave me the opportunity to do so many things that I will cherish forever, and has also allowed me to have a successful

athletic career that will be taking me to the realm of collegiate athletics as well. Cross-country, basketball, soccer and even volleyball became some of the most influential aspects of my young adulthood, and while it has been my biggest pleasure to play in front of the people of Newcastle for the past four years, I had been denied the opportunity to do what I truly love in front of my hometown crowd.

However, as my sporting career came to a close at the end of May, I was finally awarded that chance.

I have participated in the Newcastle AAU Volleyball program since I was a sophomore and give a great deal of credit to that organization for giving me the ability to play volleyball in college, but in years past, I have been unable to compete in the home tournament hosted by our club. With a change in the rules this year, however, I was able to don my elbow pads for the first — and last — time in front of my home crowd.

I figured I would be nervous

— See **Chick**, Page 11

majority of them, I'm sure." When Newcastle first started celebrating Arbor Day, mostly home-schooled children attended, but the younger grades at Newcastle Elementary School have joined the celebration more recently. This year, the Weston County Children's Center participated, and even though they are young, Franz said they seemed to enjoy themselves.

Franz laughed. "Of course, the kids really like it. Instead of using a shovel, the little kids like to use their hands to put dirt in the hole," he said.

Franz was instrumental in helping the tree board make Newcastle a Tree City in 1995, in accord with the Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA program. According to arbor.org, to qualify as a Tree City, a city must maintain a tree

board or department, have a community tree ordinance, spend a minimum two dollars per capita on urban forestry and celebrate Arbor Day.

"City Council has always been very cooperative with the tree board," Franz said. "The tree board has been quite instrumental in beautifying the town."

Franz's interest in trees first bloomed

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## The climb

On Saturday, May 21, Bent Sprockets held its annual Cave Man Fun Run at the Flying V Trail, north of Newcastle. Participants braved the cold and occasional rain to walk or run the rugged trails. There were entrants for 20K, 10K, and 5K runs. At left, A group braves the elements as they take off on their 10K run. Below, participants in the 10K run gather to go through the instructions of the course.

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Lily Parsons, Kayla Oleson, and Anika Oleson work on their 4-H Robotics projects. Below, is Michael Carter, Peter Keeler, and Brenton Waggener.

## 4-H robotics are under way

**Erin Persche**  
Weston County 4-H Educator

The sounds of brainstorming, problem solving and working cooperatively have filled the Weston County Extension Office the last few Fridays, as the 4-H Robotics project members began work on their robots for the 2022 Showcase Showdown competition to be held June 23 in Laramie, Wyo.

The robotics project is an excellent way to explore science, math, engineering, and technology with the help of LEGO robotics kits. The teams are working with LEGO Mindstorms NXT robotics sets. The members are being led by Caleb Carter, Weston County 4-H volunteer. The group is meeting weekly in preparation for the upcoming contest. The youth have the option of three different competitions to compete in at Showcase Showdown including Robot Construction, Mini-Sumo Robot and Mission Challenge.

The Robot Construction competition teams select a task that is related to the current



theme for their robot to perform and then design, build, and program the robot to successfully complete the task. This year the theme for the contest is a robot that will solve a city planning issue, either real or imagined. Our teams are busy creating robots that will clean water, pick up trash, scold those individuals who litter and a robot that will help solve parking issues. This contest is judged on the robot's ability to perform the task as well as the members ability to present the city planning issue that the robot is going to solve, as well as a description of how the

robot was designed, built, and programmed.

The Mini-Sumo competition challenges teams to build a self-propelled or sensing robot that will force another robot outside of a circle. The Mission Challenge presents three to six missions that the robot must perform during the competition. The missions are presented to the youth at the contest and all programming of the robot and completion of the missions must occur within 30 minutes. The missions can include moving objects from place to place, navigating obstacles or using lever type actions.

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## Track & fun



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It was a beautiful day on Thursday, May 26, for third- through fifth-grade students who participated in the Newcastle Elementary School's 3-5 Track and Field Day held at the high school track. Above, Coralynn Jenkins takes a handoff from her teammate in the girls 4x4 Relay Race. Below, fourth-graders Farrah Champine and Kayla Oleson compete.



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# Live, laugh & learn

## Four Newcastle teachers are calling it a career

**Avery Chick**  
NLJ Correspondent

Weston County School District No. 1 is bidding farewell to four teachers who are retiring this year, each of whom has served as a teacher for decades.

All four women chose Newcastle to be their final destination in education, and the impact of their retirement will be felt across the district.

Michelle Ausmann and Jennifer Kadera at the elementary school are trading in their lesson plans for retirement, and Jan Ellis and Kathleen Engle from the middle school and high school stepped away at the end of the year as well.

Ellis has taught for 46 years, and has called the halls of all three Newcastle schools home for more than 30 of those years. When asked about why she chose this to be her final year, she couldn't really come up with a single reason. She had decided it was simply just time, she said — time for her to be a grandma, time for her to travel, time for her to pursue all of the tiny little projects in her head.

It was simply just time.

"It's time for me to move on," said Ellis, who found it difficult to pinpoint a specific memory as the highlight.

"I'd say when I get the opportunity to see my former students become successful and I get to see them continue to thrive in music throughout their lives," she said when asked about her favorite memory.

Though she will no longer be teaching, Ellis said she wants to find a way to encourage music in the youth and adults of Weston County. She said she wants to focus on musical theater and bring it back to the community, and admits that stepping away has not been easy.

"The outpouring of emotions, not only this year but particularly this month, have been overwhelming to say the least. ...," she said. "I wanted to thank the people of Newcastle and all of my former students for everything!"

"I encourage all of my former students to proceed to keep music thriving



**Michelle Ausmann**



**Jan Ellis**



**Kathleen Engle**



**Jenny Kadera**

in their lives..." she concluded.

Michelle Ausmann has been a role model for so many kids for so many years that she lost track of the numbers a long time ago. She has explained teaching as getting lost in impacting the kids — so lost, in fact, that she can't remember how long she has even been teaching.

"I didn't even technically interview for the job," she laughed. "I was hired on the spot. ... it all happened in a cafe in Lead, isn't that crazy!"

Ausmann has been wanting to retire for a while, however, and like Ellis, she kept finding different reasons to stay.

"I was supposed to retire last year, so technically I'm on overtime," she said.

"Memory is always the kids, it's always the kids," Ausmann smiled. "I know teachers always say it's bad to have favorites, but mine was most definitely the kindergarten."

The motto in the kindergarten halls is "everyday is a happy day," and Ausmann lived by that.

"If you haven't experienced being around these kids, you absolutely have to," she said.

After retiring and with newfound time on her hands, Ausmann said she plans to attend her daughter's wedding next week and then eventually just travel the world. She mentioned the Kentucky Derby as a particularly desired location.

"Everyday has created a memory

for me. I go back through all of the kids and every single one of them has touched my heart. The kids always come back to me and I have loved every single second of it," she said.

Fellow retiree Jennifer Kadera has been in a classroom as a teacher for 36 years, of which she spent over 20 in Newcastle. Teaching for so long rewards teachers with memories and lessons to last a lifetime, she said. Connections get made with staff and students alike that are irreplaceable.

"I've had lots of opportunities with the teachers and children making memories, so I've had many wonderful years teaching," Kadera said, when asked why she chose this year to be her final hoorah.

"I feel like it's just time to give it up to someone else that will also cherish the wonderful friendships and memories I've made through all of these years. It's time to give it some young blood!" she said.

Kadera, who had taught at Newcastle elementary earlier in her career, had gone to Sheridan to teach until Ausmann convinced her to return to NES for her final teaching years. The two formed a pact, and agreed to go out together this year.

Teaching for so many years has made it difficult for the retirees to choose a favorite memory. But Kadera spoke about her students when asked about her favorite memory.

"Just this year, out on the playground, a little boy came up to me and said, 'Can't you just hang on for one more year?'" she said.

She also mentioned a little girl who drew a picture of her.

"It's all about the relationships that you make," Kadera said.

Kadera said she loves the growth she sees from the kids and even their eagerness to learn more and be at school. Some kids have come up to her to say, "Mrs. Kadera, I love you, I don't wanna go home!"

"You get rewards from your children every day. You see their growth every single day," she said.

Her advice for teachers?

"Enjoy every single day, and have a positive attitude. Cherish and absolutely love your job and everything about it," Kadera said.

Kathleen Engle has been teaching in the district for 37 of her 41-year teaching career. Before coming to Newcastle, Engle got her start in education in Gillette, teaching elementary physical education and coaching several sports.

"I don't know that there was really a reason to be done, I just felt like it was time for me to be a grandma, spend more time with my husband and travel," Engle said.

Engle said she gained many experiences and created relationships with a variety of people. Her

favorite memory?

"Definitely being a part of all my students' education," she said. "I absolutely adored their energy and their laughter and then the last 10 years being able to teach teachers has been such a highlight."

"Making sure they will be successful and helping them and supporting them as they become veteran teachers was really special, ... being a systematic change in hopefully making Weston County School District 1 a better place," she added.

As a retiree, Engle said she intends to continue networking with everyone she's connected with in the district, and hopes they still reach out to her if they ever need anything — or just a little advice.

"I hope that if they are in the teaching field, I would leave them with the joy and passion that I have felt for education and educators over the last 41 years," she said, noting that she is particularly proud of the fact that so many former students came back to Newcastle to teach.

"One of the best things I had the pleasure of being a part of is that 23 of the teachers I have been able to train have gone through our school system," Engle said. "I hope my efforts over the last 41 years will have a lasting impact on those who I have had the good fortune to work with, students and teachers alike."

## McCormack is school Science Teacher of the Year

**Avery Chick**  
NLJ Correspondent

Jody McCormack teaches middle school science at Newcastle Middle School and has for the past 10 years. She has been described by her colleagues as extremely hard-working and passionate about what she does, and carrying that attitude into the classroom for the past decade helps earn statewide recognition in 2022 for yet another NHS grad turned local educator

McCormack's efforts have been rewarded as her peers have named her the Wyoming Middle School Science Teacher of the Year, after her colleague and good friend Jennifer Steveson jump-started the process by nominating McCormack in the form of a recommendation letter.

Steveson mentioned McCormack's achievements, not only in the classroom but also outside of it.

"During her time as a science teacher, Jody has accomplished many goals. ... Jody facilitates the Regional Science Bowl,



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**Jennifer Steveson, Jody McCormack, and Tyler Bartlett stand together after McCormack was named Wyoming Middle School Science Teacher of the Year at the 2022 middle school awards ceremony on the 27th of May.**

takes her kids on a science trip to Florida with WorldStrides organization, allows her female students to participate in Women in Science, and has previously organized Men in Science days at NMS as well,"

Steveson explained in the nominating letter.

"One thing that sticks out about Mrs. McCormack is how hard she works to create opportunities for students beyond the classroom," added

Tyler Bartlett, McCormack's principal.

"She is also very willing to give up time outside of class to support students' interests. She is one of several of our teachers that host a homework

help center each day after school for students who need extra support," Bartlett said.

McCormack is constantly striving to give her students the opportunity to explore new things and has found a number of ways to create new interests for Newcastle youth. Several of her colleagues have stated that she is a very "hands-on" type of teacher.

"Jody finds creative ways to meet science and engineering standards while incorporating activities students will find interesting. In her science exploratory class, students have met the engineering standards by designing and creating paper roller coasters which meet specific criteria," Steveson wrote.

McCormack always strives to provide activities for her kids that they will find engaging. The lessons also help students make connections with what they are learning in order for them to retain the content they are receiving in the classroom.

McCormack is deeply revered by her fellow staff, and that appreciation is shared by

her students. Sam Cunningham, one of McCormack's students who participates on the Science Bowl team, had many kind things to say about his teacher.

"She has helped me in so many ways," Cunningham said. "She is the reason our Science Bowl team made it to nationals, and she even has helped me start to love learning about science."

McCormack has been described over and over again as having a stunning ability to not only teach content in an effective way, but also to nurture a passion for science within the kids that she teaches. The extra opportunities that McCormack provides to help expose her students to various kinds of science also allows them to form a great bond with her, and provides them with another trusted mentor

"Really, I don't know that I deserve this distinction," McCormack said. "I'm honored that a teacher I work with thinks I do and nominated me. I'm blessed to work at Newcastle Middle School."

### Chick from Page 9 .....

to play in front of people that I knew, and had this preconceived notion in my head that I would appear "overrated" to them, but it ended up being the most low-stress volleyball I have ever played. I truly wouldn't trade the experience for the world.

As my brief time in the Dogie Dome as a volleyball player came to an end, several emotions ran rampant through my head. I was thankful for the opportunity, but it was also bittersweet as that would be the

only time I would be able to compete in my favorite sport in front of anyone at "home."

With everything else coming to a close, so too is my time as a high school columnist, and the next content you'll see from me will be the words of a high school graduate.

I'm hoping you'll follow along as I pretend to make my way through the start of adulthood, and I invite you all to take a look at what a "Summer of a Senior" might entail.

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# Seeking eternal value: Spending a year in the Tetons

I know it probably seems crazy to give up an entire year of work or college to attend a small Bible program that doesn't even offer a degree, but it's a year I would not trade for anything.

For the past nine months, I have had the amazing privilege of attending Jackson Hole Bible College, a one-year creation apologetics program. I went into the year wanting to grow my faith and relationship with the Lord, but my expectations were far exceeded.

Our schedules were jam-packed with classes, homework, work projects and more. Whether it was trying to finish a 12-page paper, cramming 100 verses from Proverbs to memory in less than a week for the quiz competition or staying up late studying for the final exam, there was hardly a dull moment. I remember calling my dad after the first week and telling him that if I didn't learn anything else the rest of the year, what I had learned that week alone already made it worth it.

It would be hard to summarize everything we learned into one column because JHBC has impacted me in ways beyond what words can describe. However, there is one thing that stuck out to me from the year that was the glue to everything else we learned: to glorify the Lord in all that we do. Our lives here on earth are very short compared to eternity, so we should want to make the most of our time.

I've realized that nothing in life truly matters unless it has something of eternal value.

I used to be scared to share my faith, but that is the best way to glorify the Lord on earth. The power of the Gospel is really so simple. The Bible says that we are all sinners, and because God is just, we deserve eternal

punishment in hell. Like a fair judge in the court system, God can't let us off the hook without proper payment. That's why he sent his son, Jesus Christ, to take our place. As both fully God and fully man, Jesus became the sinless sacrifice, the perfect substitution, when he died on the cross. He conquered sin and death once and for all when he came back to life three days later.

We can receive a complete cancellation of debt if we turn from our sin and put our trust in Christ. There's nothing we can do to earn heaven, no amount of good works to "outweigh" the bad. It is a complete work of Christ alone through faith alone, extended to anyone willing to receive it. This simple yet powerful truth has completely transformed my life, and it's the reason for which I live today. I want to spend the rest of my life sharing this good news with others.

Does this mean I'm now going to deny myself of all frivolous entertainment and pleasure and join the nunnery? Of course not. Glorifying God doesn't mean I have to give up everything else in life. Rather, he becomes the center of everything I do. Whether I'm in the middle of Africa working in a poverty-stricken community or simply hanging out at the park with friends, I can glorify the Lord in all areas of my life.

That being said, the year wasn't always all work and no play. Despite the busy schedule, we still found plenty of time to have fun. Some of my greatest memories were made during late-night conversations in the dorms, impromptu worship nights or playing volleyball and broomball (a hockey-inspired game played on ice without skates with brooms in place of sticks) for hours on Fridays to be followed by another couple

hours of midnight snacking, card games and rubber band wars in the lodge. We also had our fair share of laughter, whether it was making animal noises on the bus, having an elaborate fashion show competition at 1 a.m. or pranking the professor with 300 rubber ducks in his mailbox.

There are so many more memories that I could have included, but what made them all so great was the people they were made with. I was truly blessed by the JHBC Class of 2022, and I could not have asked for a better group of staff and students. It was evident that they desired to have the Lord at the center of their lives by their dedication to learn and their eagerness to share their faith with others. We were able to laugh and goof off together, but we also spent hours at the dinner table or in the classroom debriefing and sharing what the Lord was teaching us in class and our personal devotional time. I am very excited to see where the Lord takes each and every one of them because I know they will be used greatly by God.

I'm not exactly sure what the Lord has in store for me



Submitted photo

JHBC classmates Angelina Heinrich, April Smith, Abby Rust, Lauren Rickabaugh, Abby Branch, KaileyAnne Shay, Anna Jordan, Gracie Perrson, Katelyn Rickabaugh, Abbey Norris and Hannah Gross visit Haystack Rock at Cannon Beach in Oregon during spring break.

in the following years, but I believe he has laid it on my heart to go on the mission field. I don't know where He will lead me or when, but I'm

content with wherever I'm at because I know it's an opportunity to glorify the Lord. My life is in his hands, and I want the Lord to use me according

to his perfect plan and will. As sad as it was to leave JHBC, I realized that my time there was not merely an end but a beginning.

## Display your history

Kim Dean  
NLJ Managing Editor

Can you still fit into that special wedding dress or your military uniform? Relive history and step back in time during Weston County Museum District's Historic Fashion Review to be held on Saturday, June 25, at 2 p.m. at Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center.

Cindy Dysart, museum director, is planning for the show to include all eras and she is hoping for volunteers to either model clothing or bring their own clothing item to share in the show. If you are interested, contact the museum by June 21.

The show will include a light luncheon of finger sandwiches and scones, and tickets can be purchased at the museum. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Please RSVP by June 21 if planning to attend.

Dysart is looking forward to a fun afternoon and hoping for good attendance at the historic fashion show. She is still seeking more participants in the show itself, so please call the museum at 746-4188 if interested in showing or modeling your historical clothing.



### Newcastle High School A Honor Roll - Semester 2

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| Anderson, Ezra M<br>Baird, Rachel Jolene<br>Bau, Ivy Lyne<br>Beastrom, Hailey N<br>Bergstrom, Brock L<br>Bloom, Aspen Joyce<br>Butler, Aidan E<br>Carter, Benjamin C<br>Carter, Tara Lynn<br>Chick, Avery Jasper<br>Clark-Brownlow, McKenzie<br>Conklin, Taylor J<br>Conley, Heather L<br>Conzelman, Mackenzie K<br>Covey, Ilisah A<br>Cox, Duncan Roy<br>Crinklaw, Taylor L<br>Cummings, Amesha D<br>Day, Gavin A<br>Drake, Camilla J<br>Dutcher, Raisa Grace<br>Gorman, Quinn<br>Gallardo, Xiah L<br>Garcia, Andrea Topete<br>Haugen, Gillianne P | Henkle, Heath Alan<br>Holmes, Cael D<br>Hoover, Caleb Robert<br>Humes, Robert M<br>Harrington, Jayde N<br>Jerry, Lidia J<br>Kenney, Moriahn<br>Kohlbrand, Aryana N<br>Lipp, Jerome James<br>Lipp, LaKacee L<br>Lyle, Destiny J<br>McConkey, Holden I<br>McFarland, Hunter E<br>McVay, Gabrielle S<br>McVay, Olivia A<br>Morrill, Elijah A<br>Morris, Julie A<br>Mullen, Kendal D<br>Olson, Isaiiah T<br>Olson, Logan G<br>Olson, Rebekah S<br>Orsborn, Zachary Kolton<br>Orsborn, Zade Tanner<br>Ostenson, Jaylen D<br>Perez, Angelyse L | Petersen, Mia E<br>Prell, Jacob Roland<br>Roberson, Slade L<br>Rose, McKenzie S<br>Schmitz, Brooklyn Lucille<br>Shroyer, Trinity L<br>Stanton, Tiernan E<br>Stith, Cody Michael<br>Strickland, Nathaniel<br>Alexander<br>Svensson, Mads Hornbjerg<br>Tavegie, Pate J<br>Tavegie, Tell B<br>Tidyman, Shelby M<br>Troftgruben, Thatcher W<br>Troftgruben, Tristan M<br>Tupa, Storie H<br>Vanderpool Moble, Colton<br>Wehr, Cole Thomas<br>Wheeler, Dakotta Ann<br>Wheeler, Tayson Jason<br>Wildermuth, Jessica L<br>Williams, Ava M<br>Yanchunis-Gonzalez, Kyra |
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| Ayers, Leticia R<br>Baeza, Anasofia<br>Barker, Liam D<br>Beastrom, William J<br>Benshoof, Bailey M<br>Bickford, Daniel D<br>Bock, Varsity K<br>Carr, Savannah R<br>Carter, Trinity V<br>Checketts, Oakley Brooks<br>Chick, Aidan Elijah<br>Christensen, Colter Wayne<br>Conklin, Payge N<br>Corley, Jayden Lea<br>Cummings, Skyler D<br>Davis, Yestin Blaine<br>Deyo, Hunter R<br>Dixon, Angel Lynn<br>Dixon, Angela M<br>Drake, Mathew J<br>Engle, Taten W<br>Evenson, Dayne Ray<br>Gorman, Aidan M | Hadlock, Alana R<br>Hadlock, Leah M<br>Halvorsen, Kimberly A<br>Hardy, Cage J<br>Haugen, Emma Roan<br>Hebringer, Brayden D<br>Huey, Sara V<br>Jenkins, Braden L<br>Johnson, Toby A<br>Jerry, Shaylin D<br>Larson, Scott O<br>Lichtenberger, Emilia R<br>Lujan, Santiago E<br>Malone, Carmella M<br>Merchen, Marshall Joseph<br>Messmer, Kahlyn J<br>Miles, Shawnee R<br>Miller, Kyah L<br>Mills, Autumn M<br>Morgan, Dakota J<br>Munoz, Kayley<br>Parks, Triston D<br>Pehringer, Tyson R | Perino, Quint M<br>Prell, Thomas L<br>Qualheim, Abigail M<br>Rose, Ruth Mia<br>Rumore, Saleen G<br>Rushton, Elizabeth C<br>Sarkinen, Trentin James<br>Schantie, Kyleena J<br>Scribner, Samuel R<br>Scribner, Travis J<br>Simmons, Daren P<br>Simmons, Peyton Dallas<br>Smith, Richard J<br>Stroh, Morgan B<br>Sweet, Rachel D<br>Tystad, Hogan E<br>Unterseher, Mischa A<br>Wolfe, Karla A<br>Womack, Joshua S<br>Wynia, Logan C<br>Wynia, Trevor L |
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| Anderson, Ezra M<br>Baird, Rachel Jolene<br>Bau, Ivy Lyne<br>Beastrom, Hailey N<br>Bloom, Aspen Joyce<br>Butler, Aidan E<br>Carter, Benjamin C<br>Carter, Tara Lynn<br>Chick, Avery Jasper<br>Clark-Brownlow, McKenzie<br>Conklin, Taylor J<br>Conley, Heather L<br>Conzelman, Mackenzie K<br>Covey, Ilisah A<br>Crinklaw, Taylor L<br>Cummings, Amesha D<br>Day, Gavin A<br>Drake, Camilla J<br>Dutcher, Raisa Grace<br>Engle, Taten W<br>Gallardo, Xiah L<br>Garcia, Andrea Topete | Gorman, Quinn J<br>Harrington, Jayde N<br>Haugen, Gillianne P<br>Henkle, Heath Alan<br>Holmes, Cael D<br>Hoover, Caleb Robert<br>Humes, Robert M<br>Jerry, Lidia J<br>Kenney, Moriahn<br>Lipp, Jerome James<br>Lipp, LaKacee L<br>McConkey, Holden I<br>McFarland, Hunter E<br>McVay, Gabrielle S<br>McVay, Olivia A<br>Morrill, Elijah A<br>Morris, Julie A<br>Mullen, Kendal D<br>Olson, Isaiiah T<br>Olson, Rebekah S<br>Orsborn, Zade Tanner<br>Ostenson, Jaylen D<br>Petersen, Mia E | Prell, Jacob Roland<br>Roberson, Slade L<br>Rose, McKenzie S<br>Sarkinen, Trentin James<br>Schmitz, Brooklyn Lucille<br>Shroyer, Trinity L<br>Stanton, Tiernan E<br>Svensson, Mads Hornbjerg<br>Tavegie, Pate J<br>Tavegie, Tell B<br>Tidyman, Shelby M<br>Troftgruben, Thatcher W<br>Troftgruben, Tristan M<br>Tupa, Storie H<br>Vanderpool Moble, Colton B<br>Wehr, Cole Thomas<br>Wheeler, Dakotta Ann<br>Wheeler, Tayson Jason<br>Wildermuth, Jessica L<br>Williams, Ava M |
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| Baeza, Anasofia<br>Barker, Liam D<br>Beastrom, William J<br>Benshoof, Bailey M<br>Bergstrom, Brock L<br>Bickford, Daniel D<br>Bock, Varsity K<br>Carr, Savannah R<br>Christensen, Colter Wayne<br>Cole, Wyatt P<br>Corley, Jayden Lea<br>Cox, Duncan Roy<br>Cummings, Skyler D<br>Deyo, Hunter R<br>Dixon, Angela M<br>Downing, Damon D<br>Evenson, Dayne Ray<br>Gorman, Aidan M<br>Hadlock, Alana R<br>Hadlock, Leah M<br>Halvorsen, Kimberly A | Hardy, Cage J<br>Haugen, Emma Roan<br>Hebringer, Brayden D<br>Holquin, Danyela C<br>Huey, Sara V<br>Jenkins, Braden L<br>Jerry, Shaylin D<br>Johnson, Toby A<br>Larson, Cadence A<br>Lujan, Santiago E<br>Malone, Carmella M<br>Merchen, Marshall Joseph<br>Messmer, Kahlyn J<br>Miles, Shawnee R<br>Miller, Kyah L<br>Munoz, Kayley<br>Olson, Logan G<br>Orban, Leo C<br>Orsborn, Zachary Kolton<br>Pehringer, Tyson R<br>Perez, Angelyse L | Perino, Quint M<br>Qualheim, Abigail M<br>Rose, Ruth Mia<br>Rushton, Elizabeth C<br>Schantie, Kyleena J<br>Scribner, Samuel R<br>Scribner, Travis J<br>Simmons, Daren P<br>Simmons, Peyton Dallas<br>Smith, Richard J<br>Stith, Cody Michael<br>Strickland, Nathaniel<br>Alexander<br>Sweet, Rachel D<br>Tystad, Hogan E<br>Wolfe, Karla A<br>Womack, Joshua S<br>Wynia, Logan C<br>Wynia, Trevor L<br>Yanchunis-Gonzalez, Kyra |
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### Newcastle Middle School Principal's Honor Roll - Quarter 4

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| Ankeney, Damian L, 6<br>Ankeney, Dominic M, 6<br>Blumenthal, Kaitlyn E, 8<br>Butler, Adam F, 7<br>Checketts, Ridge C, 7<br>Christensen, Callie L, 8<br>Conzelman, Drew M, 8<br>Cunningham, Liliana D, 6<br>Dresen, Delainey S, 7<br>Dutcher, Trent W, 6<br>Fitzwater, Addison M, 6<br>Fitzwater, Preslee A, 8<br>Hinshaw, Jyzelle M, 8 | Hoover, Gabe J, 7<br>Kitch, Connor C, 6<br>Lewis, Lainea L, 6<br>Lovejoy, Taylor J, 6<br>Lunstra, Allie M, 6<br>McConkey, Collin O, 8<br>Morrill, Lillie C, 7<br>Mullen, Kahlen J, 8<br>Oleson, Anika F, 6<br>Olson, Adalyan M, 7<br>Parsons, Ethan H, 6<br>Paul, Sean M, 7<br>Peterson, Holly M, 8 | Pischke, Joslyn C, 6<br>Prell, Netanya M, 7<br>Redding, Reagan I, 8<br>Rettinghouse, Colter J, 6<br>Sanford, Heidi A, 6<br>Shroyer, Ashlynn G, 7<br>Smith, Josie J, 6<br>Sweet, Brystal D, 6<br>Tavegie, Coen L, 7<br>Tavegie, Emeree L, 6<br>Van Eye, Kyndal J, 7<br>Wheeler, Aria V, 7<br>Wildermuth, Ashlynn M, 7 |
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### Newcastle Middle School A Honor Roll - Quarter 4

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| Allen, Kyan D, 7<br>Allen, Zadya A, 6<br>Bau, Simon P, 8<br>Bell, Emme J, 7<br>Benshoof, Brooklyn R, 8<br>Bergstrom, Adelyn G, 7<br>Blake, Corbin W, 6<br>Bloom, Cheyanne R, 6<br>Blumenthal, Kendrick A, 7<br>Brown, James V, 6<br>Caster, Brylee M, 6<br>Crabtree, Dane L, 7<br>Cummings, Owen W, 7<br>Cunningham, Samuel J, 8<br>Dixon, Jenna J, 6<br>Erb, Cole S, 8 | Ertman, William R, 6<br>Farnsworth, Canyon G, 8<br>Hatheway, Landon J, 7<br>Hildebrandt, Scottlyn R, 7<br>Huber, Kathryn S, 8<br>Kilby, Brynne E, 8<br>Klemmetsen, Gregory M, 7<br>Knight, Baleigh K, 8<br>Lichtenberger, Sage R, 7<br>McCarthy, Dustin C, 6<br>McVay, Colin R, 8<br>Mefford, Gage M, 7<br>Merchen, Olivia L, 6<br>Page, Kendall J, 7<br>Parsons, Noah M, 6<br>Perino, Cort W, 8 | Phillips, Daxton M, 7<br>Purviance, Carly J, 6<br>Rawhouser, Mason J, 7<br>Sandrini, John A, 7<br>Scribner, Lucas J, 7<br>Sheeler, Kylie N, 6<br>Shuck, Ashlynn N, 6<br>Stanton, Vincent G, 6<br>Stith, Sophia K, 6<br>Stith, Tyler D, 8<br>Sventesky, Christine D, 7<br>Tacy, Abigail R, 6<br>Thompson, Dagan J, 7<br>Troftgruben, Theodore T, 8<br>Wineteer, Kiah L, 6 |
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| Allison, Taryn M, 7<br>Baird, Tanner A, 7<br>Benshoof, Lukas A, 6<br>Bonnema, Kirra R, 6<br>Buffington, Ella M, 6<br>Carter, Lane B, 7<br>Christensen, Troy D, 6<br>Conley, Dylan A, 6<br>Cummings, Kenyan R, 6<br>Davies, Denali R, 7<br>Farella, Carter J, 6<br>Fladstol, Rylan D, 8<br>Gallagher, Rena M, 6<br>Gramkow, Tradyn J, 8<br>Guzman, Brooklyn T, 6<br>Harrington, TJ S, 6 | Hatheway, Colten D, 6<br>Heberling, Joseph A, 6<br>Herring, Nevaeh M, 6<br>Hill, Landen C, 6<br>Hunter, Ayonna L, 6<br>Karr, Soren L, 6<br>Lacey, Maggie M, 8<br>Leonard, Carson S, 6<br>Lopez, Laila T, 8<br>Lorenz, Spencer R, 8<br>Malone, Justin K, 6<br>McCormack, Jeni I, 7<br>McGuire, Jaden O, 7<br>Merchen, Sherri A, 7<br>Munoz-Galvan, Gustavo, 6<br>Munoz-Galvan, Yaquelin, 8 | Munoz, Myrelli, 8<br>Mussler, Audrey A, 6<br>Orban, Charles P, 7<br>Pederson, Sydney R, 8<br>Phillips, Cayson N, 6<br>Rayburn, Scott J, 6<br>Rich, Jace W, 8<br>Rohde, Brianna D, 7<br>Sadler, Scott A, 7<br>Sidener, Blake L, 6<br>Smith, Haley M, 7<br>Stevenson, Tealah L, 6<br>Sullivan, Harmony S, 6<br>Sventesky, Hollie L, 7<br>Thurgood, Aliya R, 7<br>White, Nathan H, 8 |
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## Police Blotter

**May 29**  
Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Found Property Reported. Report of a Dog at Large. Medical Assist. 911 Misdial. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued.

**May 30**  
Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Domestic Issue Reported, Arrest Made.

**May 31**  
Traffic Complaint. VIN Inspection Requested. VIN Inspection Requested. VIN Inspection Requested. Civil Issue Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. Other Agency Assist. Civil Issue Reported. Message Delivery Requested. Arrest Warrant Issued. Arrest Warrant Issued.

**June 01**  
Vandalism Reported. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. 911 Misdial. Drunk Drivers



Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. Noise Complaint.

**June 02**  
VIN Inspection Requested. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Commercial Burglar Alarm Reported. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Civil Matter Reported. Civil Standby Requested. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued.

**June 03**  
Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Theft Reported. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Report of a Dog at Large. VIN Inspection Requested. Assist Other Agency. Arrest Warrant Issued.

**June 04**  
Arrest Warrant Issued. Medical Assist. Phone Fraud Reported. Arrest Warrant Issued. Vandalism Reported. Lost Property Reported. Extra Patrol Requested.

## DEADLINE FOR LEGALS IS FRIDAY

### Public Notice

**CANYON IMPROVEMENT AND SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE**

The Canyon Improvement and Service District, P.O. Box 111 Newcastle, WY, located in Weston Co. will hold their annual public budget meeting for the 2022-2023 fiscal year at the Robert Humes residence located at 46 Fox Draw Rd. on June 18, 2022 at 8:00 AM.

(Publish June 9, 2022)



### Bid Notice

**INVITATION TO BID**

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

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

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

All bids must include camera system installation.

Stop arm cameras must meet an operating temperature range of -30 to 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

All interested parties may contact Transportation Director Troy Allen at (307)-746-4837 for more details. The Board of Trustees of Weston County School District #1 reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

(Publish June 2 and 9, 2022)

### Meeting Notice

**WESTON COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE**

The Weston County Natural Resource District board meeting will be moved back an hour to 4 pm on Tuesday, June 14th. It will be held at the District office at 1225 Washington Blvd, Suite 3, Newcastle, WY. Meetings are open to the public. Call the office at (307) 746-3264 ext 4 with any questions.

(Publish June 9, 2022)

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- Rapper Dogg
- Hindu princess
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- "\_\_\_\_\_ me, then who?"
- \*Corvette, e.g.
- Cambodian money
- \*Like Stephen King's Christine
- "Some Nights" (2012) band
- \*Aston follower
- State legislature's home
- 7th letter of Greek alphabet
- \*What I used to step on the gas
- Lowest brass
- Salon offerings
- Exclamation of surprise
- Fathered
- Do like phoenix
- Underarm
- The Jackson 5's "\_\_\_\_\_ Be There"
- 3 or 6 in 3+6=9
- Knit cap
- Shed tears
- Winter Olympics participant

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- \*Don't cross it when driving
- Hot dish stand
- Garlicky mayonnaise
- Shopping \_\_\_\_\_
- Pub offering
- \*Car name that sounds like "unending" synonym
- Opposite of all
- Hammer or sickle
- Choose or select
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**WCSD#1 Warrants**

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 GENERAL FUND WARRANTS OVER \$500 MAY 2022. Table listing various vendors and amounts, including Powerschool Group LLC, Reney's BG Service, Voelker's Autobody and Glass, INC, WASA, WCSD — Food Service, etc.

**WCSD#1 Warrants**

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 FEDERAL FUND WARRANTS OVER \$500 MAY 2022. Table listing vendors and amounts, including Pine Cove Consulting, LLC, WCSD#1 General Fund, etc.

**Budget Notice**

NOTICE OF HEARING ON CITY BUDGET. Details of General Fund Requirements, Water Fund Requirements, Sewer Fund Requirements, and Garbage Fund Requirements. Includes amounts for various departments like Legislative, Judicial, Executive, Police, Fire, etc.

**Hearing Notice**

WESTON COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES BUDGET HEARING NOTICE. Notice: Weston County Hospital District will have a Public Budget Hearing on Thursday, June 16th at 5:30 pm in the boardroom at Weston County Health Services at 1124 Washington Blvd. Newcastle, WY.

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CHEYENNE (WNE) — Average gasoline prices in Wyoming have risen 20.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.52 per gallon Monday, according to GasBuddy's survey of 494 stations in Wyoming. Prices in Wyoming are 35.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago, and stand \$1.46 per gallon higher than a year ago. The price of diesel has risen 11.5 cents nationally in the past week, and stands at \$5.62 per gallon.

**NWMH merges with VOA**

SHERIDAN (WNE) — Sheridan mental health care provider Northern Wyoming Mental Health Care Center will merge with Volunteers of America Northern Rockies, with official consolidation of the two facilities taking place Sept. 1, VOA Senior Director Dave Shumway announced in a press release Thursday. NWMHC has become one of Northeast Wyoming's top behavioral health care providers in its 60 years of operation, Shumway said. The center operates facilities in Sheridan, Johnson, Weston and Crook counties and offers individual and family mental health care, outpatient substance use treatment and other forms of support for folks in need of behavioral health support.

**Yellowstone's first goring of '22**

JACKSON (WNE) — Summer is once again here in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, at least as evidenced by the first bison goring of a visitor to Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone National Park reported its first bison goring of the 2022 season, sending out a press release Tuesday afternoon that said an Ohio woman got within 10 feet of a bison Monday morning on a boardwalk near Black Sand Basin just north of Old Faithful. The woman approached the bison, which gored her and threw her 10 feet into the air. She sustained a puncture wound and other injuries, park officials said in a press release, and was transported to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center. Officials did not provide information on the severity of her condition. Bison, park officials said, have injured more people in Yellowstone than any other animal. "They are unpredictable and can run three times faster than humans," they stated.

**The end to elk feeding grounds?**

PINEDALE (WNE) — Six conservation groups submitted a 16-page recommendation to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department on Wednesday, requesting the state begin phasing out 22 state-run feedgrounds where elk are artificially fed each winter. This request was made to "prioritize the health of the Greater Yellowstone region's wild ungulate herds." The Sierra Club, Wyoming Wildlife Advocates, Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, Yellowstone to Uintas Connection, Gallatin Wildlife Association and Western Watersheds Project were all designated stakeholders and issued the recommendation. Kaycee Prevedel of Sierra Club Wyoming said Wyoming is the only state in the western U.S. that continues widespread artificial feeding of elk while neighboring states, like Colorado, manage more elk on considerably less public land. "Wyoming could do the same," Prevedel said. "At the very least, it is incumbent on Wyoming wildlife managers to investigate how our neighboring intermountain states manage to have robust wild elk numbers without resorting to artificial feeding." Erik Molvar of Western Watersheds Project specifically listed the risk of chronic wasting disease, which has steadily progressed across Wyoming in recent years. Conservationists worry artificial feeding in areas near confirmed CWD cases could lead to an epidemic of the fatal neurological disease. "The faster the State of Wyoming can shut down the feedgrounds, the lower the risk of 'superspreader' events that infect the entire Yellowstone herd," Molvar said. "When CWD reaches critical mass on the feedgrounds, these migratory herds will spread infectious prions far and wide."

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## Feeding the masses



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On Saturday morning, prior to RPM Days festivities, a pancake feed was held in the parking lot of First State Bank in Newcastle. The event is sponsored by First State Bank of Newcastle, with Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department and bank volunteers feeding a crowd of hungry people a meal of pancakes, breakfast sausage, orange juice, and coffee. Donations were welcome, with proceeds going to NVFD. Above, members of the NVFD prepare pancakes and sausage on a large grill. Below, Mike and Connie Tooman get in line for breakfast.



## Franz from Page 9 .....

when he married his late wife, Jean, in 1943. The couple lived in Minnesota for a time, but they moved to a homestead in the "treeless prairie" of eastern Montana, where Franz grew up.

"We like trees because I grew up in eastern Montana where there wasn't a single tree around," Franz said.

"My mother always missed the trees," Crow added. "Mother just worshiped the trees."

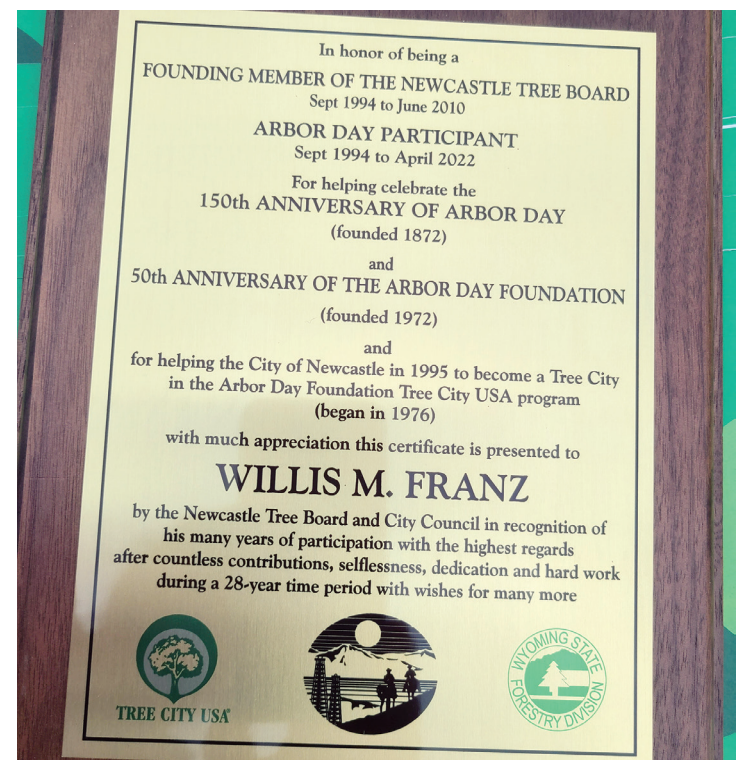
The Franz family moved back to Minnesota during World War II, where Franz practiced general medicine. However, they didn't care for the Minnesota climate, so they packed their bags and headed to Newcastle in 1950.

There wasn't a single tree when they first built their house in town around 1955, but over the years, they've planted more than 100 trees. Jean had a deep passion for gardening, and according to Crow, she could make anything grow.

The family backyard soon became a habitat for plants that normally didn't grow in the area. Sometimes, they transplanted trees into their yard that needed to be moved — including one all the way from Minnesota — and placed them. Crow recalled the time her mother even brought back an acorn from Salzburg, Austria, and grew an oak tree in the backyard.

"They wouldn't grow for anyone else, but they grew for her," Crow said.

Both Franz and his wife earned the title of Master



Submitted photo

The Newcastle Tree Board presented Dr. Willis Franz with this plaque, recognizing his many years of dedication to the board and participation in the local Arbor Day celebrations. Franz was instrumental in qualifying Newcastle for the Tree City USA program.

Gardener, which according to the American Horticulture Society website is obtained by completing the Master Gardener program offered at various universities in the United States and Canada. This program trains individuals to research, present lectures, create gardens and pursue other garden-related projects.

Franz said they've planted several different species in the yard, some that succeed while

others fail. He maintains a lot of fruit trees in the yard, including a pear tree, a cherry tree and two apple trees. Franz said he tried growing a peach tree, but it only produced peaches one year before it died. He also attempted without much luck to grow sugar maple and black walnut trees.

Franz also enjoys the beauty of white fir evergreens because they are "real hardy and attractive." He and his wife planted a white fir tree 20 feet from the house in the late 1950s and have been able to watch it grow over the years. However, his favorite tree in the yard is the smoke tree, which produces an "outstanding" pink blossom around July.

"They look so pretty late summer," he said. "It's just gorgeous."

Although no longer on the board, Franz continues to live at home and tend to the trees in his backyard. As of this year, Crow said, her dad has mowed the lawn three times, and even after taking a bad fall, he proceeded to water the yard by dragging the hose with his cane.

According to Crow, Franz always says that "if you don't keep moving, pretty soon you can't move."

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