

Student brings gun to school

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Newcastle High School was in an extended lockdown on March 15 after the school was informed that a student had brought a gun to school. There have been no injuries reported as a result of the incident, but after the school's administration confirmed that a gun had been brought to school both Newcastle Middle School and the high school remained locked down while law enforcement investigated the situation.

"It is no secret; we actually recovered a gun on school grounds. I don't know if we know the full intent, but the nice thing is everyone is alive.," Weston County School District #1 Superintendent Brad LaCroix told the News Letter Journal.

According to LaCroix, the lockdown began after a student came forward with information about another student having a gun in the high school on Wednesday morning. "Thank goodness they did," he said.

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County tech issue continues to confuse

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NLJ News Editor

A solution to the technology issues plaguing the online viewing option offered for meetings of the Board of Weston County Commissioners could be on the horizon after Gold West Technologies, the county's technology provider, offered to come on-site to investigate the problem.

The News Letter Journal and other viewers have experienced no sound, being kicked out of meetings or no access to the meetings as the county has begun live-streaming its meetings. The issues have been discussed on various occasions, with no resolution.

Citing a desire to address those issues, Commissioners Don Taylor, Vera Huber and Garrett Borton met with an outside tech professional who laid out several concerns that could be causing the troubles. That meeting drew the ire of the other two commissioners and raised questions of open meeting violations, and Weston County Clerk Becky Hadlock responded by sending an email on March 17 to "address the misinformation and assumptions regarding my many efforts to remedy the livestream problem."

The email and letter were sent at 2:40 p.m. from Hadlock to all five commissioners, emergency management coordinator Gilbert Nelson, Alexis Barker of the News Letter Journal and Nicholas Trandahl of the Weston County Gazette.

In the email, Hadlock stated that she has continually visited with IT professionals about the complaints, and that they have determined there was no problem.

"There is not an issue on our end; there is an issue with the individuals trying to log on. I have

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Republican party elects officers

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Weston County's Republican Party is alive and well, if the turnout and participation at the party's recent leadership election meeting is any indication.

Party members reelected Kari Drost as chairwoman. Allen Slagle, who is also the House District 2 representative, will be the vice chair, with Stan Jasinski as secretary and Jamie Farnsworth as treasurer. Mick Bohn was selected to be the state committeeman, and Ann Slagle will be the state committeewoman.

The grassroots organization starts with the precinct committee men and women that present the opinions and concerns of the people living in their neighborhoods, according to Drost, who was re-elected to her leadership position.

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Lining up



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

On Friday, March 17, the Fountain Inn hosted a St. Patrick's Day bash in the bar/lounge, complete with karaoke. Above, Kimberly Bryant lines up her pool shot during the evening's festivities. See more photos on Page 7.

Stearns tells tales from the ranch

Don Botkin
NLJ Reporter

On March 5, the Weston County Museum District hosted an oral history presented by Rhonda Sedgwick-Stearns. The event took place at the Weston County Library and was open to the public. Stearns was asked to present her account of growing up in rural Weston County.

During the hour-and-a-half presentation, Stearns spoke of years past and growing up in the country with her parents, Francis and Violet Sedgwick, on a ranch south of Newcastle. She spoke fondly of the hard work and determination of the older generations that helped to settle and establish Newcastle. Her recollections also included tales of rare trips into town to stock up on groceries and supplies and take care of business.

As a young girl growing up in the country, Stearns said, she was fascinated with all the things she would see in town, such as her first encounter with a Nickelodeon machine. Stearns recalled her horror at the bright lights, pings, and noises it emitted as she watched the electric machine come to life.

Stearns also spoke of family and community through the years and how reliance on neighbors helped many families through some very tough times. She believes that the neighborly attitude is still alive and

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Rhonda Sedgwick-Stearns, shown here in 2016, is a writer who shared her stories of growing up in rural Weston County during a March 5 presentation at Weston County Library.

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Unemployment up in January

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Weston County’s unemployment rate remained one of the lowest in the state in January, despite increasing by 0.4%, according to a March 14 report from the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services Research and Planning Division.

“Teton County reported the lowest unemployment rate in January at 2.7%. It was followed by Weston County at 2.9% and Converse County at 3.3%,” the report says. “The highest rates were found in Sweetwater County at 5.3%, Big Horn County at 5.2% and Fremont County at 5.2%.”

According to the report, Weston County followed the normal seasonal pattern by increasing from the 2.4% seen in December to the 2.9% recorded in January.

“Unemployment rates usually rise in January because of seasonal job losses in construction, retail trade, professional & business service and government,” the report states.

Year over year, Weston County was one of nine counties to see the unemployment rate decrease from 3.2% to 2.9%. Thirteen counties

saw their unemployment rates increase, and Crook County’s unemployment rate remained unchanged.

Statewide, the unemployment rate in January was reported to be 4.3%, up from 3.6% in December.

Seasonally adjusted, the rates were 3.9% in both months. Seasonal adjustment is a statistical procedure to remove the impact of normal regularly recurring events — such as weather, major holidays, and the opening and closing of schools — from economic time series to better understand changes to economic conditions from month to month, the report explains.

“Wyoming has recently completed a comprehensive annual revision of its unemployment data. The new data show that Wyoming’s unemployment rate hit a low point of 3.2% in April 2022 and then increased modestly to 3.9% in October 2022. Wyoming’s unemployment rate remained stable at 3.9% from October 2022 to January 2023,” the report says

Nationally, the unemployment rate was 3.9% in January, up from 3.3% in December. Seasonally adjusted, the rates were 3.4% and 3.5% respectively.



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

On Monday, March 13, the Weston County Republican Party Central Committee held an organizational meeting. Election of officers were held and several resolutions were passed, thanking various elected officials from federal to local offices. Above, Jamie and Tom Farnsworth look over paperwork at the meeting.

Republicans from Page 1.....

“The precinct committee men and women are the most important part of our representative republic, as they are the closest to the people and where all great initiatives start. During the past two years, the Weston County Republican Party has filled over 90% of its role in local government through ongoing interactions with elected officials,” Drost said. “I am so proud that people like the tone and direction the party is taking enough to actively participate in meetings and events in increased numbers every year.”

Participating in the elections at the meeting were 19 of the 20 precinct committee people, she said. And virtually all of those individuals participated in the meeting in some way.

Members also selected a leadership team that will work to organize the party and bring local Republicans’ concerns to the Wyoming Republican Party.

“The new leadership team will continue its work of listening to the people, holding elected officials accountable and staying true to the fundamental conservative principles outlined in the Wyoming

Republican Party platform,” Drost said.

The local party also recognized, profiled and thanked six elected officials, all Republicans, for their work: Secretary of State Chuck Gray, U.S. Rep. Harriet Hagemann, Rep. Chip Neiman, Rep. Allen Slagle, Sen. Cheri Steinmetz and Weston County Commissioner Don Taylor.

To view the entire meeting please see the Republican Party Central Committee meeting recording on the News Letter Journal’s YouTube channel.

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well in our area and is, in part, what continues to make Weston County such a close-knit community.

Her stories included names and locations of long-gone businesses of yesteryear, such as the Red Owl grocery and the Paris drugstore. She spoke fondly of getting to know all the shop owners and the sense of pride that she had in having friends and acquaintances when her family came to town.

At age 17, Stearns became the youngest person to be inducted into the Cowgirl Hall of Fame in 1962. Induction is based on different criteria, including horsemanship, cattle breeding, the rodeo industry, ranching and stockmanship. She also spent many years of her youth traveling around the United States with her parents, performing and playing organ at rodeos and events. In later years, she continued to travel the country with her husband, Will Stearns, speaking and performing at Cowboy Poetry events and hiring on at ranches when and wherever needed.

Stearns is also an accomplished writer with two books to her credit, “Sky Trails, The Life of Clyde W. Ice” and “Prairie Trails of Miz Mac.” She began writing at age 19 and has been a regular writer and contributor to the Tri State Livestock News and the Wyoming Wrangler, and an occasional contributor to the News Letter Journal, with plans to become a regular contributor (see her column on page 4). She said that she doesn’t have any immediate plans for another book, but an autobiography covering her amazing life and her Christian testimony is not off the table.

Stearns said that Miz Mac, the subject of one of her books, was one of the most interesting persons that she has met during her years of travels. She met Mac when both were being inducted into the Cowgirl Hall of Fame.

Her tale was one of overcoming extreme hardships as a widowed ranch wife in New Mexico. After she witnessed her husband being struck and killed by lightning, Mac had to raise her kids and provide for her family single-handedly. Against all odds, she rose to new heights and was the first female in New Mexico to be inducted into the Cowgirl Hall of Fame for agricultural improvements to her land. Details of this amazing woman are covered in Stearns book “Prairie Trails of Miz Mac. “

As a long-time member of the historical society, Stearns feels that keeping local history alive is very important. From preserving older buildings and structures throughout town, to archiving historical records, she wants to see the past kept for future generations to discover.

Stearns says that the younger generations should also get involved in the historical society and help with setting up much-needed fundraisers and organizing tours of local historical sites in the area. She loves seeing the progress being made in the community but says she knows that understanding the history and sacrifices that our ancestors made is key to keeping the community on the right track.

The Weston County Museum District is hosting multiple oral history presentations made by local families and individuals. Future speaking events are coming up and are free for the public to attend.

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Our View

A lot to be thankful for

Despite the continued clutch of Jack Frost, cancelled track meets and difficult travel, Newcastle has a lot to be thankful for this week.

Our little town in the middle of nowhere joined the list of communities in America last week that have experienced a brush with potential tragedy in our school, and we can all probably see a little more easily the joy of continuing another week. Even if it is complete with mundane demands and routine rituals.

In addition to being thankful for our safe children, wonderful school

administration and police officers who reacted properly in the face of a situation we all hoped would never come, we have the opportunity to be thankful for continued moisture, the chance for our kids to continue their education without the loss of other students and the ability to embrace the future.

Along those lines, here at the News Letter Journal we are thankful for all of our readers and advertisers. We are also thankful for the continued opportunity to keep the community up-to-date on the latest happenings in an

increasing number of avenues.

If you haven't had the opportunity, please jump on the newslj.com website and check out the second episode of the NLJ's podcast featuring our very own Alexis Barker and Bob Bonnar. You can also find the Top of Main Podcast on Spotify and your other favorite podcast spots.

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My 2023 Wyoming bucket list — if winter ever ends

With the pandemic behind us and Wyoming sites and sights soon opening, it is time for me to start compiling what I call my "Wyoming Bucket List."

This list is based on an expression from the movie The Bucket List, which featured Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman, where two guys with terminal cancer put together a list of places they wanted to go before they died (or kicked the bucket).

Their list even included sitting on top of the Pyramids in Egypt. Not me. I like to keep my list localized to Wyoming and I love to share it with all my friends around the state. Some of them are even kind enough to say they eagerly await my annual list and then travel the state visiting my suggested sites.

I have yet to get to all my choices in one year but a few folks say they have made it. Good for them.

My 77th birthday is coming up as I write this which may also have a limiting effect on my traveling efforts. Plus, there are the demands of seeing grandchildren out of state. We have both a high school graduation and a wedding in Washington state, this year, for example.

It is such a relief to have

the COVID pandemic behind us. I did not publish lists for a few years because places were closed and we were told to stay at home back in 2020 and 2021. Last year was pretty much open but I believe 2023 might see an all-time record for Wyoming tourism. There is one catch to this prediction, though: will this snow ever melt? Huge snowpack may keep some back roads closed and sites buried.

Here are my ideas for my 2023 Wyoming Bucket List:

My first trip will be to Laramie to tour the University of Wyoming while attending the college graduation of our grandson Wolf Johnson in May.

I love UW. There is so much to see and so much going on. Folks all across Wyoming, who do not have relatives attending the school, just do not realize what we have there. It belongs to all of us and we paid for it. Please join me and check out UW this year. Besides, the entire Laramie/Albany County area is spectacular.

The greatest new tourist attraction in Wyoming over the last 50 years is the massive National Museum of Military Vehicles south of Dubois. This place is spectacular. Dan and Cynthia Starks have made a monumental donation to

the future of our country by focusing on military history made by veterans who are disappearing each day.

We have been there many times but new exhibits have been created and new buildings built. It is just amazing. Please go see and plan on getting dazzled and be so impressed with the efforts of our country during great wars and other conflicts.

Dinosaur bones have been found across our great state. A dinosaur dig or a buffalo jump have zoomed to near the top of my list. Our family had never been to either and Wyoming has some of the best in the country. The dinosaur dig southeast of Thermopolis and the Triceratops Gulch near Glenrock plus Fossil Butte near Kemmerer are three of the most prominent dinosaur/fossil dig sites in the country.

The Vore Buffalo Jump near Sundance is also an incredible place to visit.

There are also ranches around Wyoming that might host folks but you have to contact them and convince them that you can keep a secret where the bones are found.

In 1993, I spent a very nervous time hunting a bighorn ram in the Double Cabin area northeast of Dubois. I would love to go back for a more relaxed trip this time around. There were petrified forests above timberline and a place that included a meadow full of vertical rocks standing on end.

Lots of grizzly bears like that spot, too.

On the Wind River Reservation west of Thermopolis, I finally visited the Arapaho Ranch and also visited the mountains at the extreme north end of the rez. We also saw Legend Rock, which is also in that neighborhood —fantastic home of petroglyphs.

Back in 2018, Nancy and I toured eastern Wyoming spending time around Hulett, Sundance, Newcastle, Lusk, Douglas, Torrington, and Wheatland. What a great area full of beautiful sites and wonderful people. I would like to take my grandkids over there this summer.

Historian Phil Roberts says he will give me a tour of the "breaks" north of Lusk some time. I flew over that area by private plane many times and looked down in awe at this rough country. Thanks, Phil.

Fort Laramie near Wheatland was the most important spot in western United States for about 75 years. It is a wonderful historical site.

A tour of Wyoming's giant coal mines near Gillette and Wright also makes sense.

We also have a promise from State Sen. Dan Dockstader to give us a tour of the Star Valley area. The few times I have been there, the beauty was amazing. The Bear River area around Evanston is also worth a trip as is a visit to their fantastic historic railroad

roundhouse which has been restored.

I would like to visit the famous authors, the W. Michael Gear and his wife Kathleen, either in Thermopolis or Cody. I am halfway through Michael's best-selling book "The Outpost." It is fantastic science fiction that consists of a six-book series. I can see movies and TV shows coming. It would be fun to also run up to Ucross and chat with author Craig Johnson.

Lovell Publisher Dave Peck has promised me a tour of Big Horn Lake behind Yellowtail Dam. It's been on my bucket list for a long time.

Obviously, I did not mention all our best-known sites like Yellowstone and Devils Tower and the Oregon Trail. Go see them, too.

There are just so many wonderful places to visit in Wyoming. There are lots of other lists out there, too. The county visitor boards all have web sites promoting their individual highlights.

Have a great summer!

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

Letters to the Editor

Issues in my eyes

To the Editor:

Went to a city council meeting. Talked about three issues:

1. Killing and removing deer in our town. Some of these deer are pregnant. (Bad news)

2. Street lights are not working; why are we paying if not on and working?

3. Streets are a joke. I pointed out several examples. Drive around town and check the streets. Pot holes everywhere. Has anyone ever heard of gravel?

No action taken except going after deer.

— Ed Kiesling

More than one side to every story

To the Editor:

Thank you for understanding that there are always as many sides and perspectives as there are individuals, and just because there are only "a few" or "a minority" does not mean their voices (the few) do not matter and are somehow "less than" or not deserving of equality as "the many" or the majority.

Instead of "common sense" which 1. Is not always sensible, and 2. not reliable, I suggest taking the "what would Jesus do" approach.

What would Jesus do in the Equality State? Say some people, the majority, are the only ones the state exists for? Wyoming is the least populous state. Should our voices all be disregarded by the other 49 states?

It would be nice (or would it?) if everyone shared our particular views, but, unfortunately (or fortunately), people have many different experiences, values and persuasions.

Praise God that there is only one Truth and God alone knows our hearts. Let us refrain from judging people who are different from us. Let us be found to not measure up ourselves.

— Lea Mendinghall

Radical methods for radical situations

To the Editor:

When are we going to wake up? We are being invaded and infiltrated by the Mexican cartel and doing nothing. If another country were sending drugs and criminals here it would be an act of war.

AMLO is not a friend of ours, and the biggest action we could take against him would be to stop all the transfers of money to Mexico. We are giving these migrants money and they send what they can back to Mexico, billions of dollars taken from our economy.

We are being invaded in every big city. We are losing 100,000 people a year and do not attempt to stop the invasion. Some states are starting to look at laws to punish anyone selling fentanyl with death or long imprisonment, but nothing from the feds.

Mexico has become dependent on the billions they receive from us. We could pay most of the cost of supporting the immigrants with the money they are sending back and it would immediately get AMLO's attention.

The United States is the only force for decency and order on the planet and we are degrading ourselves with woke, DEI and ESG and think we are doing the right thing. We are the standard the rest of the world tries to achieve, and here we are killing our religion, which is the basis of our society.

Another alternative might be to send a military expedition about a hundred miles into Mexico and set up a do-not-cross line and stop everybody. Mexico would not like it, but what are they going to do? We could still maintain our normal business across the border.

These may be radical methods but we are in a radical situation.

— Don Thorson

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25 Years Ago
March 26, 1998

A simple word in a dictionary took on new, somber meaning for Newcastle Middle School seventh-graders last Thursday. The message from their teachers, their principal school district officials and their classmates was clear: harassment is no joke. The girls sat quietly, contemplating counselor Eileen Vickers' explanation of the difference between harassment and flirting. What had been cause for giggles and jokes in the lunchroom less than half hour later became serious business.

The Bureau of Land Management has distributed to the public its plan to implement standards for livestock grazing management on BLM land in Wyoming, according to BLM Wyoming State Director Al Pierson.

Atlantic Richfield's Black Thunder and Coal Creek mines in the Powder River Basin have been sold to Arch Coal, Inc., according to announcements Monday. The \$1.4 billion deal gave birth to a new coal venture which will be called Arch Western Resources.

Residents of the Weston County Manor gathered last Thursday for the facility's annual bean auction. A bean auction, for anyone who doesn't know, works like any other auction, except beans are used instead of money. Competition was tough for some items, including a beautiful set of wood carvings that went for 75 beans.

Aaron Miller cooks up lunch in the home economics classroom at the Newcastle High School. Teacher Sharon Huber laughed and said that she decided she'd better steer clear of the kitchen during the class's first chance to put their recipes to the test.

50 Years Ago
March 22, 1973

At the annual dinner of Goodwill Industries of Wyoming, held March 16 in Cheyenne, Tony Robertson was crowned Goodwill Worker of the Year by Secretary of State Thyra Thomson. Tony lived most of his life in Newcastle with his grandmother, Mrs. Sadie Gilbert. Tony is a deaf mute, however, through an independent living course taught by Goodwill to handicapped people, Tony is able to live by himself.

Five \$500 scholarships are



now available to Newcastle graduates for use at the Wyoming College (or technical school) of their choice. The scholarships, made possible through the Raymond McClure Scholarship Fund, may be applied for immediately.

Due to numerous recent complaints of barking dogs and dogs running at large, the police department will begin immediate enforcement of the city ordinance pertaining to dogs. Any dog running at large will be impounded, and a fee of \$8.00 charged for redemption.

Two representatives of a Denver trailer manufacturing plant were in Newcastle Tuesday to look over the city as a possible site for re-location of their plant.

Udike Bros. Inc. of

Newcastle recently received the national second place safety award from the National Association of Oil Well Service Contractors. The award was for having the second lowest lost time accident rate during 1972.

The annual Fiddler's Frolic will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, April 28. Trophies will be presented in the top three placings in each division of senior and junior competition. Competition will be in fiddle, banjo, accordion and piano.

100 Years Ago
March 22, 1923

Local officers in a recent ruling of the land department which will be of interest to those initiating contest proceedings against homestead entries,

in which abandonment is set forth as one of the grounds. Heretofore all contestants have been required to set forth among other things that abandonment was not due to military service and to prove such allegation at a hearing.

News comes the past week of the consolidation of the Osage Driller and Dry Farmer with the Weston County Gazette of Upton. This consolidation is not a surprise to newspaper men. Both papers were owned by the same party and there never has been a time when there was a living or demand for two papers at Osage, and one such paper will have rather slender picking at that.

The next time the fire whistle blows, the boys will respond with their new LaFrance fire truck, the same having been recently received here and is now being assembled and made ready for use at the Dow Garage.

All the buildings at the O.S. ranch on Black Thunder, near Hampshire, were destroyed in a fire Monday afternoon. The ranch was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Peterson and it is reported that the fire, starting in the attic, had gotten such headway, that it could not be controlled and resulted in the loss to the Petersons of all their household goods.

Boy Scouts of Wyoming have been asked to collect a Buffalo nickel from everyone in Wyoming for the Buffalo Bill memorial which will be erected at Cody in 1924. Let everyone help and show our state pride.

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Fri. March 24	9AM 9AM-12PM 11:30AM 1-3PM 1PM 5:30PM	Caramel Rolls Human Trafficking Presentation/ Law Enforcement/First Responders WC Library Board Meeting Human Trafficking Presentation-Public Bridge BINGO	WC Senior Center Newcastle Lodge WC Library Meeting Room Newcastle Lodge WC Senior Center VFW Hall
Sat. March 25	5:30PM 6PM 6:30PM	Benefit for Nancy Bair WC Humane Society Poker Tournament Rodeo Club Annual Dinner	WC Senior Center Newcastle Country Club WC Events Center
Mon. March 27	9AM 1PM 7PM	Exercise Class Computer Clinic Alcoholics Anonymous	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center WC Senior Center
Tues. March 28	11AM 1PM 3:30PM	Story Time Bridge/Dominoes Alzheimer/Dementia Support	WC Library WC Senior Center Zoom
Wed. March 29	6:30-8:30AM 9AM 9AM-1:30PM 6-7PM	Wellness Wednesday Exercise Class GiGi's Closet Trap Shoot	WC Health Services WC Senior Center First United Methodist Church Newcastle Shotgun Range

FFA members share their ag lives with others

Amy Menerey
NLJ Reporter

When the 27 members of the Saddle and Sirloin chapter of FFA started planning events for FFA Week, the Newcastle students knew they wanted to do something different — they wanted to engage the community, show appreciation in a lasting way for Newcastle High School staff and recognize the agricultural community.

“We were just trying to find something to get the community involved a little more, because usually it’s just in the high school where we do most of our activities,” said Pate Tavegie, a member of Saddle and Sirloin. “But we were trying to think of a way to get some more of the schools involved, and a way to get FFA out there, to maybe try to spark their interest a little bit.”

One of the ideas their FFA Week committee came up with was to initiate a reading event at Newcastle Elementary School. Tavegie contacted NES Principal Brandy Holmes, who thought it was a good idea, then he reached out to teachers at the school, who wholly supported the idea of FFA members reading to their students, he said.

FFA member volunteers picked out ag-related books to read to the students in kindergarten, first grade and second grade, and made a day of it. The event went over well, according to Tavegie and chapter adviser Jill Pischke.

“That was a lot of fun. They really enjoyed that, and I also got a lot of feedback from the elementary teachers to please come back and do that more often, because the kids really enjoyed that,” Pischke said.

The program was so well received that the FFA members are talking about a repeat performance. When asked if they would do it again, Tavegie answered in the affirmative.

“I think it definitely is. The kids seemed to really enjoy it, and especially the shorter books,” he said. “We kind of picked cartoony-type, ag-related books, and they seemed to enjoy it. We hadn’t done it before, so it was different for us to do that, but, yeah, it was pretty fun.”

National FFA Week is a time for FFA members to raise awareness about the national organization’s role in developing future leaders and the importance of agricultural education, according to the website FFA.org. The weeklong tradition, which began in 1948, was created to recognize President George Washington’s legacy as an agriculturist and farmer, and the week encompasses Feb. 22, his birthday. This year, FFA Week was Feb. 18-25.

This wasn’t the only event that took place locally during FFA Week,



Photo courtesy of Jill Pischke

FFA Saddle and Sirloin Chapter President JJ Lipp reads to elementary students at Newcastle Elementary School during FFA Week. Lipp and other FFA members who read to the youngsters enjoyed the activity so much they would like to make it a regular event.

however. The 27 NHS student-members came up with more ideas to share agriculture with their fellow students and community members.

Each year the Saddle and Sirloin chapter chooses to recognize teachers and staff at the high school. Often, according to Pischke, this came in the form of a breakfast or lunch. This year, the group chose to offer something a little more lasting.

“Again, they really had a super fun idea. They called it doughnuts and doorstops,” Pischke described. “They used chapter funds and went and got doughnuts and delivered them to all the teachers, and with their doughnut, they got a doorstop that was made by Cort Perino, an FFA member who used his woodworking skills to cut doorstops. And then Zannie Rich donated her services to the chapter, and she engraved the FFA emblem on the doorstops so they could have that for their classroom doors.”

The doorstops and doughnuts were distributed throughout the designated day, and each teacher and staff member at NHS received their own custom doorstop.

“I just thought that was a really neat, different take on Teacher Appreciation Day. A lot of chapters will cook them breakfast or provide a meal, but they wanted to do something different — and they said every

time they look at the doorstop they will think of the FFA chapter, and at the same time give them a breakfast treat,” Pischke described, adding that, as adviser she lets the students decide the group’s events throughout the year and during FFA Week.

“It’s a youth organization, and as their adviser I oversee it all, but I really try to put the ownership and the work with the kids. And yes, I’m there offering advice and guidance ... but it’s really all them. I’m all about those kids learning from those experiences,” she said.

Another event during FFA week was thwarted somewhat by the snowstorm that blew through the county and closed the schools on Wednesday, Feb. 25. The group decided to start another new tradition, by recognizing local ag producers.

“I had read something and was talking with them about the resilience of the rancher, and as we got to talking about it, the kids, they decided we should really thank our local ranchers, and they said, ‘this is something we should do during FFA Week,’” Pischke said of the origin of the idea.

A list of local ranch families was created to be voted upon, and the three highest vote-getters were recognized for the first Thank a Rancher awards: The Sweet family (Shane, Sara, Clay, Rachel, Emily, and Marissa), the Perino family (Preston, Nicole, Matt, Donna, Wade, Quint, Cort, Ada, and Paxton), and the Tavegie family (Pate, Coen, Troy, Kelli, Emeree, Tell).

Each family received a gift basket of goods the FFA members called a “calving survival kit.” The ranchers are going into calving season, Pischke explained, so the baskets were filled with coffee cups, snacks, gloves, and ranch supplies. The baskets were paid for out of chapter funds that FFA raises throughout the year. There were no specific criteria for the award, Pischke said, because the students wanted to recognize local ranchers regardless of the size of the operation.

“The importance of any operation, be it large or small, is still a necessity as an ag producer. They are producing food, and everybody from the small producer to the large ones, everyone is just as important, so they didn’t want to limit or set a certain criteria,” she explained. “This is such a big, rich ranching community. They didn’t want anyone to feel left out or excluded, because they want to build on this each year.”

The plan was to go out to the ranches and deliver the awards, but due to the snow storm a more informal approach was taken with them being distributed in the following days.

Other FFA Week events at NHS included the popular Kiss a Goat “contest,” with the entire student body voting to choose staff members to do the deed. This year’s “winners” were NHS Principal Bryce Hoffman, and

physical education teacher and coach Matt Conzelman. The event took place in the school gymnasium on Thursday, Feb. 26, providing fun and entertainment for all. Additionally, members recorded an informational piece that aired on KASL Radio throughout the week, and put out informative posts on the chapter’s Facebook page.

FFA was founded in 1928 by a group of young farmers to promote agriculture, but goes beyond planting crops or raising livestock — it involves science, business and more, according to the FFA website. Pate said the things he learns will help him in the future.

“In FFA, there’s little competitions, for example agronomy, which is like plant studies and stuff, and livestock judging, and just practicing stuff like that has just helped me to better myself, so that when I’m older

I can make more educated decisions later in life. Hopefully I’m in charge of the ranch one of these days, my brother and myself,” said Pate, who lives on the family ranch west of Newcastle on U.S. Highway 450 with his parents, Troy and Kelli Tavegie, and siblings Tell, Coen, and Emeree. He said he plans to follow in the ranching footsteps of his parents and his grandparents, Bob and Kathleen Tavegie, and Lauris and Linda Tysdal. The 17-year-old has been a member of FFA for three years, starting in his freshman year at NHS, and enjoys the camaraderie as well as the skills he learns through membership.

“I come from a ranch family. [I enjoy] the agricultural ties to it, and the agricultural opportunity that you have through it. The other kids that are in it have the same type of mind-set that I have,” Pate said.

Other events throughout the year include the Saddle and Sirloin Annual Awards Banquet, eighth grade recruitment, Ag Day with fourth-graders, Farm Animal Day with kindergartners, fairgrounds beautification projects, planting at Mondell Heights Retirement Home, and of course events at the county and state fairs.

For Pischke, who was also an FFA member in her youth and grew up on the Perino ranch near Newcastle, being an advisor means imparting traits that will help the students beyond high school and FFA. She said her focus within Saddle and Sirloin is on three strengths: agriculture, growing leaders, and serving in the community.

“I’m always really proud of my FFA members. I have some pretty high expectations, and they are nothing but always spot on when it comes to demonstrating good leadership skills, and modeling good character in just about everything they do. But they also hold themselves to those expectations, too — they hold each other to a higher standard. They really want to be a group that has a positive influence, not only in the community, but also with their peers. That is important to them. They all just go for it, and I am always very proud of them. I always love it when I get such great compliments on them.”



Photo courtesy of Jill Pischke

One of the events during FFA Week was the Kiss A Goat Contest. The student body voted for staff to kiss the goats, with the highest vote-getters earning the “honor.” Winners were Newcastle High School Principal Bryce Hoffman and physical education instructor Matt Conzelman. FFA members Cole Wehri and Taylor Crinklaw are holding the goats.

More about FFA

In Wyoming, there are a total of 3,799 FFA members, according to Saddle and Sirloin Chapter adviser, Jill Pischke. There are more than 850,000 student members as part of 8,995 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, according to the FFA website, FFA.org. The National FFA Organization is described as a “school-based national youth leadership development organization,” whose mission it is to “make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.” The National FFA Foundation secures funding through partnerships with industry, education, government, other foundations and individuals to recognize member achievements, develop student leaders and support ag education. Individual chapters earn funds through community events, according to Pischke.

More information can be found on the FFA’s website, Facebook or Twitter accounts. For local information, Pischke can be reached at 746-2713.



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Brandi Marshall, art teacher at Newcastle High School, shows her doorstop given to her by members of the Saddle and Sirloin FFA Chapter. The doorstops were given to all staff members at the school during FFA Week, along with a doughnut snack.

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St. Paddy’s fun

The Fountain Inn was the scene for green during a St. Patrick’s Day bash in the bar/lounge on Friday, March 17. Tim Lorenz, owner of Alien Entertainment brought his karaoke equipment set-up and got a rotation of partiers singing and having a great time. At left, having a blast singing Shania Twain’s “I Feel Like a Woman” are Kelsey Runyan, Angie Holliday, and Kolby Pisciotti. Below, Lorenz kicks off the karaoke.

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attached documentation that there are multiple individuals that have logged on to each Zoom/team meeting that we have had,” she said.

Hadlock did note that there were issues with a couple of the meetings because two were scheduled at the same time, but that those issues were addressed.

“I let the board know about this, and as soon as we fixed the problem, we were good to go,” she continued. “Because the board would ask, there were countless calls made to try and troubleshoot to see if there actually was a problem. Every single time I was assured there was not, and this was passed on to the board. The ‘problem’ was still there, so I upped the internet connection in the courthouse. Again, I reported to the board that there was not a problem.”

She then explained that the board asked her to purchase microphones to help with the sound issue.

“These were purchased and set up, and there were no issues with anyone hearing for the first two meetings these were used. After using these at the first meeting, the board asked me to purchase one more,” Hadlock said. “The first meeting after they were shut off (by Mr. Mills), there were multiple calls to our office, as well as the county attorney’s office, that no one could hear.”

Attached to Hadlock’s email was a letter from Spar Stormo with Golden West stating that the company did not discover any issues, and the problems were likely on the users end.

Less than two and a half hours after Hadlock sent the email declaring that “there is not an issue on our end,” however, a follow-up email was sent by Stormo that contradicted her statement.

“After having additional conversations about issues with commission meeting broadcasts, it has been determined that there could be other issues beyond what was originally understood and investigated,” Stormo said in an email sent at 5:01 p.m. the same day. “Pursuant to request, Charles (Wuestewald, a Golden West engineer) would like to come on site and investigate these other issues.”

He noted that Wuestewald would be available to visit the week of March 27 and would like to investigate the issues in the morning so he can explain the findings and possible solutions in the afternoon.

At press time, no date and time had been set for the Golden West visit to the Weston County Courthouse, and County Clerk Hadlock has not provided any further information.

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Students and staff from the University of Wyoming made a visit to Newcastle Tuesday, where they shared information and more at two presentations. During the day, Ed Seidel, Ph.D., president of the University of Wyoming and physics teacher, gave a lecture about Albert Einstein's theory of general relativity, culminating in what black holes are and their effects on the fabric of space-time, at left. Zach Beam, Newcastle High School science teacher, hosted the lecture in his classroom.

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Later in the evening, Seidel, along with other UW staff and students, gave a presentation, University of Wyoming in Your Community, at the Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center. There, a short video presentation was given, and a couple of university students spoke to the crowd of people as they ate and had drinks. The whole presentation was informal, friendly, and well received. At right, UW sophomore student, Dylan Drost, talks about his experience as a kinesiology major, as he prepares for a career in physical therapy.



Lockdown from Page 1

Principal Bryce Hoffman echoed LaCroix's appreciation for the student who reported the weapon

"Today, the safety of students and staff was put at risk when a student brought a weapon to our building," Hoffman said in a letter sent to families after the lockdown. "Thankfully for all of us, one student who found out about the weapon did the one thing we hope all our students will do when they hear or see suspicious or concerning activity: they reported it."

The principal informed families that law enforcement was notified as soon as the administration was made aware of the situation, and action was taken immediately to ensure the safety of students and staff.

LaCroix added that the most positive thing that happened is that a student alerted school authorities before someone was hurt.

"We all think that we are in a small town, in a community that has a good understanding of guns and gun usage. However, when it comes to a gun on school grounds with harmful intent, we have to rethink the safety of everyone," he reasoned.

LaCroix credited law enforcement with a quick response time, and said he was comfortable with the information they provided to administration as the incident unfolded. He explained that the lockdown took some time because there were initially concerns that more than one gun might have been involved. After conducting a sweep, however, law enforcement located only one gun.

"There are things they are trained to think about that we are not. It was a very tense situation for everyone involved," LaCroix said.

Newcastle Police Department Chief Chuck Bowles told the News Letter Journal that two police officers and one Weston County Sheriff's Office deputy were on scene right away, and that law enforcement was able to make sure there were no additional threats to the students and staff. He said he felt the response of local law enforcement was good, but indicated that his department would review the response to learn what they could from the incident.

"It was a challenging process for all, but everyone worked together throughout today's events to do the best they could, while remaining focused on our top priority of student and staff safety, while also working to

keep families informed with relevant information," Hoffman said in the letter, noting that the district will also be evaluating steps that can be taken in the future in the event of another such incident.

"Right now, we are going back and reviewing our processes," LaCroix confirmed.

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We all think that we are in a small town, in a community that has a good understanding of guns and gun usage. However, when it comes to a gun on school grounds with harmful intent, we have to rethink the safety of everyone.”

— Brad LaCroix, WCSO No. 1 Superintendent

“We will continue to hope for the best, while preparing for the worst, and continue to strive to make sure that everyone that enters our school feels safe, supported and cared for,” Hoffman said in his letter.

As students and staff move on from the incident, LaCroix said, the staff will spend some time reflecting on and reviewing the process undertaken during the lockdown and dissecting how the incident was handled.


They will also begin the healing process.

"Students and staff will likely process today's events in their own individual way, but please take some time tonight to talk to your child. Tell them you love them and ask them what they need," Hoffman said in the letter. "Counselors are available at all three buildings in the district to visit with students and provide support."

Deputy Weston County Attorney Jeani Stone refused to provide any information on whether or not charges have or will be brought against the student, and also indicated she would not reveal if the suspect is being detained or if any bonds have been set by the court.

"I am not able to provide any information due to confidentiality rules as set out by state law," she told the News Letter Journal in response to an emailed request for that information.

Chief Bowles did report, however, that the juvenile suspect is currently being detained at the Campbell County Juvenile Detention Facility and that he believes the student is being charged with crimes, although he noted that he was not able to divulge the actual charges.




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3/24-25/23	Jamboree @Worland	A	TBA	
4/1/23	Worland HS	A	NOON	
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Men's Soccer				
3/24-25/23	Jamboree @Pinedale	A	NOON	
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4/4/23	Gering HS	H	4PM	

Track meets canceled as winter's grip continues

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

When it comes to high school and middle school sports, spring sports season is as unpredictable as it gets. Claiming victory this week is Mother Nature with the announcement that both the Newcastle High School and Newcastle Middle School track meets are canceled.

“Our jump pits are still frozen, and the rest of our facilities are not going to be ready and safe to use. And the weather the rest of the week doesn't look like it's going to get much better,” said Mike Gregory, high school activities director, in an email announcing the cancellations.

He noted that he hopes the schools can reschedule the meets for a later date, if possible.

According to accuweather.com, Newcastle can expect between a coating to 2 inches on two different occasions this week.

The website says that there is a 46% chance on Tuesday that Newcastle will receive “a coating to 2 inches” and a 51% chance of little to no accumulation.

On Wednesday at about 3 p.m. Newcastle could see 1 to 2 inches of snow by 4 a.m. Thursday morning, according to accuweather.com.

Ostenson makes Newcastle history

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

The votes are in and post-season basketball awards have been handed out, with one young lady earning status in the history books.

Newcastle's Lady Dogies and one Dogie were recipients of All-Conference and All-State honors as the 2022-2023 hoops season ended.

Three Lady Dogies were named to the 3A East All-Conference team while two more received Honorable Mentions. Two Lady Dogies were named to the 3A All-State team as well. As for the men, they received one Honorable Mention to the 3A East All-Conference team.

Jaylen Ostenson and Shelby Tidyman were named to both teams, while MacKenzie Conzelman received All-Conference Honors. Hunter McFarland, Jayde Harrington and Quint Perino all received Honorable Mentions.

Ostenson made her fourth appearance on both the All-Conference and All-State teams in her final season of basketball, and was the only player in 3A who is a four-time all-stater. In addition, she was also named the Player of the Year for the 3A East Conference for the second year running.

Ostenson ended her career with 1,715 points, which puts her 14th on the Wyoming All-Time Career records list. She was fifth in free-throws with 995 made, and ended

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Photo by Nicole McFarland/NLJ
Jaylen Ostenson finished up her high school hoops career as a four-time recipient of All-Conference and All-State honors and was named as the 3A East Player of the Year for the second year running.

Teamwork makes the dream work

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

Three Dogie sports teams took the phrase “teamwork makes the dream work” to a whole new level Friday as boys' and girls' soccer, track and football got together to

help the Newcastle Police Department move from their previous location to their new digs just up the street.

Football coach Matt Conzelman has, for years now, had his team help out the community with doing jobs that need doing, whether

it's shoveling walks in the winter or cleaning up yards in the spring, summer or fall, or helping people who need it move.

“A lot of people would call the school looking for help doing odd jobs, so we decided to use those as

fund-raising opportunities,” Conzelman explained. “The football team has probably done about eight different moving jobs, but this was the first time we've done it for a business. The funds they earn go to the players to help pay for camps and other expenses

relating to their sport.” Recently, when the police department was looking to move, Mayor Pam Gualtieri reached out to Conzelman to see if he could round up some athletes to make that

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Wait, spring has sprung?

On Monday, the calendar told me that spring had begun. I looked out my kitchen window and saw my snow- and ice-covered back patio, then I put on my winter coat and gloves and walked out the door to start my day.

On Tuesday, I looked out my kitchen window to see snow falling in earnest, and the roads on the way to work were slippery and snow covered.

It doesn't feel like spring.

But, it does definitely feel like the spring sports season.

Soccer was supposed to kick off their season Friday, but single-digit temperatures and 50 mile-per-hour winds put a stop to that.

Track was supposed to host their opening meet this Thursday, but frozen jump pits and other winter related obstacles put a stop to that.

The Farmer's Almanac warned of a "glacial winter," and as per usual, it was right.

Of course, living in Wyoming we all know that just because the calendar says it is spring, doesn't mean that it will feel that way.

Couple that with the start of spring sports and we will be guaranteed that cold and snow will keep coming for several weeks.

Last year at state soccer, there was five inches of snow on the fields that had to be removed before teams could play, and that was at the end of May.

How could we expect that March would be sunny and warm?

My hat is off to coaches and players who brave the elements to participate in soccer or track, because standing outside all day, or even for a couple of hours, when it's 35 degrees and the winds are howling and blowing snow this way and that does not sound like a whole lot of fun for me.

I also think about the possibility of injury to muscles that can't get warm. Those kids out on the field or the track aren't bundled up in battery heated vests or gloves, or any other of the plethora of heated outerwear. They are wearing their uniforms. Hopefully, they have winter gear under their shorts and jerseys, but still that's not a lot of protection.

Granted, they generate body heat because they are running around for 80 minutes, or are jogging and warming up for their track events, but still, it's cold and miserable.

As I wallow in self-pity that winter doesn't look to be going anywhere in the near future, I must also be appreciative that here in Newcastle, we aren't suffering the effects of large snowstorms dumping feet of snow like other places around the state have experienced.

Apparently, athletic directors from the west side of the state were calling everywhere in desperation to see if anywhere was hosting any soccer tournaments or track meets that they could get their athletes to this weekend.

Also, when the first soccer standings report came out on Wyopreps on Monday, only one or two teams had even played a game, so I guess we're all in the same boat.

I just wish it didn't feel like that boat was the Titanic and there was an iceberg dead ahead.



Photo courtesy of Sally Hoover

From left, Dave Christiansen, Cole Wehri, Savannah Carr, Yestin Davis and Dylan McFarlin are hard at work hauling in a load as Newcastle High School student-athletes help the Newcastle Police Department relocate to their new offices Friday.

Move

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move happen. Not only did it end up being a fund-raising opportunity for the athletes who volunteered to help, it was also an opportunity to build relationships between the students, the school, the PD and the community.

"After Pam got a hold of me and we talked over the situation, I reached out to police chief Chuck Bowles to see what it entailed," Conzelman explained. "I went down to take a look at everything, and found out that they were only moving about 50 yards to a different building, so I figured it was something we could help them with."

The department could have hired a moving company, but Gualtieri wanted to reach out to see if that money could go toward local athletes rather than a moving company. Conzelman jokingly told her that as long as there were no pianos, NHS student-athletes could definitely lend a hand.

Due to conflicting obligations on Friday, there were several members of the football team who were unavailable to help, so Conzelman opened up the opportunity to spring sports players as well. About 15-20 athletes from boys' and girls' soccer, track and football heeded the call to help out, and for soccer the move did double duty as a substitute for practice.

The crew from NHS got to work at 1:30 Friday and worked until 3:30 in cold and blustery weather conditions. It's true that many hands make light work, because in that time they were able to move three trailer loads of file cabinets, desks, and boxes of office materials to the new location. Although there still remains about one trailer load to be moved, the operation was put on hold with plans to finish up in the near future.

It was a job well done, and participants in both the police department and the school were satisfied with the progress made, but the partnership brought about more than just the goal of relocating the department. It also provided the opportunity for connections to be made and relationships to be built.

"Having the students work alongside the police also may have helped to build relationships in addition to helping get a job done," Conzelman said, grinning. "It helps to build camaraderie, because everyone is working toward a goal. Being out in public helps put a face with a name, so the next Friday night, or track meet, or soccer game, now you know a player or two, which gets them more vested in the sporting programs."

"It also helps to build relationships between the different sports programs because they all had to work together," he continued. "If the timing is right and everything works out, we may be available for other businesses to move as well!"



Weather Vane

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved on an interim basis the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHWG or the Company) to implement a decrease of \$0.0058 per therm in the Company's Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (RAM) rate. The Commission's approval of BHWG's rate change is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing and further order of the Commission.

The RAM rate applies to BHWG's approximately 132,756 residential, small, medium, and large general service customers throughout the Company's Wyoming service territory, including those areas where the Choice Gas program is in effect. The Company included in the Application a credit of \$1,011,852.36 from Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC, for operational flow order penalties related to the February 2021 cold-weather event. The proposed RAM rate would provide for a decrease of approximately \$0.39 per month (-0.4%) for a typical residential customer using 67 therms per month during the rate-effective period of December 1, 2022, through May 31, 2023.

BHWG's Application is available at the Commission in Cheyenne, or online at <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 17188).

Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a hearing must file with the Commission in writing on or before April 7, 2023. A proposed intervention or request for hearing must set forth its grounds and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please mention Docket No. 30026-67-GM-22.

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

Dated: March 10, 2023.

(Publish March 16 and 23, 2023)

Bid Notice

NOTICE OF BID

Weston County School District #1 will be taking bids on the following equipment:

Quantity: 265 Student Tablet Computers
Manufacture: HP
Model: ProBook 440 G9 14" Notebook Touch Screen

System Configuration:
- Intel Core i5 12th Gen i5-1235U Deca-core (10 Core) 1.30 GHz - 8 GB Total RAM - 256 GB SSD - Intel Chip - English Keyboard - IEEE 802.11ax Wireless LAN Standard
Quantity: 35 Teacher Tablet Computers
Manufacture: HP
Model: EliteBook 840 G9 – Touch screen

System Configuration:
- WUXGA - 1920 x 1200 - Intel Core i7 12th

Gen i7-1255U Deca-core (10 Core) - 16 GB Total RAM - 512 GB SSD - Silver - Windows 11 Pro - Intel Iris Xe Graphics - In-plane Switching (IPS) Technology - English Keyboard
HP Care Pack - 5 Year - Warranty - 9 x 5 - On-site - Maintenance - Parts & Labor - Physical 40 HP Power Adapter 65 W
300 Batteries Swap at 3 Years (both models)

For a complete detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) please contact:
Beau Gregory
Director of Technology
Weston County School District #1
(307)746-2746
Bids are due on April 6th 2023 at 12:00 pm. Further details are available via RFP.

(Publish March 16, 23 and 30, 2023)

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF STORAGE/MECHANIC LIEN SALE

The following vehicle will be offered for sale to satisfy repair and storage of said vehicle for the amount of \$6,850.00. A 1977 Chevy 2 dr., VIN #1X27U7L131540 will be sold to the highest bidder April 14, 2023 at 10 a.m. at 522 Highway 50, Gillette, Wy. 82718

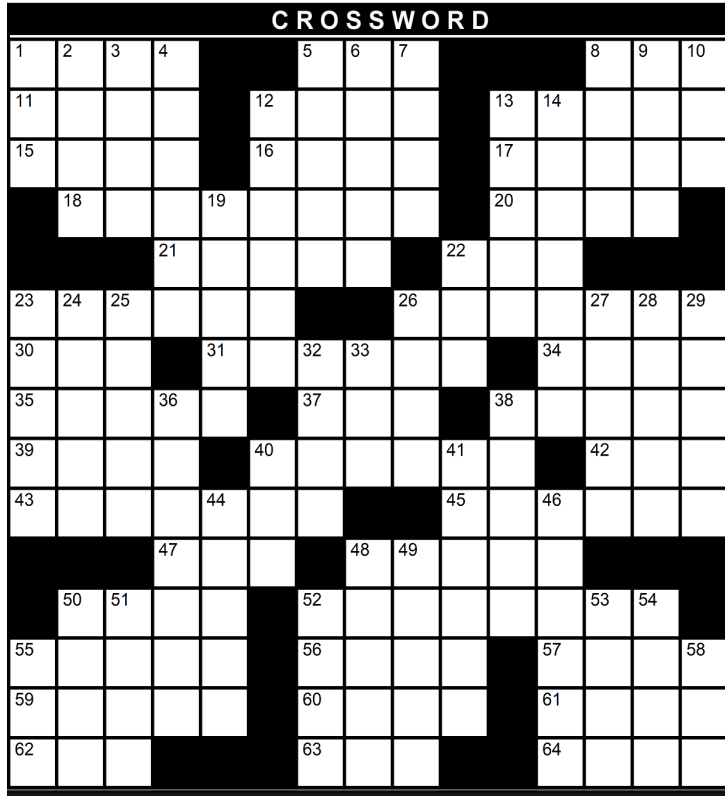
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EARTH DAY

ACROSS

- Blood-related problem
- Econ. measure
- Blue
- A perch for Christmas partridge?
- Domain
- Fill college entrance form
- Archaic preposition
- Chili seed
- Ski run
- *Swedish environmental activist
- Makes lace
- Pi meson, pl.
- Digital map marker
- *Rachel Carson's "_____ Spring"
- Heater
- "Wheel of Fortune" vowel request
- Trouble, in Yiddish
- Epochs
- Type of single-story house
- Noble title
- Sandler and Driver
- Not "out of"
- Advice on shampoo bottle
- *Pollinator of plants
- _____ Cray, a.k.a. the father of supercomputing
- *Earth Day founder
- Benatar or Boone

DOWN

- PC "brain"
- Christian fast
- The Hippocratic one
- Group of minstrels, e.g.
- *Environmentally-friendly
- Draws close
- Spasm of pain
- See him run?
- "The Sound of Music" backdrop
- Yellow #5 in list of ingredients
- Highly-ranked ecclesiasts
- On the move
- Arranged in advance
- Usually the last inning
- Wound fluid
- Delhi dresses
- Absurd

48. Lacking clarity

50. Singer-songwriter Tori

52. *1969 Santa Barbara disaster

55. To some degree

56. Dig like a pig

57. Honoree's spot

59. Apartments, e.g.

60. Swine and avian diseases

61. Primary source for Nordic mythology

62. Cash machine

63. It's all the rage

64. Swallow's house

25. Like a dryer trap

26. *Cuyahoga River disaster, Clean Water Act precursor

27. Omani and Yemeni

28. Tarantino in his own movie, e.g.

29. Ruhr's industrial center

32. _____friendly

33. Mourner's wish

36. *Refuse turned fertilizer

38. Consumed (2 words)

40. Monotonous routine

41. Teenagers' emotions

44. A mirage?

46. City in Netherlands

48. Between violin and cello

49. Not silently

50. Polly to Tom Sawyer

51. Disfigure

52. _____ Approach, music education

53. Serve soup

54. *Plastic tops of coffee cups

55. Sine _____ non

58. College entrance exam, acr.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE	
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a default existing on the Mortgage dated October 22, 2021 from Lloyd Estel Roberts, to William W. Webster III and Cindy Webster, in the principal amount of \$30,000.00, which mortgage was recorded on October 22, 2021 in the office of the Weston County Clerk, State of Wyoming, in Book 403 of Photos beginning on page 867. The premises that are described in the mortgage are as follows: A portion of Lot 5 in Block 18 of the Original Town of the City of Newcastle, Wyoming, particularly described as follows: Starting at a point on the Westerly boundary of Lot 5 in Block 18 of the Original Town of Newcastle, Wyoming, which point is on the Easterly boundary of Summit Street and a distance of 55.16 feet from the Northwest corner of said Lot 5; thence running in a Northeasterly direction and at right angles to the center line of Summit Street for a distance of 88.2 feet to the Easterly boundary of the portion of Lot 5 herein described; thence deflecting to the right 68°49’ and running for a distance of 56.7 feet; thence deflecting to the right 91°28’ and running for a distance of 7.7 feet; thence deflecting to the right 91°22’ for a distance of 1.8 feet to the southeast corner of the fence; thence deflecting to the left 71°39’ and running for a distance of approximately 100.5 feet along the fence line and at right angles to the center line of Summit Street to the Easterly boundary of Summit Street; thence running in a Northwesterly direction along the boundary of Summit Street a distance of 53.36 feet to the point of beginning. The real property or its address is commonly known as 209 S. Summit Avenue, Newcastle, Wyoming.	Nonpayment and other defaults existing, acceleration having been declared, and the entire remaining mortgage balance being now due and payable. A lawsuit for judicial foreclosure has been filed in the District Court, Sixth Judicial District, Weston County, Wyoming (Civil No. 2206) and an order for judicial foreclosure has been entered by the Court. No other proceedings have been instituted. Pursuant to Wyoming Statutes Section 344106, the above-described real estate will be offered for sale and sold by the Sheriff of Weston County, Wyoming, to the highest bidder for cash at public venue at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse, 1 West Main Street, Newcastle, Wyoming on the 18th day of April, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. The balance due at this date is \$29,011 unpaid principal, accrued interest, attorney's fees and late fees to date of \$2,777.42, further interest to accrue to the date of sale at the rate of \$9.86 per day, and additional accrued attorney's fees and foreclosure costs. The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale and any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid. DATED this 16th day of March, 2023. Patrick E. Carpenter Sundance Law, P.C. Attorney for Lender Post Office Box 1148 Gillette, WY 82717-1148 307-682-1444 (Publish March 23 and 30 and April 6 and 13, 2023)



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One Health opens new office

SHERIDAN (WNE) — First started in Montana to respond to a need to provide substantial primary care to rural populations, One Health expanded throughout the state, aiming to unite smaller, independent health clinics in the summer of 2015.
By fall 2020, stand-alone clinics across Montana united to form One Health. The business has now been working into northern Wyoming, making its way to Sheridan.
One Health provides a variety of services, staffing doctors, dentists, psychologists, pharmacists, nurses, social workers, therapists, community health advocates, medical assistants and service representatives. The Sheridan office is working toward getting all of the positions filled, complimenting the other open offices.
Currently, the Sheridan office has doctors, dentists and therapists.
“We focus more on the outpatient side,” One Health CEO David Mark said. “We do a lot of preventative care and routine health.”
One Health works with all patients, whether



they have insurance or not, said nurse practitioner Marlene Schuman.
“For those with no insurance, we try to use our programs to get medications for them or any kind of imaging or labs that they need,” she said. “We have a great 340B pharmacy program that allows certain medications to be significantly reduced in the cost. I had a patient who was paying \$125 a month with insurance, then with the program, we got it down to 17 cents a bottle.”
One Health works closely with Sheridan Memorial Hospital staff to provide further care for patients, Mark said. One Health can send patients to the hospital in emergencies or receive labs.
One Health does not provide free health care; however, it does offer a sliding fee discount program through which patients can get reduced medical fees, dental assistance and pharmacy assistance.
This story was published on March 15, 2023.

County GOP leadership ousted

EVANSTON (WNE) — After a protracted legal battle and public controversy, the Uinta County GOP is under new leadership. The entire executive committee was removed during Tuesday’s Republican Party meeting.
Former Evanston Mayor Joy Bell replaced chair Elisabeth “Biffy” Jackson. Former Wyoming legislator, Secretary of Agriculture and gubernatorial candidate Ron Micheli and his wife Patty took the places of Committeeman Karl Allred and Committeewoman Jana Williams.
Micheli is one of the plaintiffs in the ongoing GOP lawsuit that alleges corruption by the former leaders. The lawsuit followed a criminal investigation, which in July found the officers

to be innocent of any wrongdoing.
Also involved were state Rep. Jon Conrad, former Rep. Danny Eyre, Sen. Wendy Schuler, former Rep. Clarence Vranish, Clara Vranish and Troy Nolan.
“It’s always been my contention that [Jackson, Allred and Williams] have been using the office for their own personal purposes, to get their agenda approved and done,” Clarence Vranish said. “As far as we’re concerned, they’re extremely radical right, and we thought we needed to have a big tent for the Republicans and should have room for everybody.”
Stacy Wallace, Randy Barker and Jay Anderson are the new secretary-treasurer, west and east vice chairs, respectively.
Regarding the scale of the replacements, Micheli said, “It is pretty unusual. That’s for sure.”
He said he hopes the party will return to a more traditional state inspired by President Ronald Reagan.
Despite his faction’s replacement of their predecessors, Micheli said there is still room for their ideas in the big tent. “We welcome anyone into the Republican Party,” he said. “We’re not exclusive; we’re inclusive.”
Bell and Jackson did not return phone calls seeking comment by press time. Conrad didn’t reply to questions sent via email by press time.
This story was published on March 17, 2023.

Gillette man featured in bestseller

GILLETTE (WNE) — Anyone looking for a best-selling read featuring a local resident can now buy “Next Level Your Life,” by Dale Young and Tammy Hane, on Amazon. The book was compiled and created by Kyle Wilson.
The 200-page book features a variety of authors, including Jay Johnson, a Gillette business owner. The authors include professionals, speakers, entrepreneurs and bestselling authors from across the country.
Johnson’s chapter in the work is titled “Code 3 American: A Sniper’s Final Shot to Save America.”
“I have the heart of a patriot, and I believe our flag is a sacred symbol of freedom. Immense sacrifice is sewn into every fiber of our flag and cannot be repaid. Patriots gifted us the United States of America and the best way of life the

world has ever known. Our children deserve it, and patriots of the past demand a return on their investment,” Johnson said in an excerpt from the book.
With a variety of chapters, the book focuses on promoting growth, overcoming difficulties and transforming a person’s life.
Johnson founded local business Custom Contracting in 2004 and is also the founder and CEO of Code 3 Assets, a business focused on investment strategies for increasing wealth.
Custom Contracting is a veteran owned and family operated general contracting service in Gillette that serves locals, Buffalo, Wright and the Black Hills region.
This story was published on March 18, 2023.

Gordon vetoes portions of drug bill

CHEYENNE (WNE)— Gov. Mark Gordon exercised his line item veto authority on portions of Senate File 151/SEA No. 90, “Wyoming prescription drug transparency act,” before signing it Friday.
He noted it has important policy changes related to rural, independent pharmacists, a critical component of health care in Wyoming. He vetoed portions of the bill that could have had significant impacts on prescription costs for Wyoming

consumers, according to a news release from Gordon’s office.
To demonstrate his desire to provide financial relief to rural, independent pharmacies, Gordon signed a Governor’s Directive for the Wyoming Department of Administration and Information to negotiate payment of an increased amount of dispensing fee claims of up to \$10 per brand label claim and \$12 per generic brand claim to independent pharmacists participating in the Wyoming

State Employees’ and Officials’ Group Insurance program.
The governor did line-item several provisions in the bill and wrote to legislators that the act, as drafted, “may do more harm than good, inadvertently shifting increased and burdensome pharmaceutical costs to consumers, despite the good work done by all involved to provide local relief.”
This story was published on Mar. 18, 2023.

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We, the family of Melva Rawhouser, would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, donations, plants, and food for the loss of our loved one. Also a huge thank you to all the staff at WC Manor for the last 8 years and 10 months of care for her. You all will not be forgotten. A special thank you to all the organizations and numerous visitors that take the time to reach out to all the residents. You all are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Roxy, Gayle Weeg & family,
Gene Bay

MISC

Friends of Fair Garage Sale

Fairgrounds Event Center Fri, Mar 31, 4-7pm \$5 admission. Sat, Apr 1, 8-1pm free admission. All donations accepted at Event Center, all day Mar 30 & until noon Mar 31 or by calling Stephanie 746-8007, Sue 746-3325. But please only 1 box/bag clean gently used clothing. Only 1 small box books/magazines. See you at the sale!

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Humane Society Spring Texas Hold 'Em tournament. March 25th, 6pm at Newcastle Country Club. Free food, drawings for prizes. Questions? Call 746-4213.

HELP WANTED

Office Asst.

Part-time office assistant needed, duties include waiting on customers, answering phones, making copies and other tasks. Pick up application at News Letter Journal, 14 West Main St.

Positions available

Apply in person @ Weston County Senior Services 627 Pine street.

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Are you in need of funds for medical traveling assistance? Contact Glenna at 307-468-2316 or Carol at 746-2298.

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AA meets at WC Senior Center family room, 627 Pine St., Mondays and Thursdays, 7-8pm. Contact Stan 746-9199.

TOPS

TOPS meets at three Newcastle locations each week: Tuesday at 4pm at First United Methodist Church, call Joyce Brown at 307-629-1033; Thursday at 8am at WC Senior Center, call JoAnn Dunn at 746-2654; and at 9 am Thursdays at First Baptist Church, call Ellen Butts at 746-4251. All are welcome!

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES!

Weston County Health Services is currently accepting applications for the following positions.

Please see our website at wchs-wy.org for details.

Position	Status
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Registration/Admitting Clerk	FT
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RN – Long-term Care	FT/PT/PRN
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Acute Care CNA	FT
Acute Care RN	PT/PRN
Nutrition Support Aide	PT
Dietary Aide	PRN
Environmental Services Aide	FT, PT, PRN

Employment Applications can be found on our website or picked up at the hospital front desk.
Fax completed applications/resume packets to 307-746-3726, or email CTurner@wchs-wy.org.
WCHS performs post offer, pre-employment drug screening. EOE.



Elementary Teaching Positions

Weston County School District #1 is accepting applications for two elementary teaching positions for the 2023-2024 school year.

The candidates must hold or be able to obtain current certification with the Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board. Positions opened until filled. Please submit a letter of interest, resume, certified application, and three letters of reference. Applications are available at the Administration Building, 116 Casper Avenue, or on the school website at: wcsd1.org, or call 746-4451. WCSD # 1 is an E.O.E.



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Week of the Young Child

Adventures in Learning Night

Preschool-Age Children & Parents!

Monday, April 3rd, 5:30–7 p.m.
at the Newcastle High School Cafeteria and Practice Gym

If your business is working with pre-K in our community and you would like to have a station at this event, please contact Susie LaCroix 307-746-8861.

Local community preschools/daycares and many other organizations/businesses will be providing fun activities for preschool age children along with their parents! Activities will target the Wyoming Early Childhood Standards! Children do not need to be enrolled in a preschool. Come out and enjoy a night of playful learning and receive a gift!

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Join us for a Health & Trade Fair

Saturday, April 1st

From 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
At Weston County Senior Center
627 Pine St. Newcastle, WY

There will be lots of vendors with handmade items, baked goods, smoothies, health information, and drawings for cash to spend there!


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Sportsmen's paradise

Above, John Ertman, a knife and sword smith from Lead, South Dakota, shows off a double-edged sword he made, which has a fuller in the blade and copper and silver incorporated into the handle design. Ertman was one of the vendors at the Weston County Sportsman's Gun Show on Saturday, March 18. At left, Don Taylor and Garrett Borton look at a .22 target rifle. Below, Roger Gustafson inspects a Model 12 Remington for sale.

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