



Births and deaths up in 2023

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

While births were up in 2023, deaths continue to outweigh the number of new lives welcomed by Weston County residents, according to information provided by Kim Deti, public information officer for the

Wyoming Department of Health. The information was provided following a March 15 release describing the state's 2023 death, birth, marriage and divorce totals, according to records held by the Vital Statistics Services, a part of the Department of Health. The release notes that totals

are considered "provisional" at this point and that minor adjustments and updates are expected over time.

In 2023, Weston County residents had 62 births, five of which took place in Weston County. At the same time, 85 Weston County residents died, 70 of which happened in the county.

In comparison, Deti reported that 51 births were recorded among Weston County residents in 2022, three of which happened in Weston County. Deaths in 2022 totaled 76 among county residents, with 60 of those actually happening in Weston County. In 2018, births among county resi-

dents totaled 57, with three taking place in the county, according to information provided by Deti. Deaths that year totaled 80, with 57 happening in the county.

"The largest notable increase in

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Council tables UBC Precast discussion

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The Newcastle City Council is unsure how to proceed with collecting the judgment awarded to the city after County Attorney Dublin Hughes filed suit on behalf of the city against UBC Precast, an Idaho business owned by Greg Hoskins, when the company failed to deliver the contracted precast restroom for Dow Park.

On March 18, the council discussed whether it would hire an Idaho attorney to move forward on the judgment after Hughes received a quote from Racine Olson, an Idaho law firm, for \$1,000 to file the foreign judgment and \$275 per hour to collect the judgment.

The total amount of the judgment is \$48,189.10, according to City Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Haggerty.

According to Hughes, his research had not turned up any property for Hoskins.

Sentiment among the council on whether or not to proceed was mixed. Councilman Don Steveson said that \$1,000 is not a lot of money to get back the money the city has invested.

"I think we need to pursue what is available," Steveson said.

Councilman Tyrel Owens, on the other hand, questioned expensing additional taxpayer dollars to go after funds that may never be received.

"If he doesn't own any property or have any deeded property in that specific county, there is really no

leverage for us to make any gains," Owens said.

— Tyrel Owens,
Newcastle City Council

With the hopes of getting more information, the council voted to table the discussion until April 1.

On April 1, Hughes reported that he still had not received documentation on owned property by Hoskins and no further discussion was had.

The timeline

According to Greg Stumpff, public works supervisor, UBC Precast submitted a low bid of \$62,410.00 for a precast restroom at Dow Park on April 5, 2022.

"The contract stated that the building was to be delivered in 120 days after the original contract was signed and the date which it was signed and executed [was] on April 13, 2022," Stumpff told the News Letter Journal.

At some point, UBC Precast requested more time to deliver the product, which Stumpff said he assumed was due to supply

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Easter finds



Photo by Stefanie Shirk/NLJ

Weston County Health Services held an Easter Egg Hunt at Dow Park for all ages on Saturday. The event was well attended despite freezing rain and snow. Above, KC Bacon helps her son, Jackson Bacon, collect one of the many eggs that were scattered around the park. See more photos from the event on Page 6.

A love of history

Keeler elected to state historical society board

Summer Bonnar
NLJ Reporter

Newcastle resident Lucas Keeler has been elected to the Wyoming Historical Society executive board and will serve a three-year term.

Keeler is one of two at-large members elected this year. This position means that the individual can be from any county in the state. The state board consists of individuals from across the state, with some members even living outside of Wyoming. The Wyoming Historical

Society began in 1953 and is a nonprofit member-driven organization that encourages the study of Wyoming history.

Keeler came across this position when the new executive director, Aley Philip, reached out and asked him if he wanted to run for the board. Although Keeler admits that he has always had an interest in this line of work, he said it helped that he had many local role models to help him get started — namely, Mabel Brown and Mike Jording. Brown was a local celebrity when Keeler was young, and he describes her as a big influence

on children in the area, regarding her historical knowledge. She published a magazine over the years called "Bits and Pieces," which mainly dealt with Weston County history.

A more recent role model for Keeler has been Mike Jording, who has held a position on the historical society executive board, so it makes sense that Keeler would look to him for inspiration.

Jording told the News Letter Journal that he has known and worked with

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Meet the candidates on April 15

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Voters will have the opportunity to listen to and question candidates for the Weston County Hospital District board of trustees and Weston County Museum District board of trustees before

the May election, thanks to the Weston County Republican Party. The event is scheduled for April 15 at 6 p.m. at the Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center.

"The Weston County Republican Party feels that it

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 66, Lo 44



Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 66, Lo 45



Saturday
PM Rain
Hi 54, Lo 34



Sunday
Showers
Hi 42, Lo 31



Monday
Mostly Cloudy
Hi 47, Lo 31



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 52, Lo 35



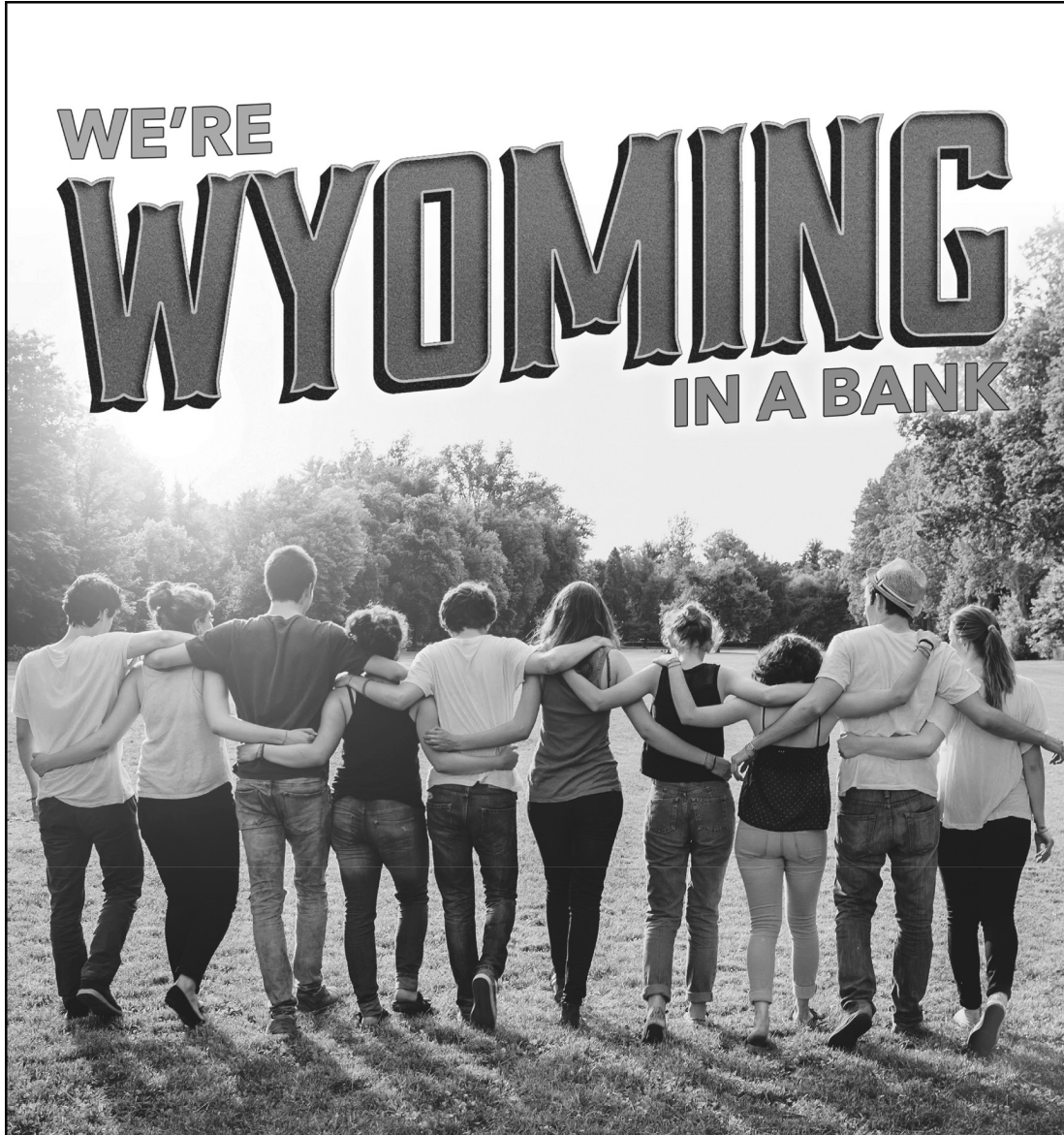
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Thank you to participants, everyone who volunteered and contributed to make this happen, and to our partner in this endeavor, SOL Food Ministries, whose members stuffed and hid the Easter eggs.

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BLM seeks comments

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The Bureau of Land Management's Newcastle Field Office is seeking public input on a proposed project that would improve firefighter response and public access while enhancing forest health and resiliency, according to a release dated April 1. The project is in cooperation with the Wyoming State Forestry Division.

"Public participation is crucial to ensuring we have the information necessary to fully understand the consequences of a proposal and reach an informed decision. Through this comment period, we hope to gain more information about the community's perspective on forest management and public access in the area," Chad R. Krause, Newcastle Field Office field manager, told the News Letter Journal.

The project area, known as the Sheldon Good Neighbor Authority Project, is located roughly 6 miles northeast of Newcastle, along the South Dakota border.

"Good Neighbor Authority allows the BLM and U.S. Forest Service to authorize states, counties, and tribes to conduct certain projects on federal lands in pursuit of specified land management goals. The BLM partners with the Forest Service, State of Wyoming agencies, counties, and private landowners to improve the health and resiliency of forest stands within the

Newcastle Field Office," the release says.

According to the release, the need for this project is twofold.

"Currently, forest stands within the project area are at risk of stand-replacing wildfires and insect infestation due to tree density and understory growth," the release says. "The proposed project would treat forest stands through commercial thinning, including timber sales and timber stand improvement.

When it comes to public access, the project would also include improvement to road systems across the state of Wyoming and BLM-administered lands. This would support forest management activities, such as timber hauling, as well as access for public and emergency response.

"Current access to the project area from Beaver Stockade County Road is restricted by road degradation, limiting both public access and firefighters' ability to respond to wildfire," the release says.

To view the preliminary environmental assessment, interested parties can visit eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2030634/510.

Anyone interested in commenting on the proposal, the release says, can do so by using the "participate now" button. Comments can also be delivered, by hand or mail, to the BLM Newcastle Field Office, Attn: Sheldon GNA, 1101 Washington Blvd., Newcastle WY 82701.

Zerbst provides history



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Glenn Zerbst gives an oral history of some of the ranches in the Cheyenne River area on Sunday, March 17, at Weston County Senior Services center. His wife, Caroline, assisted him with pictures and some details of events and people in his presentation. The oral history series is presented by the Weston County Museum District.

Candidates

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is very important for voters to have opportunities to meet the candidates in person and interact with them individually," said Kari Drost, party chairman. "There is no substitute for personal interactions with candidates, and it helps forge the bond that must exist between elected officials and the people they represent."

And with 10 candidates for the hospital district and three for the museum district, Drost said this interaction is even more crucial ahead of the vote.

"Not only does personal interaction give voters the chance to ask questions and hear candidates speak about issues, but it allows the voters to get a feel for each candidate's level of commitment and empathy for the voters as individuals, as well as their knowledge of the issues facing the office they are

looking to hold," she said.

Drost noted that she can't count how many times her opinion on a candidate has been changed, for the good or bad, by shaking their hands and looking them in the eye.

"Make no mistake, an incumbent candidate's voting record is of primary importance, as actions speak louder than words, but personal interaction with candidates, especially new candidates, is of vital importance in choosing someone to represent you," she said.

With four seats up for grabs on the hospital board, two incumbents have chosen to again seek to fill a seat, Dottie Briggs and Jamie Farnsworth. Briggs was chosen to fill a vacant seat on the board on July 21, 2022, when she replaced Lisa Foster. Current board members LeAnn Kenagy and Connie James did

not file for reelection.

The other candidates include F. Henry Nessel, Rhonda Purviance, Benjamin S. Roberts, William Curley, Ted Ertman, Mary Rankin, Nathan Ballard and Karine Wright West.

For the museum district, three four-year seats are up for grabs, and only three candidates filed, according to information provided by museum director Cindy Dysart. Incumbents Kasey Keeler and Bernie Terry will be joined on the ballot by John Williamson.

Current board member Mike Mills did not file for reelection.

The election for both districts will be held on May 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Polling places are the Weston County Library in Newcastle, the Osage Fire Hall and Upton Community Center.

UBC

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chain issues.

"This was a reasonable request; we were seeing supply chain issues with everything the city was doing at the time," he said.

After former city engineer Mike Moore's resignation, Stumpff said he contacted the company on Sept. 13, 2022, and requested information on completion dates and the prep work that needed to be completed by city crews.

"I received an email from UBC explaining the supply chain issues. I was told that a portion of the work was completed but not the entire project," he said. "On Feb. 21, 2023, I received an email from UBC stating that the first milestone was met and UBC requested to be paid \$31,205 for work performed to that date."

At that time, Stumpff said he requested an expected delivery date and was told sometime in June.

"The last contact I had with UBC was May 9, 2023, when I asked specific questions about the plumbing placement. We were working with

a local plumber to install the plumbing under the building and had to be completed before the building arrived," he said. "My questions were answered. That was the last time UBC responded to me."

After several calls, Stumpff sent his last email to the company on July 13, 2023, with no further communications received.

Shortly after that, Stumpff spoke with Hughes, who took over the matter.

Hughes told the council over several meetings that he had attempted to contact UBC Precast through several avenues, including certified mail, to no avail.

On Oct. 2, 2023 the council directed Hughes to file suit against UBC Precast and he reported on Oct. 16 that it had been filed, according to Haggerty.

The default hearing was held on Feb. 27, 2024. Following the hearing, the council voted on March 4 for Hughes to find an Idaho law firm to enter the foreign judgement.



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Popovich: Managing your fearful and obsessive thoughts

There are times that we encounter negative thoughts that can be overwhelming.

For some people, the more they try to get rid of their thoughts, the stronger they become.

As a result, here is a brief list of techniques that a person can use to help manage their obsessive thinking.

1. Do not focus on your fearful thinking: The first thing a person must do is not to dwell on the fear provoking thought when it comes. The more a person tries to reason out on the fear behind the thought, the stronger it becomes. The next time you encounter a negative situation, get into the practice of not dwelling on it.

2. Think of a red stop sign: At times, a person might encounter a fearful thought that may be difficult to manage. When this happens, visualize a red stop sign which can serve as a reminder to think about something else. Regardless of how scary your negative thinking may be, do not dwell on it. This technique is great in dealing with your negative situations and depression.

3. It's only fear: The difference between an obsessive thought and

a regular one is that an obsessive thought is based on fear. With this in mind, try to find the source of the fear behind your negative thinking and then find ways to get rid of your worries.

4. Your thoughts are exaggerated: Sometimes, a person may encounter a lot of scary thoughts coming at them all at once. Instead of getting upset, remember that your negative thinking is exaggerated with worry. Ignore the fear behind these obsessive thoughts, regardless how strong the fear may be.

5. Challenge your negative thinking with positive statements and realistic thinking: When encountering thoughts that make you fearful or depressed, challenge them by asking yourself questions that will maintain objectivity and common sense. Focus on the reality of your situation and not on your negative thinking.

6. Carry a small notebook of positive statements with you: A person should keep a small notebook of positive statements that makes them feel good. Whenever they come across a positive and uplifting verse that makes them happy, write it down in a small notebook. A person

can then carry this notebook around in their pocket and whenever they feel anxious, they can read their notebook.

7. Take it one day at a time: Instead of worrying about how you will get through the rest of the week or month, try to focus on today. Each day can provide us with different opportunities to learn new things and that includes learning how to deal with your situation. In addition, you will not feel overwhelmed with everything if you focus on one thing at a time.

8. Get help: Take advantage of the help that is available around you. If possible, talk to a professional who can help you manage your fears and anxieties. They will be able to provide you with additional advice and insights on how to deal with your current problem. By talking to a professional, a person will be helping themselves in the long run because they will become better able to deal with their problems in the future.

Stan is the author of "A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear" which covers a variety of techniques that can drastically improve your mental health. For more information, please visit Stan's website at <http://www.managingfear.com>



Stanley Popovich
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POLL of the WEEK

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Letters to the Editor

Hypocritical environmentalists

To the Editor:

The environmentalists are the most hypocritical group of people you can imagine. They are worried about the possibility of a two degree temperature rise, but they do not seem to be aware that one of the most productive periods in earth's history was during the 1100 to 1300 when Greenland was discovered and it was green and grapes were being grown in England. Where was the CO2?

There is a theory that the concentration will plateau at about four parts per million, which it is now approaching. Something else will also happen that with more CO2, plant life will increase. Leaves and grasses will thrive with more CO2, producing more food and tree growth.

How about CO2 from burning oil? Bear in mind that everything we use comes from the earth and it requires machines burning oil to produce raw material. A wind turbine requires more energy to produce it than it will produce in its lifetime, and then it has to be buried along with the blades which require products from oil also.

Oil has much broader use than transportation. You wear clothes, they probably came from oil. You have to eat food, which requires large quantities of oil or gas for fertilizer and for planting. You want to fly someplace, impossible without oil. Drive an electric car, you will need more power from coal. The large computer installations can require a power plant to keep operating.

Two of the hottest periods in the last 100 years were in the 1930s. Where was the CO2?

Wind turbines and solar are very good power sources. They are expensive and undependable. Electric cars will be great for cities, but are not very good for rural and cold areas, which comprise large portions of our country.

The utilization of power is a necessary component of our life. We need to make use of it in nearly everything we do, so we should not waste it. The more people we have, the more we must

diversify our sources of power when we can. Wind and solar are useful for that.

— Don Thorson, Newcastle

A hard decision to make

To the Editor:

I'm sure many of you have seen the video of the Weston County Health Services board meeting from March 21 and know by now that I have submitted my letter of resignation from WCHS, effective April 19, 2024.

I did get emotional and didn't get to finish reading my letter that addresses the most important part, my message to my patients. I want to thank the community for their support over the last 20 years. My patients have become like family, and I have truly enjoyed caring for each of you over the years, whether it was at the Manor, the hospital, or now at the clinic.

This was not a decision that I made lightly, and I will miss being able to care for this community. We have been extremely lucky in Weston County to have so many wonderful providers for patients to choose from, and this is what makes me extremely sad about the direction things have gone.

I was always extremely proud to be able to tell patients that even though we were a small community, patients had a choice in the recent history of seven providers within one clinic and two at another clinic to choose from, and all of us had different ways of practicing and different personalities, so if they didn't fit with one provider they could try another until they found a good fit.

All providers see things a different way and practice a different way, and Weston County was so lucky to have all those different options.

This is during a time when most rural communities are having trouble filling in one medical provider. Unfortunately, this is not the case anymore and something I hope will return as things are fixed within the facility. To make

a variety like this work it takes mutual respect and understanding that not everyone does things the same way, and it takes support from administration to encourage these differences.

I have felt very discouraged over the last year, and often questioned why I stayed in the medical field, but the amazing support from my patients — and especially the support after submitting my resignation — reminds me why I chose this career in the first place and why the decision to leave has been so difficult.

I believe in transparency and know that the trust in the facility is low and there will be rumors after the way others have left without any explanation. This is why I chose to give my resignation during the public session, as much as I hate any type of public speaking out loud. I prefer to put my thoughts on paper where I have time to think of what I will say, but if it is public then there is no hiding it, especially with the News Letter Journal video coverage.

I didn't want any misdirected anger or assumptions made about this decision, because I do know when there is a lack of facts the public will fill in their own ideas. This was a decision that was made for the best interests of myself and my family, not a decision that was forced by the WCHS board or administration.

I have come to the realization that my values do not fit with those that have been shown by WCHS, after myself and some coworkers brought forward some grievances and never received a response after meeting with the board, and how the public's concerns have been ignored or down-played both during the town hall meetings and when talking to those within the facility about them.

I'm sure as an attempt at redirection you may hear other things, or it will be said that there is more to the story or insinuation that I have done something

wrong to deserve what has happened, because that is what has been done when questions were asked about others who quit or were fired from the facility.

I would be happy to address any of those concerns people have if they come up, without sharing specifics that involve other employees because they also deserve privacy and respect. The patients at WCHS, and community in general, deserve straight-forward answers and deserve to have their concerns validated and investigated. I hope that you will continue to bring forward your concerns, and question things that you don't understand or agree with. It might not seem like it makes much of a difference, but your voices have at least opened up discussions.

We have some excellent, caring board members who I truly feel are working toward improving the facility, and now that they are aware of issues and aware of how difficult it has been for the community to contact the board members, I do see them working to ask more questions and be more open to the public. I thank each of them that were willing to have a two-way discussion — even if we didn't agree by the end of it, at least they were willing to have a discussion without making excuses or shutting down the conversation. It will take time though, and it will take the public using their voices and their vote to help these changes to happen.

I am disappointed in myself that I cannot make myself stay to see these changes happen and continue to care for the community, but you can see in the video from the last board meeting why that is. No response is a big response.

I hope that my patients will understand, and, most importantly, I hope that they will continue to receive the care they deserve. There are still wonderful providers left in this community, and for those patients with addiction and other mental health conditions there will be an outreach clinic coming from Center for Solutions out of Gillette to help with that need.

Thank you for everything over the years,

— Kristen Kohlbrand

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Obituaries

CHRIS ALLEN HANSEN June 29, 1954–March 27, 2024

Chris Allen Hansen, age 69, went home to the Lord on March 27, 2024.

A Celebration of Life will be held on April 6 at 11:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 23 North Seneca Ave., Newcastle, Wyoming.

Chris was born in Newcastle on June 29, 1954, to parents Bill and Lorna Hansen. He grew up and attended schools in Newcastle. Chris played basketball, played in the band, and was a Scout. He graduated from Newcastle High School in 1972. He enjoyed his class reunions. He was a member of the Methodist church and loved the Lord.

Chris enjoyed the outdoors. He went on many deer and

elk hunting trips with his grandparents, parents, uncles and cousins. Likewise, fishing, camping times, skiing and climbing were fabulous adventures.

After graduation from high school, Chris moved to Spearfish, South Dakota, and worked and obtained his Master Electrician certification. He owned his own company, Hansen Electric. He married Georgis Sandgren. Involvement in the Spearfish community was important to Chris, and he was a member of the Spearfish Volunteer Fire Department until retirement.

Chris graduated from Black Hills University in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science degree in

Industrial Technology/Assoc. He would say, "My most important birthday is my Alcoholics Anonymous birthday, March 16, 2000." His sobriety and serving at AA were very important to him.

He is survived by his sister, Darlene (Travis) Sears; aunts and uncle, Rose Allen, Lorraine Davis, Barbara Hansen, Shirley Borgianni, Helen Nicolls, Jack (Betty) Hansen; and many cousins and friends.

The family offers a special thank you to Karen Dowdy — she is an angel for all of her loving care and help.

Chris was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Lorna Hansen; grandparents, Ross

and Lorella Allen and Carl and Ella Hansen; uncles and aunts, Junior and Bertha Allen, Ervin Allen, Roosevelt and Ariel Cole, Anna Marie Rawhouser, Roy Borgianni, Jimmy and Zelpha Hansen, Fred Hansen, Corbin Nicolls and Russell Davis.

Expressions of condolences can be sent to Karen Dowdy, 3310 7th Ave., Apt. 1, Spearfish, SD, 57783. The family requests no flowers, and welcomes your attendance at his service and reception at the Methodist church. The burial at Boyd Cemetery will be at a later date. Live streaming of the service will be available on Methodist church website.

Cremation services were provided by Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel and Isburg Crematory, Spearfish.



Chris Hansen

We are all soldiers for Christ

What kind of soldier am I? 2 Timothy 2:4, "No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier."

There are a few questions we must ask ourselves when we read this verse:

1. Am I a soldier for Christ?
2. Have I allowed my life to be entangled in the world?
3. Am I living a life pleasing to God?

In his second letter to Timothy Paul characterizes believers as soldiers. If we as believers want to be effective

as soldiers for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we must heed this crucial instruction Paul gives us.



Dean Butler
Bible Bits

First, we should not entangle ourselves in everyday life. Sure we all have to continue with our lives.

However, believers must not let our struggles to make a living and take care of our families weigh us down to the point of becoming ineffectual in doing God's will in our lives.

Second, it is important to maintain perspective and prioritize the various aspects of our lives, our relationship with the Lord being paramount. Paul teaches this so that we as

believers understand that pleasing the one who enlisted us as soldiers should be our top priority. Isn't pleasing God the ultimate goal?

Romans 12:2, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

Fifty years ago, I committed my life to serving the Lord. I hold an associate's degree in Christian Education and a bachelor's degree in Christian Counseling. In my retirement, I focus on studying and sharing the teachings of God's Word with others. I maintain 3 Facebook pages dedicated to spreading the Word of God.



Maundy Thursday feast

For the Maundy Thursday celebration, a soup and pie dinner was given on March 28 at First United Methodist Church of Newcastle to help bring in Easter observances. The service also included a short scripture study and hymn singing.

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April 5 Corinthians 4:5	April 9 Ecclesiastes 4:9
April 6 Philippians 4:6	April 10 Matthew 4:10
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Some Time Ago

25 Years Ago April 8, 1999

Local liquor dealers turned out in force at the Newcastle City Council meeting Monday to request lower licensing fees for their businesses. Business owners contend that decreased sales have forced them to tighten their belts and were grateful that the council voted unanimously to honor their request.

It's not carved in stone yet, but the Weston County Commissioners are preparing to take action on the revised Subdivision and Lot Division Rules put together by the Planning and Zoning Commission. "We made a lot of changes in the end because we wanted to make it less restrictive than what we originally had, but still regulate for the environment," Commission Chairman Barry Peterson stated.

Joyce Diedrich grabbed the bull by the horns three years ago and it's been an uphill ride ever since. As one of the founders and former chairman of Weston Wealthy Women, Diedrich says she and the other 19 women in the local investors club entered the stock market at the right time. For the first time in its 103-year history, the Dow Jones Industrials closed above 10,000 last week.

The couple who pedaled some 28,000 miles, visited 60 countries on seven continents, changed 25 flat tires, went through 14 sets of tires, and replaced nearly all the moving parts twice on two good bikes does have something good to show for their efforts. The Roamin' Wyomans, Stewart Shipman and Sarah Lee, will show and tell Newcastle residents just how they got their name with the presentation "Cycles of the World," April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Crouch Auditorium.

50 Years Ago April 4, 1974

A change in the city policy of gathering junk car and truck bodies and appliances has been

announced for Newcastle. The items will be hauled to crushing sites without any charge to the owner. Persons desiring to have items taken to the crusher may contact the city office or Francis Bruch of Newcastle Auto Salvage.

The Newcastle VFW Post and Auxiliary are sponsoring a Drive-To-Survive class on Monday night, April 8, at the Newcastle Fire Hall, starting at 7 p.m. The class is approximately two hours in length and there will be a coffee and cookie break between the two sessions. The purpose of the class is to make good drivers better drivers, to help the young and old drivers remember some of the driving regulations, and to help prevent accidents.

The Anna Miller Museum at Newcastle has received a \$500 matching grant from the Wyoming Bicentennial Commission. The \$1,000 will be used for several projects at the museum including the addition of an audio system to the "Home Ranch Display," the first of several projects in the "Voices of Pioneers" program.

The Pinochle club met at the Joe Gibbs home Monday evening, April 1. Four tables of cards were in play during the evening with Gladys Gibbs winning high and Joe Cornella low. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mirich to the Manor and invite their friends out to visit. Several ladies have been out to read the Bible to our residents and we would like to say thank you, come again anytime.

100 Years Ago April 3, 1924

Demonstration of the superior earning power of pure bred hogs proved to be the outstanding feature of Ton-Litter Contests carried on in 1923, which was only the second year of operation of these projects under the supervision of the agricultural colleges of the several states.

We are informed that the

From the vault ...



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Doris Rogers Dollison, the first Weston County woman to serve in the Women's Army Corps.

bridge over Lodgepole creek that has been out for several months, is now in a condition so that it may be crossed. This will be a great relief to those living in the Hampshire and Clareton country. The ford has been bad all winter and with the coming of spring the high water has made the place practically impassable.

If, during the past week, you have noticed what appears to be a small army of young men carrying strange equipment and eating their lunch alongside the road, don't be alarmed. They are not a hostile army or invasion or anything like it. It is simply a class of twenty-one young men, members of the geology class of the University of Nebraska.

George Young, vice president of the United Mine Workers of America of District No.

22, with headquarters in Rock Springs, is in our city today, having completed his visit to Cambria, where he gave an interesting talk on the Eight Hour Day.

Miss Mable Collins and Miss Jean DeVol entertained a party of young folks in the DeVol home last Friday evening. First prizes were won by Mrs. Wallis Ware and Hall Green.

School District (Upton) will hold its preliminary spelling contest about the 1st of May to decide who will represent the district at the county spelling contest about May 15th. The annual school fair will be held at the same time as the spelling contest. Rural teachers are invited to bring in exhibits for this event and help to make it a success; the results of last year's fair was very satisfactory to all.

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Fri. April 5	9AM 9AM 9:30AM 1PM 4-7PM 5:30PM	Caramel Rolls Beltone Hearing Aid Clinic Friends of Fair Yard Sale Set Up Bridge Friends of Fair Yard Sale Early Bird, entry \$5 Bingo	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center WC Event Center WC Senior Center WC Event Center VFW
Sat. April 6	8AM-1PM 9AM-1PM	Friends of Fair Yard Sale, no entry fee WC Senior Center Yard Sale, East Wing	WC Event Center Next to Community Garden
Mon. April 8-12	9AM-5PM 9AM 1PM 6:30-8:30PM 7PM	National Library Week - Used Book Sale Exercise Class Computer Clinic WC Fair Board Mtg Alcoholics Anonymous	WC Library WC Senior Center WC Senior Center WC Event Center WC Senior Center
Tue. April 9	8AM 9AM 11AM NOON 1PM 3PM 3:30PM 4PM 6PM 6PM	Veterans Breakfast Sewing/Quilting Day Story Time Dirt Daubers Spring Guest Luncheon Bridge/Dominoes WC Natural Resource District Mtg Caregiver Support Group T.O.P.S. #135 American Legion Mtg WC Humane Society	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center WC Library TBA WC Senior Center WCNRD Office Zoom First United Methodist Church Newcastle Lodge Shelter
Wed. April 10	6:30-8:30AM 9AM 9AM-1PM 10AM 7PM	Wellness Wednesday Exercise Class GiGi's Closet Cribbage WCSD #1 Board Mtg	WC Health Services WC Senior Center First United Methodist Church WC Senior Center WCSD #1 Admin Bldg

Students prepare tech for eclipse

Marshall Merchen

Newcastle High School Student

A team of students from Newcastle High School — senior Marshall Merchen, and juniors Elijah Morrill, Thatcher Troftgruben, and Caleb Hoover — are preparing to send some monitors attached to a balloon tens of thousands of feet into the atmosphere.

This project, connected with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, is supervised by science teachers Doug Scribner and Nicholas Peterson. The National Eclipse Ballooning Project is what these kids are working on.

This nationwide project involves sending a balloon, attached with payloads, into the atmosphere to read data during the total lunar eclipse on April 8. The data the team will be collecting includes radiation, time of flight, atmospheric pressure and, most importantly, bit-flipping.

Bit-flipping is an anomaly that happens when code is printed incorrectly and errors arise in the computing process. Bit-flipping usually occurs during equipment mal-function and/or overheating. The Newcastle team will focus on how increased amounts of radiation in the upper atmosphere can increase the chances of bit-flipping and, thus, computer code.

The project started as just a normal STEM class assignment but transitioned into a project working with colleges and meeting with NASA



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, the high school science team works on the different technology to be used during the Eclipse Ballooning Project. The project will monitor different aspects of the effects of the total solar eclipse of April 8, which takes place near Dallas, Texas.

representatives. Coding just a simple sensor with an Arduino in a class for an assignment, to getting to work with college professors and recognized physicists to even interviews to be on a NASA documentary has become an adventurous trip for average students at NHS.

The project started in June 2023,

with workshops to build the payload at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. As the build progressed, students participated in test launches from Spearfish, Deadwood, Custer and Rapid City, South Dakota, to ensure that the project would be sufficient for the main “test launch” in Farmington, New Mexico.

The purpose of the initial work was to launch a balloon during the annular coronal eclipse on Oct. 14, 2023. The launch, performed near Shiprock, New Mexico, was their first main test launch to prove that everything would work for the total eclipse on April 8. The launching process was close to flawless; it was a windless day and

the balloon seemed to go straight up into the air. On descent, the balloon popped, causing it to free-fall for a while longer than wanted, until the parachute caught too much wind. That caused the payloads to spin and apply pressure and stress to tethers connecting the boxes. After spinning, they became loose and detached one by one, resulting in the bottom two boxes detaching mid-air. Sadly, NHS could not locate the boxes, despite their desperate searches in the New Mexican desert.

The team’s main launch will be on April 8, on which is going to be a total eclipse. The members of NHS were devastated — they had spent a lot of time and effort to make this box — and all of that was lost somewhere amongst New Mexican tribal land. Then they also had to prepare for a long 14-hour car ride home.

The April 8 launch is going to be in Plano, Texas (just north of Dallas). Preparing for the next launch, NHS students are getting excited the closer the date is arriving. The team had to rebuild the project from the ground up and it feels that the adjustments they made have better prepared them for the launch. Especially in the tethering, they have changed materials to paracord, as well as changed the tethering orientation in order to reduce stress on the connection points onto the paracord.

Overall, the team feels much better prepared, with its members looking forward to the data they collect.



Easter fun

On Saturday, March 30, Weston County Health Services held an Easter Egg Hunt at Dow Park. The event, open to all ages, was quickly organized, taking only a week to pull everything together. Despite the freezing rain and snow, dozens of families came out to participate in the event. At left, Nathan Smith, filling in for the Easter Bunny, takes sweet treats around the park to give to children. Above, a toddler places a large egg in an overflowing bucket. Kids of all ages, right, gathered the plastic eggs containing assorted prizes. Here, Evalyn Ballard is all smiles with her treasures. Inside the plastic eggs were tokens from local businesses, as well as toy dinosaurs.

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Keeler from Page 1

Keeler for four years. When the two first met, Keeler was doing some investigation for Weston County history projects and had some questions about publishing books.

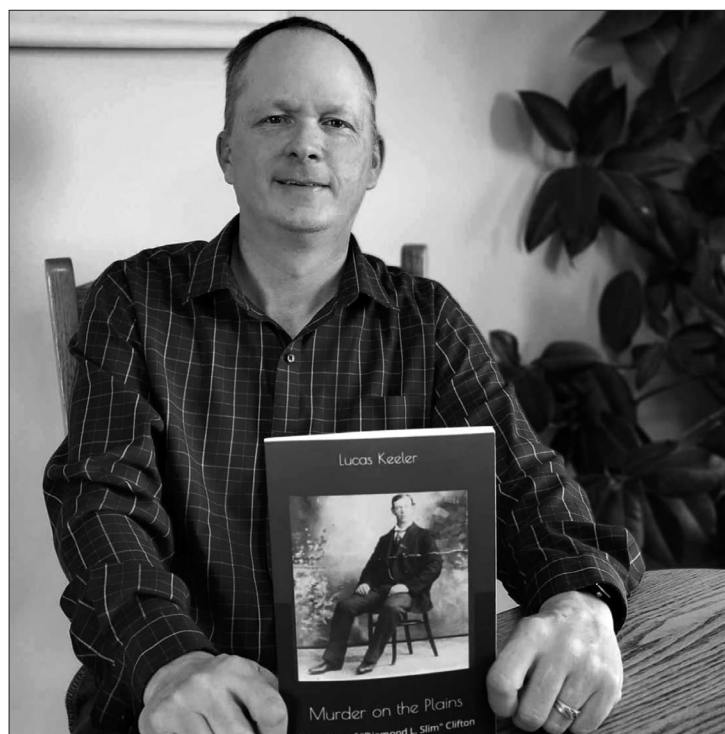
“I remember the day well,” Jording said.

The spark Jording saw that day has been inside Keeler for most of his life. Keeler said he has always had a special interest in local history.

“It has just been a lifelong interest for me, and the Black Hills has a lot of history, as does Newcastle, and I grew up being interested in it,” Keeler said.

He further explained that when he moved back to Newcastle from Casper, he was asked by some locals to join some organizations involving Wyoming history, such as the Weston County Preservation Board, on which he serves as an active member.

Keeler is also a volunteer for the local museum board and enjoys helping the community appreciate its rich history. This includes giving presentations on various historical



Submitted photo

Lucas Keeler, new member of Wyoming Historical Society Executive Board, poses with his latest Weston County history publication, “Murder on the Plains: The Killing of “Diamond L. Slim” Clifton,” that can be purchased at News Letter Journal.

topics, aiding organizations and individuals with research and volunteering at events

such as Living History Days. “Studying the past is to understand the present and prepare for

the future,” Keeler explained. “It has a way of helping understand current events, and history repeats itself.”

Keeler has an obvious appreciation for Wyoming history. He told the NLJ how Weston County in particular has so many cool stories from and about its past and beginnings that many residents aren’t aware of. Part of the reason he decided to run for this position was to keep this history alive and pass it onto future generations.

Keeler mentioned that one of the most important aspects of being a leader is ensuring that young people learn about their history. He went on to say that the executive board has been working on incorporating social media to get younger residents engaged and interested in Wyoming history.

One of the things Jording is excited about with Keeler taking a board position are his fresh ideas.

“He is going to be able to continue to lead the state society in directions it needs to go to continue to be a great organiza-

tion,” Jording confirmed.

Keeler is also excited about Weston County hosting the 2024 Historical Society Annual Convention the weekend of Sept. 6-8. It has been about 20 years since Weston County has hosted the event, and Keeler said he is looking forward to the project in his first year on the board.

“We have lots of great presentations and tours planned to share our wonderful history of the Black Hills with our fellow historical society members,” Keeler said. “I am really excited about the annual convention; it is an honor for Newcastle to host it.”

Jording is equally as excited about the convention’s return to Weston County.

“I think his presence on the board brought that to Newcastle,” Jording said.

Jording has a lot of faith and hope for Keeler in the next three years as he settles into his new position. There has been a long line of Weston County residents serving on the executive board, and he is excited for Keeler to

get the opportunity to continue that legacy.

“[Weston County] is looked upon as an outstanding chapter among the state; to have Lucas step forward and continue that tradition is gratifying for those of us who have participated in that same kind of leadership for the state,” Jording said. “It is a rich tradition that has gone on for years and Lucas is another chapter in that book.”

This is Keeler’s first time serving on a statewide board, and he confessed to nervousness as he steps into this role.

“There are a lot of challenges with keeping any organization going and strong,” he admitted.

But he has people cheering him on as he gets comfortable with his new position.

“He is an excellent fit for this role. He is a young person with fresh ideas and enthusiasm that I think is unparalleled on the board,” Jording said. “You couldn’t ask for a better person with more appreciation for Weston County and Wyoming history.”

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DAR on display

On Monday, March 26, John Schmidt reads about the Daughters of the American Revolution at a display at the Anna Miller Museum. Cindy Dysart, museum curator, hopes to offer an oral history presentation about the organization in the near future. The display is at the entrance of the museum through the month of April.

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Statistics

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deaths was among Weston County residents in 2021. It was 106 that year," Deti said in an email. "We had a large increase that year state-wide as well, which is reasonable to attribute to COVID-19, particularly with the circulation that year of the initial Delta variants."

As for marriage and divorces, information for 2023 shows that marriages increased in the county, while divorces decreased at 37 and 14, respectively. In 2022, the county saw 33 marriages and 22 divorces, and in 2018, the county saw 33 marriages and 23 divorces.

Among Wyoming residents, fewer overall deaths, births, marriages and divorces were officially logged in 2023, the release says.

"Among Wyoming residents, there were 5,566 deaths in 2023, 5,895 deaths in 2022, 6,574 deaths in 2021, 5,986 deaths in 2020 and 5,122 deaths in 2019, according to official death certificate information," the release says. Death certificates, it notes, are completed by medical certifiers, funeral professionals and coroners before being filed with the vital statistics services.

"The COVID-19 pandemic certainly caused some changes in Wyoming's statistics over the past few years, particularly with increased deaths," Stefan Johansson, WDH director, said in the release. "However, those pandemic-specific effects do seem to be decreasing."

The release notes that the top five causes of death among Wyoming residents in 2023 were listed, in order, as heart diseases, cancers, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and related conditions, various types of accidents and adverse effects and cerebrovascular diseases.

While suicide did not top the list, Johansson acknowledged the state's ongoing concern about suicide.

"In 2023, there were 157 suicide deaths recorded among Wyoming residents compared to 155 in 2022," the release says.

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— Stefan Johansson, WDH Director, News Release

Provisional data shows that about 85% of the suicide deaths were among males. Additionally, data shows that in 2023, 72% of the suicide deaths involved firearms, 22% involved hanging, and 4% involved poisoning.

According to the release, overdose deaths totaled 120 among state residents, compared with 110 in 2022. Of those deaths in 2023, 70% were linked to illicit drugs, 27% to prescription drugs, and 3% involved a combination of both.

"Opioids can be either prescription drugs or illicit drugs and were connected to 81 of the reported overdose deaths last year," the release says. "Fentanyl was linked to 52 of the deaths and methamphetamine with 48."

As for Weston County, Deti said that county-related data on suicides and overdoses for 2023 is not available at this time.

As for births, birth certificate data for the state shows a total of 5,989 births recorded among Wyoming residents in 2023, down from 6,050 in 2022, the release says.

Additionally, 4,061 marriages were recorded in the state in 2023, down from 4,272 in 2022, while divorces finalized in 2023 totaled 1,955, up from 1,949 in 2022.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

Mens Soccer

4/6	Worland HS	H	NOON
4/11	Douglas HS	H	4PM
4/13	Rawlins HS	A	NOON
4/18	Torrington HS	H	4PM
4/20	Buffalo HS	A	NOON
4/26	Worland HS	A	4PM
5/2	Torrington HS	A	4PM

Ladies Soccer

4/6	Worland HS	H	2PM
4/11	Douglas HS	H	4PM
4/13	Rawlins HS	A	NOON
4/18	Torrington HS	H	4PM
4/20	Buffalo HS	A	NOON
4/26	Worland HS	A	6PM
5/2	Torrington HS	A	4PM

Track & Field

4/5	Spearfish HS	A	TBA
4/11	Belle Fourche HS	A	TBA
4/19	Douglas HS	A	TBA
4/26	Buffalo HS	A	TBA

Against the wind

Dogies fight against inclement weather in Wheatland Invitational

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

The Dogies braved the famous winds of Wheatland to compete in their second track meet of the season Thursday. The adverse weather conditions threw an added challenge at head coach Matt Conzelman's crew, but for some, it didn't deter their performance as several new personal records were set, and the Dogies had their first 3A State Qualifying mark reached by CJ Hardy in the high jump.

"It was windy as usual in Wheatland, but we still did some good things," Conzelman began. "The highlight of the day was definitely CJ clearing six feet and qualifying for state. It's especially nice given he has been dealing with some knee issues."

Wheatland seems to be where Hardy really feels the high jump. Last season, he cleared six feet for a state qualification mark for the first time, and he repeated that leap Thursday in Wheatland to punch his ticket to the state meet again this year.

"We've been mediating his events in order to try to minimize the impact on his knees," Conzelman explained. "We pulled him out of the 300 Meter Hurdles to cut down on the pounding he would take in that race, and I think it paid off."

Although the wind was howling and changing directions unpredictably, several Dogies were able to power through the gale to set new personal bests, as well as finish in the top eight on the day.

"Everyone knows that when you land in Wheatland, the wind starts blowing. But, I guess everyone has to run in the same conditions, so really we were competing for placing for the most part," Conzelman said. "Collin [McConkey] had a good day, finishing seventh in the 100 and sixth in the 200 Meter Dash, so that was great to see."

Teegen Hatheway finished eighth in the 400 Meter Dash, Archer Ohnstad finished eighth in the 800, while Lane Carter came in behind Sam Cunningham in third in the two-mile.

In the Triple Jump, Eli Morrill finished in sixth place while Casey Matthews and Sam Scribner nabbed fifth and sixth, respectively, in the pole vault.

For the Lady Dogies, Adalyn Olson was eighth in the 100 Meter Dash, Aspen Bloom finished fourth in the two-mile and eighth in the 800 Meter Dash, and Delaine Dresen was seventh in the long jump.

Hardy ran a PR in the 200 Meter Dash, as did Junior Geisness and Denali Davis. Along with Matthews and Drew Conzelman, Geisness and Davis also ran personal best times in the 100 Meter Dash.

Cunningham sped around the track in the 800 and 3200 meter races, finishing seventh and second, respectively, with new PRs, while his team-



Photo by Amy Menerey/NLJ

Aspen Bloom showed 3A what she is capable of, as she finished fourth in the 3200 Meter run behind three 4A runners and ahead of all 3A runners at the track meet in Wheatland Thursday.

mate Aksel Scott ran personal best times in the 800 and the mile. Carter set a PR in the two-mile, and fellow distance runner Ohnstad finished right behind Cunningham in the 800 for a PR as well.

In the weights, Jayden Corley and Dagan Thompson each put the shot

for new personal best throws, while Aiden Butler and Josiah Martinez tossed the discus for personal bests.

"Aiden was right on the edge of getting into the finals in both the shot and the disc," Conzelman said. "But, overall our throwers did pretty well considering we had four PRs each for

the boys and the girls."

The Lady Dogies were not to be outdone when it came to performing at their best. Ashlynn Shroyer set new PRs in the 200 Meter Dash as well as the Shot Put and the Discus.

— See Track, Page 14

Fighting spirit

Attitude is everywhere. We see it at work, at school, at home and at play. It is definitive, and it is what makes or breaks our experience, whatever we are doing.

When we talk about attitude, it can be used in a variety of different ways, but it's defined as "a settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something, typically one that is reflected in a person's behavior."

We all know that our attitude affects the quality of our day. If we set out with a good one, usually the day turns out great. Those we interact with pick up on the vibe we put out and react accordingly.

In sports, the right attitude is essential to success, whether on an individual level or a whole team level.

If you go into a sport determined to work hard and improve your skills, you will see the results you are hoping to achieve. If you don't believe that you will succeed, or if your attitude is bad, it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Watching the NCAA Basketball Tournament these last couple of weeks has demonstrated how a fighting spirit and a winning attitude can prevail over potentially defeating situations.

I've watched teams who were down for most of the game come back at the end to win it.

I've watched players make amazing plays when no one expected it of them, to keep their team in the game.

We've all watched a No. 11 seed take it to teams it never should have stood up to, which got them

— See Karpe, Page 14



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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHWG) for authority to increase the Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (RAM) rate by \$0.0019 per therm, effective December 1, 2023. The rate is applicable to 133,386 customers, including Choice Gas customers, located throughout the Cheyenne, Cody, Casper, Gillette, and Torrington divisions. The Commission's approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing, and further order.

The proposed RAM rate results in an increase of \$0.15 (0.2%) in the monthly bill for the typical residential customer using 79 therms per month during December 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024.

BHWG's Application is available at the Commission or online at: <http://dms.wyo.gov/>

external/publicusers.aspx. (Enter Record No. 17439.)

Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest, or request for a public hearing must file with the Commission on or before April 25, 2024. A proposed intervention or request for hearing must set forth the grounds and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to participate in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 30026-85-GM-23.

Dated: March 25, 2024.

(Publish March 28 and April 4, 2024)

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ABSENTEE BALLOTING FOR WESTON COUNTY MUSEUM DISTRICT

To be held Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Absentee ballots for Weston County Museum District Board of Trustees Election to be held on May 7, 2024, are now available at Weston County Museum District located at 401 Delaware Avenue, Newcastle, Wyoming, to all qualified electors.

Requests for absentee ballots may be made through Weston County Museum District by fur-

nishing the information required by law in person, in writing, or by telephone (307) 746-4188. Qualified registered electors may also vote absentee in the administrative office of Weston County Museum District through May 6, 2024.

Weston County Museum District
401 Delaware Ave.
PO Box 698
Newcastle, WY 82701
(307) 746-4188

(Publish April 4, 2024)

Public Notice

Proclamation of Election

Cambria Improvement and Service District will be holding an election on May 21 for one (1) Director to serve a four (4) year term. Applications may be obtained from the District's secretary, Sharon Ackerman at 746-2205 and must be

returned no later than April 30. Absentee ballots can also be obtained from the secretary and mailed to PO Box 91, no later than May 10. Election will be held in the Genealogy room at the Weston County Library from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(Publish April 4 and 18, 2024)

WATCH THE TAPE!

Check out the NLJ's YouTube channel for Newcastle City Council, Board of Weston County Commissioners, Weston County School District No. 1 board of trustees and Weston County Hospital District board of trustees meetings and highlights from various events.

Public Notice

Weston County Natural Resource District Meeting Notice

The Weston County Natural Resource District board will hold its next meeting on April 16 at noon at the district office.

(Publish April 4, 2024)

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EUROPEAN CAPITALS

ACROSS

- Parting words
- Broadcasting acronym
- Taj Mahal city
- Ernest, to mommy
- "Fat chance!"
- Fits of shivering
- Rundown
- Historical period
- "_____ its weight in gold"
- *Namesake of famous pact signed in 1955
- ***"The City of a Hundred Spires"
- Financial assistance
- Bird's groomer
- Pod nugget
- Fountain order
- Duck dish a certain way
- Picture on a coat
- Feline vibration
- Stocking fiber
- Stink to high heaven
- Cocoyam, pl.
- Pelvic bones
- Frost over (2 words)
- Stew bean
- Sleeveless garment
- Predicament
- Snakelike fish
- Hi-_____ monitor
- Toothy wheel

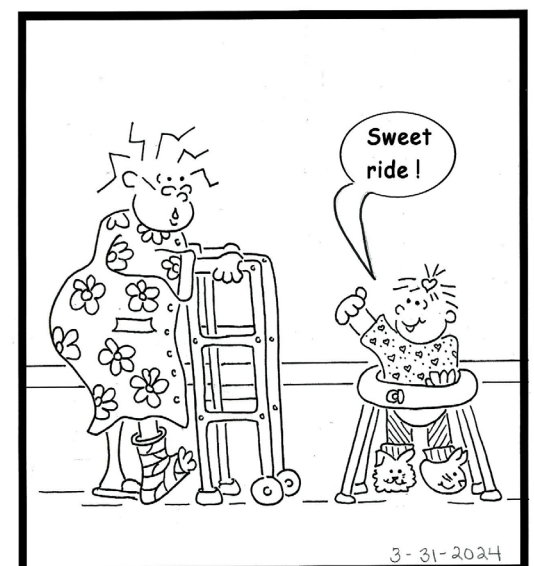
- *Street, in capital city in #38 Down
- *On the Danube
- *On the Thames
- Virtue, in Italian
- *Street, in capital city in #25 Down
- Dashboard instruments
- Beside, archaic
- Geological Society of America
- Type of heron
- Parks or Luxembourg
- Pecking mother
- Like oboe's sound

DOWN

- "_____ the land of the free ..."
- Cold one
- Peruvian Empire
- Miss America topper
- Blood infection
- Prepare to swallow
- *Dublin's cultural quarter neighborhood, "Temple _____"
- Parallelogram, e.g.
- All excited
- Spiritual leader
- Network of nerves
- Certain something in a tray
- Rouse
- Take puppy from a pound
- "Hamilton: An American Musical" singing style
- Great _____ Reef

- *On the Seine
- Not slouching
- Arabian chieftain
- Like Roman god Janus
- *Also the most populous city in Ukraine
- More ill
- Neil Diamond's "Beautiful _____"
- Annoying tiny biters
- Arctic jaeger
- *Located in boot-shaped country
- Sound of artillery
- Kind of hickory nut
- Jack's inferior
- Like a Grammy nominee
- Frustration, in print
- "A bird in hand is worth two in the bush," e.g.
- Source of veritas
- Wraths
- Volcano in Sicily
- Ground beef description
- Fairytale giant
- "All You _____ Is Love"
- Variable, abbr.
- Put to work
- Hog heaven
- *Merchant of Venice: "But love is blind, and lovers cannot _____"

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Newcastle City Council Minutes

**NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES
Monday, March 18, 2024**

Mayor Pam Gualtieri called this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Council members Don Steveson, Ann McColley, Daren Downs, John Butts, Tom Voss and Tyrel Owens. Also present were, City Attorney Dublin Hughes, Police Chief Derek Thompson, Public Works Supervisor Greg Stumpff, and Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Haggerty.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ann McColley moved, seconded Daren Downs to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 4, 2024. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: None
CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: None
CITIZEN'S BUSINESS VERBAL: Members from the Mondell Airport Board were present to request an additional \$291.17 in funding for the crack seal project. Tom Voss moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve this request. **MOTION CARRIED.** Don Cooksey also gave an update on the hanger project.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—IN WRITING: Ann Cottrell submitted a letter requesting sewer forgiveness in the amount of \$109.73. Tom Voss moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to grant this request. Discussion was had. **MOTION CARRIED.** Forms requesting sewer forgiveness may be implemented in the future.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: Mayor Gualtieri recapped the recent Public Board training, stating that certificates would be required for service provider boards.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:
Police Chief Derek Thompson reported on calls of service since March 4, 2024 to date: NPD 158, WC Sheriff 90, Upton PD 22, NVFD 4, UVFD 2, WCFPD 14, Newcastle Ambulance 17, Upton Ambulance 2. He then stated that Matt Ramsey had been contacted in regards to auctioning the outdated firearms and ammunition. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Don Steveson to allow Chief Thompson to negotiate and accept the terms of auctioning the outdated firearms and ammunition with Matt Ramsey. **MOTION CARRIED.** Chief Thompson stated that Officer Kellie Moran would start a six (6) week K-9 training course on May 1, 2024. He then referenced a rental lease agreement between the Joint Powers Dispatch Board and the City of Newcastle; there is no record of the lease being signed. Chief Thompson recommended charging the board for 5/12 of the original which would be \$3,125.00. Ann McColley moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to present the lease to the Joint Powers Dispatch Board, charging 5/12 of the original yearly amount for the first year of the lease. Discussion was had. **MOTION CARRIED.**

City Attorney Dublin Hughes requested to prorate the first year of the Collins Communications lease to \$2,068.00 as they had made a payment in June 2023. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Tom Voss to prorate the first year of the lease to \$2,068.00 and \$3,100.00 thereafter. **MOTION CARRIED.** Attorney Hughes then reported that he had done some research on the UBC Precast suit; Racine Olson a law firm in Idaho would charge \$1,000.00 to file the foreign judgment then \$275/hr. to collect on the judgment. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Ann McColley to table the discussion until the April 1, 2024 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.** Attorney Hughes will do more research on this matter. Mr. Hughes then requested approval to amend the Joint Dispatch Powers Board lease to reflect the correct dates. Tom Voss moved, seconded Don Steveson to grant this request. Discussion was had. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Haggerty requested to close City Hall at noon on March 29, 2024 for Good Friday. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Ann McColley to grant this request. **MOTION CARRIED.** She then reminded the Council of the Budget workshop scheduled for April 8th. As there were several conflicts the workshop is rescheduled for April 3, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Public Works Supervisor Greg Stumpff referenced the request for qualifications for the 2025 improvements project and the selection of an engineering firm; the water/sewer committee will be involved as well. He then referenced the rate study; a virtual meeting will be scheduled with Carl Brown. Supervisor Stumpff referenced land for the proposed pickleball court. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded John Butts to accept the donation of land for the pickleball court. Discussion was had. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Supervisor Stumpff then stated that locates have been called in for the repair of the RV dump site; repairs will be made after priority leaks have been fixed. Councilman Voss inquired about claims to Dana Kepner; charges were for several ball valves. Councilman Owens inquired about the South Summit retaining wall estimate of \$218,400.00; grant funds have not been obtained. Councilman Voss inquired about DEQ's request for an outside source for the testing of water; the testing is for Pfas and Pfos which the state will pay for.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Gualtieri read Ordinance No. 1, Series 2024 which heading reads, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE TOWN OF NEWCASTLE. Mayor Gualtieri requested to amend section (a) to read Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Ann McColley to pass Ordinance No. 1, Series 2024 on the second reading with amendments. **MOTION CARRIED.**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mayor Gualtieri referenced the Standing Committees; Tom Voss volunteered to be on the Board Committee. She then stated that a final draft for the Bike Pump Park had been presented; a sign will be put in. Councilman Owens reported on a Parks Committee meeting; they recommend that the City turn back grant funds for the UBC Precast building and reapply for funds along with rebidding the project to include an onsite building. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Ann McColley to approve this recommendation. Discussion was had. **MOTION CARRIED.** Councilman Owens also reported on a Water/Sewer Committee meeting; chapter 26 of the ordinances was discussed along with out-of-town services and the testing of meters.

NEW BUSINESS: Shane Crawford with the Refinery would like to set up a presentation for their use control agreement process. He is looking for dates that will work for members of the City Council and County Commissioners. City residents have mentioned the need for garbage cans along the bike path from Stampede Street to the port of entry. They have also mentioned the need for cleanup on the underpass.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY: Tom Voss moved, seconded Ann McColley to pay the claims against the City dated March 18, 2024. **MOTION CARRIED.** Tom Voss moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to adjourn this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Claims: Aced Embroidery, embroidery work, \$102.00; Ad Pro, office supplies, \$10.83; Advanced Communications, phone cases, \$85.00; AT&T, PD cell phones, \$485.10; BCN, long distance, \$35.14; Big Horn Tire, foam tires, \$16,699.07; Black Hills Energy, services, \$14,243.76; Bomgaars, supplies, \$319.97; Butler Machinery, supplies, \$1,207.30; Cambria Supply, supplies, \$8.81; Casper Star Tribune, advertisement, \$868.48; City of Newcastle, wa/sw/ga, \$296.74; Culligan, bottled water, \$58.50; Cummins, repairs, \$11,755.59; Dakota Fluid Power, repairs, \$240.00; Dana Kepner, supplies, \$8,941.68; Decker's, supplies, \$23.27; Double D, supplies, \$973.75; Eastern Wy. Equip., supplies, \$4,932.76; Energy Lab., analysis, \$66.00; Engineering Assoc., services, \$17,664.83; Farnsworth, portable sanitation, \$1,200.00; First Northern Bank, PD vehicle lease, \$2,180.05; Fisher, gravel, \$1,867.42; Gateway Travel, fuel, \$5,448.77; Heartland Kubota, parts, \$542.03; Knecht, supplies, \$820.99; LlnkTech, IT support, \$1,950.00; Mallory Safety, supplies, \$280.00; Marco, copier/plotter lease, \$532.87; Municipal Emergency Services, parts, \$1,002.17; Newcastle Hardware, supplies, \$659.98; Newman, bracket, \$434.66; NVFD, pension, \$6,750.00; Northern Safety Co., supplies, \$184.66; Northwest Pipe, parts, \$6,054.64; One Call of Wy., services, \$23.00; Postmaster, permit, \$320.00; Powder River Energy, services, \$1,430.84; Rapid Delivery, services, \$23.40; Ricks Electric, services, \$2,297.28; Short Stop, fuel, \$1,390.56; True Ranches, easement, \$1,830.00, University of Wy. Ext.; books, \$140.00; USA Bluebook, supplies, \$1,052.34; Valli, maintenance, \$104.20; Verizon, PW cell phones, \$437.79; Becky Vodopich, cleaning, \$300.00; WC Health Services, lab testing, \$180.00; WC Road & Bridge, FD fuel, \$305.50; Woody's, supplies, \$104.53; Wy Fire Chief Assoc., membership, \$160.00;

ATTEST:
Mayor Pam Gualtieri
Clerk/Treasurer
Stacy Haggerty

(Publish April 4, 2024)

Legal Notice

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
JUDITH KAY SITTA KENNEDY
DECEASED
PROBATE NO. CV-2276**

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP

To: All creditors, heirs, devisees, and other persons interested in the Estate of JUDITH KAY SITTA KENNEDY, deceased ("Decedent").

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Petition to Determine Heirship has been filed in the above-referenced District Court by Petitioner; that the decedent died on October 3, 1995, and was at the time of her death a resident of Scottsdale, Arizona. The Petition requests that the Court make a determination as to heirship of what is believed to be a one-fifth (1/5) interest the following described mineral interests located in Weston County, Wyoming, to-wit:

All Located Finn-Shurley Field, Weston County, Wyoming as follows:
The Finn #8 Lease Covering:
Township 42 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 9: NW¼NE¼
12.5% Working Interest

The Finn #9 Lease Covering:
Township 42 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 9: SW¼NW¼
12.5% Working Interest

The Finn #10 Lease Covering:
Township 42 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 9: NE¼NW¼
12.5% Working Interest

The Finn #11 Lease Covering:
Township 42 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 9: SE¼NW¼
12.5% Working Interest

The Finn #12 Lease Covering:
Township 42 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 8: NE¼SE¼
12.5% Working Interest

The Grieves #3 Lease Covering:
Township 42 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 19: NE¼NW¼
12.5% Working Interest

U.S. Oil and Gas lease W-037878- A insofar as it covers the following land, designated as Western Federal J-1 Lease:
Township 42 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 3: SW¼NW¼
12.5% Working Interest

The Finn #13 Lease Covering:
Township 42 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 8: NW¼SE¼
12.5% Working Interest

The Grieves #4 Lease Covering:
Township 42 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 9: NE¼SE¼
12.5% Working Interest

The Grieves #5 Lease Covering:
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Outgoing mail from Cheyenne will head to Denver first

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Gordon criticizes proposed rule

CHEYENNE (WNE) — In comments submitted Tuesday, Gov. Mark Gordon criticized the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule establishing a waste emission charge for methane discharges from oil and gas facilities.

BLM to hold two wild horse and burro adoption events in April

CHEYENNE (WNE) — The Bureau of Land Management will hold two separate wild horse and burro adoption events in April.

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Education requirements include a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent. Salary depending on experience.

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NHS Track & Field			
Newcastle @ Wheatland Invite 3/28/24	21T. Julie Morris 13:04.5	77. Drew Conzelman 13.83 PR	Adam Butler, Teegan Hatheway
Women's Team Results:	Triple Jump: ND. Delainey Dresen	200M: 6. Collin McConkey 24.65	High Jump: 4. CJ Hardy 6-00 3AQ
1. Laramie 203	Shot Put: 7T. Julie Morris 29-05	20. Rurik Herrberg 25.81	Long Jump: 20. Sam Scribner 17-05.50
2. Torrington 147.5	19. Sydney Pederson 25-09	22. Junior Geisness 25.86 PR	29. Junior Geisness 16-05.50
3. Douglas 106	26. Kyndal Von Eye 23-06	26. CJ Hardy 26.16 PR	31. Jayden Corley 16-00.50
4. Wheatland 89	34. Ashlynn Shroyer 20-06 PR	56. Teegan Hatheway 28.24	59. Denali Davis 28.40 PR
5. Rawlins 48	35. Netanya Prell 20-02	64. Drew Conzelman 28.76	69. Thomas Prell 29.03
6. Lusk 44	ND. Abby Pounds	400M: 8. Teegan Hatheway 1:00.88	Triple Jump: 6. Elijah Morrill 37-00.50
7. Glenrock 34	Discus: 12. Julie Morris 75-07	15. Thomas Prell 1:05.38	12. Cole Erb 32-05
8. H.E.M. 18	20. Kyndal Von Eye 65-06 PR	800M: 7. Sam Cunningham 2:26.92 PR	ND. Jayden Corley
9. Moorcroft 12	26. Sydney Pederson 59-07 PR	8. Archer Ohnstad 2:28.65 PR	Pole Vault: 5. Casey Matthews 10-06
10. Newcastle 10.5	31. Netanya Prell 56-08	13. Lane Carter 3:01.78	6. Sam Scribner 10-00
11. Rock River 4	34. Ashlynn Shroyer 50-00 PR	15. Aksel Scott 3:03.54 PR	11T. Adam Butler 8-06
Women's Individual Results:	ND. Abby Pounds	1600M: 7. Sam Cunningham 5:16.43	NH. Thomas Prell
8. Adalyn Olson 13.82	Men's Team Results:	10. Archer Ohnstad 5:38.10	NH. Nate White
19. Delainey Dresen 14.66	1. Douglas 178	17. Jayden Corley 33-08 PR	Shot Put: 12. Aiden Butler 36-00
37. Julie Morris 15.66	2. Laramie 167	22. Nate Strickland 30-07	17. Jayden Corley 33-08 PR
56. Kyndal Von Eye 17.72	3. Glenrock 88	3200M: 2. Sam Cunningham 11:10.82 PR	27. Daymon Oliver 29-05
200M: 31. Ashlynn Shroyer 34.74 PR	4. Wheatland 86	3. Lane Carter 13:11.46 PR	53. Dagan Thompson 25-00 PR
47. McKenzie Rose 36.38	5. Lusk 85	110M Hurdles: 62. Josiah Martinez 20-10	62. Josiah Martinez 20-10
49. Netanya Prell 36.78	6. Torrington 67	10. Adam Butler 20.78	Discus: 9. Aiden Butler 109-06 PR
800M: 8. Aspen Bloom 2:44.70	7. Newcastle 40	NT. Eli Morrill	13. Nate Strickland 105-00
3200M: 4. Aspen Bloom 13:19.67	8. Rawlins 36	300M Hurdles	19. Collin McConkey 96-04
100M Hurdles: 13. Adalyn Olson 20.15	9. Moorcroft 19	NT. Rurik Herrberg	47. Douglas Pritchard 67-01
High Jump: 11. McKenzie Rose 4-01 PR	10. Rock River 5	4x100M Relay: DQ. Rurik Herrberg, Casey Matthews, Junior Geisness, Collin McConkey	48. Josiah Martinez 64-11 PR
NH. Abby Pounds	Men's Individual Results:	Sprint Medley Relay: DQ. Aidan Butler, CJ Hardy,	55. Tayshaun Bynum 57-00
NH. Lillie Morrill	100M: 7. Collin McConkey 11.95		
Long Jump: 7. Delainey Dresen 15-01.75 PR	34. Cole Erb 12.64		
	36. Casey Matthews 12.72 PR		
	41. Junior Geisness 12.78		
	63. Denali Davis 13.44 PR		



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Collin McConkey, above, fought the wind, but still finished in the top eight in both the 100 Meter and the 200 Meter Dash races. At left, Julie Morris floats through the air with the greatest of ease in the long jump at the Wheatland invitational Thursday.



McKenzie Rose jumped an inch higher than she did last week in the High Jump for a new personal best, Dresen leaped to a new PR in the Long Jump, while Kyndal Von Eye and Syd Pederson each threw for new personal best distances in Discus.

“Another highlight of the day was that Julie made the finals of the Shot Put and ended up tying for seventh place,” Conzelman said. “Though she didn’t throw a PR, she definitely competed and finished well.”

Conzelman left Wheatland feeling like his team is headed in the right direction, especially for just the second week of the season.

This week, the Dogies will be headed to Spearfish on Friday, where despite the snowfall from the weekend, is expected to be perfect weather for a track meet.

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to the Final Four.

That’s attitude and that’s a fighting spirit at work.

I saw a quote the other day from Chuck Noll, a former NFL player and head coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1969-1991, and arguably one of the greatest coaches ever, that really struck home.

“On every team, there is a core group that sets the tone for everyone else. If the tone is positive, you have half the battle won. If it is negative, you are beaten before you ever walk on the field.”

I’ve experienced situations where the collective tone was negative, and it was miserable to be a part of

that team, and it was no surprise for anyone that there wasn’t a lot to celebrate that year. We reaped the success of our attitude.

I’ve also seen how a negative attitude has impacted a team’s season, whether as a coach or as a fan. I can remember using attitude as a strategy to defeat certain opponents over the years. We knew that if we got into the head of one or two of their stronger players, their attitude would inevitably bring their team down and give us an advantage.

I’ve also seen the impact that a positive attitude can have.

There have been teams who, on paper, shouldn’t have had the level

of success they enjoyed based on the quality of their conference opponents, but they believed they could win and they found a way to do it.

Obviously, you need to have some level of talent to have a winning season, but talent alone isn’t enough. A winning attitude and a fighting spirit is essential to success.

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