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Employee raises part of county budget

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

For the past few months, the Weston County Commissioners have been meeting to discuss the upcoming budget slated for approval on July 17. Throughout those sessions commissioners made important decisions on where to allocate the available funds within the county, and the final meeting on July 5 was no different.

It was at that time that the commissioners came to the consensus that raises for all county employees should be included within the Fiscal Year 2018 budget. County employees have not received an across the board wage increase in

three years, and after considerable discussion, the commissioners agreed that now was the time to implement one.

Concerns were raised before the group came to the final consensus to provide raises to the employees instead of a one-time bonus, similar to what was done two years ago. Despite those concerns over the continued financial burden represented by the raises, the five commissioners agreed to promote employee retention and provide a 50 cent raise to each of their roughly 60 employees.

Providing the 50 cent raise will cost the county roughly \$73,000 in additional funds over the course of the next fiscal year. A 50 cent

raise is equivalent to a 4 percent increase on a \$17 an hour job, and Commissioner Ed Wagoner asserted that during weak economic times, that is a significant amount.

Commissioner Marty Ertman suggested that providing a \$1,000 bonus would cost the county significantly less due to the lack of benefits being attached to those dollars, but Commissioner Tony Barton revealed that, in his opinion, bonuses are performance-related and should not be used to replace a raise.

"A \$1,000 bonus is almost equal to a 50 cent raise," reasoned Commissioner Ed Wagoner after calculating the additional dollars an employee will gain throughout the work year

based on the average of 40 hours a week.

County Clerk Jill Sellers maintained that "of course" county employees are going to want a raise with the continued increase in the cost of living, but she admitted that she did not believe any county employee is "drastically underpaid," even though some may receive less than their counterparts in different counties.

"I am worried that a raise this year will lose someone their job next year," professed Sellers, noting that a continued decrease in county revenue could prove to be an issue in the future. Chairman Bill Lambert acknowledged that giving employee

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Taking the plunge



During the Weston County Health Services Community BBQ Duncan Stevens climbs up to take a shot at one of the big slides while racing other children through the obstacle course. More pictures from the event can be seen on page 10. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

Burn ban going into effect

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NLJ Reporter

As conditions continue to worsen in Weston County, the risk of wildfires continues to rise. Currently, the fire danger is considered high to very high within Weston County, and an open burn restriction will go into effect on July 20 after the Weston County Commissioners signed the resolution on July 5. According to local fire officials, however,

residents should start taking precautions immediately.

"Even though the open burning restrictions don't take effect until July 20, we'd appreciate the public's help in refraining from any of the prohibited acts in the restrictions, as conditions are just too dangerous," declared Weston County Fire Warden Daniel Tysdal.

He reported that a total of

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Rabies reported

Vets have had to quarantine pets

Jenna Piper for NLJ

A bullet-shaped rhabdovirus known as rabies is raising concerns from local veterinarians as there have been recent reports of two families having to undergo immunoglobulin therapy for rabies exposure in Weston County.

"One family we didn't see, the other family called us and their cat had caught a bat. Their cat, luckily, was up-to-date on vaccination, however, their dog was not. He was a month behind, so at least he had vaccinations previously and you still have residual immunity towards it. However, the woman possibly got bit and her children were exposed, so they had to undergo the therapy, which consists of a bunch of shots and it's very expensive," said Dr. Lindsey Sudbrink, a veterinarian at Salt Creek Vet Clinic.

Pets are man's best friend, and it is vital that owners take the necessary steps to keep their furry friends—and them-

selves—protected. The fact that animals are testing positive for rabies is a big deal, according to Sudbrink. While Weston County has seen some cases of rabies, the Salt Creek Vet Clinic has also noticed an increase in dog bites and has had to quarantine a considerable amount due to the fact that the animals are either past-due on their vaccinations or have never had a rabies shot in their medical history.

In that case, the clinic will admit the animal and do an examination for signs of rabies, then place the animal in a kennel for observation over a period of 10 days. On the last day of the quarantine, the clinic will do a final examination to check for any symptoms. By the end of a typical quarantine, the cost ranges from \$300-\$400.

"If there was a concern or a risk and the person who got bit has to undergo rabies treatment, that cost all goes to the person whose dog bit them. So, it becomes a really expensive thing," Sudbrink cautioned.

Rabies is transmitted through saliva, which is primarily seen with bite wounds.

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Landowner signs road easement

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

After months of working with landowner Clay Andersen, the City of Newcastle has finally signed an agreement for an easement for a road that will allow both city and public access to the orange water tank and a shooting range operated by the Weston County

Sportsman's Club.

The often contentious issue came to a head once again during last month's Newcastle City Council Meeting when realtor Michael Ramsey approached the council on Andersen's behalf, and requested gravel for the road as part of an exchange for the easement. It had been discovered when the property was recently purchased by

Andersen that the city did not have a properly filed easement for the access road.

At that time, Ramsey was directed to return to the Planning Commission with a complete proposal before seeking approval from the council, but on July 3, prior to the Newcastle City Council meeting, Andersen and his wife signed an easement in

the office of City Attorney Jim Peck. Peck was able, in turn, to present the easement to the council for approval and the mayor's signature.

Peck joked that the easement would then be filed in his office to avoid future issues in the instance of another property exchange, and indicated to

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Ahead of the crisis

Local opioid abuse not as prevalent as it is elsewhere in state

Bri Brasher
NLJ Reporter

Opioid addiction is a serious issue in society, and lawmakers are taking note. The issue that has been branded a national epidemic is a statewide problem as well in Wyoming, and opioid addiction has even become a local concern.

Statistics from the Wyoming Department of Health show that between the years 2012 and 2016, the rate of overdose deaths in Wyoming was 16.8 per 100,000 people. Department of Health spokesperson Kim Deti also reported that over the last ten years, six Weston County residents died from drug overdoses, but it wasn't clear how many of those were related to opioids. Deti indicated that specific information is difficult to aggregate due to the low numbers involved and medical privacy restrictions, and while reports show that opioid addiction is a serious and life-

threatening issue in Wyoming, abuse of prescription drugs is hard to measure.

"Keep in mind we do not have a way of tracking how many people are addicted or how many people overdosed," said Deti. "Not everyone who has an overdose dies, thankfully."

Mary Walker, a native of Newcastle and Executive Director of the Wyoming Board of Pharmacy, shared other important statistics with the News Letter Journal. The Wyoming Survey Analysis Center (WY SAC) shows that Weston County is actually down in opioid use. WY SAC reports that of the 23 counties in Wyoming, Weston County ranks number 20 in number of Schedule II prescriptions filled in a 2017 report of an analysis of 2014 and 2015. Schedule II is a category of drugs prescribed for legitimate medical use that also have a high potential for abuse or addiction.

Because Weston County is smaller in population, the statistic may be less significant. However, the county is also ranked 19 out of 23 in Schedule II prescriptions per capita in the report. Weston County falls well below the Wyoming average for Schedule II prescriptions per capita, with 0.62 in 2015 compared to Wyoming's 0.77

prescriptions.

Sheriff Bryan Colvard told the News Letter Journal that, in his experience, he sees more of an issue with the sale than with the actual abuse of prescription drugs in Weston County. Colvard explained that they seem to do more reports on issues where people can't refill their prescriptions because pills are missing, which is usually an issue that results from family or close acquaintances stealing medication.

Because of such issues, Walker and other professionals in the industry hope people will express extreme caution when storing unused medication.

"It's a big problem if people keep old medications of any kind around. The drugs get old, but they are also accessible," said Walker.

She went on to describe a new way that youth are getting ahold of stored medication and using it recreationally.

"Kids tend to go through grandparent's cabinets, and they're now having what are referred to as 'pharming parties,' where they pour unused medication into a big bowl and take them," Walker explained.

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With rabies on the rise in this area, a skunk's smell isn't the only danger he poses to you and your pets. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

WEATHER FORECAST

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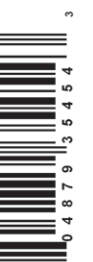


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Karl Paschall peers through the glass case at the miniature town his grandfather started building over 50 years ago. The display was once featured in traveling carnivals, and Paschall hopes to take the creation back on the road. (Nick Runyan/NLJ)

Famed mini-town reborn

Nick Runyan for NLJ

A miniature town built in the mid-20th century by former Newcastle resident Ivan King that was enjoyed throughout the midwest for awhile as part of several traveling shows may be going on tour again.

Mini-Kingsville, USA, has been set up in a trailer west of Newcastle ever since it was created, but at one time it traveled as a part of three different carnivals that passed through multiple states in the midwestern United States, and even parts of Canada, according to published reports from the mid-1970's.

Karl Paschall, the grandson of Ivan King, said he remembers his grandfather working on the miniature town when he was growing up. He told the News Letter Journal that it took King 14 years to build the masterpiece that he had originally started as "something to pass the time".

The town, which depicts a small frontier community in 1932, is in 1/25th size scale, and the little figures were hand-carved and created by King himself out of wood and leather. Paschall said King had been building with wood since he was a small child. On this

project he even used a small jigsaw to build the tiny town, and the detail involved in the pieces is extraordinary.

Mini-Kingsville includes a post office that is complete with two loafers in the front who are looking up and down the street while sitting on a bench. The general store has sundry items that are all hand made, and on the second floor there are small rooms for rent. In the shoe shop, there is a cobbler operating a shoe finishing machine, and you can even see his little arms moving as he uses it!

"My grandad had a machine just like that in the basement of his own shoe shop," Paschall revealed.

Kelly's Drug Store boasts a display of jewelry along the window, and there is a gumball machine on the counter in the store. On the side of the drug store is an entrance to the office of a Dr. Adams, and the vehicles on Main Street are identical to the ones driven back in the 1930's.

Paschall reported that Ivan's wife, Norma, assisted with the creation of the display by helping make the trees and hand-crafted flowers. She even used many of the native weeds and grasses available when

they did the landscape for the village.

There are several animated characters in the miniature town, and one of them is visibly trying to get his model T to work outside his house. Another is vigorously shaking a grain sack to fill it next to the barn by the side of the grainery. Another animated display features grandpa sawing logs while Polly and her little sister swing back and forth on the porch and their mother uses an old-fashioned hand-operated washing machine out back.

Paschall said that Loren King now owns the miniature town, and the duo plans to add more to the display. They have actually started already, and a windmill in the back of the display was added only a week or so ago.

Paschall hopes to pack up Mini-Kingsville again to travel around Wyoming and South Dakota—and maybe further—to show off his grandad's creation, and he takes obvious pride in the exposure the model enjoyed 40 years ago.

"We actually found a few old ticket books from when they traveled with the Ray Cammack carnival," stated Paschall in reference to a well-known show out of Colorado.

Raises

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raises would also eliminate the chance of completing any of the projects on the commission's "wish list," including paving a parking lot and purchasing a new county vehicle.

"Let's be bold. Let's do it," urged Barton, who had expressed support for the raise throughout the entire conversation.

He maintained that he did not care what the exact amount

was, but that he was in favor of providing for an across the board wage increase in the budget.

Commissioner Tracy Hunt suggested that the county provide their employees with 50 cent raises and the rest of the commission agreed. Sellers will include the raises in the budget that the commission will approve after a public hearing on July 17 at

7:30 p.m.

Lambert suggested that included in a note to employees regarding the budget, county officials should include that the potential for raises in the future exists if departments better monitor their budgets. He mentioned that he was amazed by the number of budgets that were down to zero by the close of Fiscal Year 2017.

Commission Clips

Notes from the July 5 Weston County Commissioner's Meeting

- In an effort to save on publication costs, County Clerk Jill Sellers presented a system of minute publication that will cut the word count by at least a half, if not two-thirds. The new format will include publishing only the direct actions taken by the commission as required by statute, with a fuller set of minutes, featuring discussions, available on the county's website.
- A discussion was held on maintenance projects that need to be undertaken at the Upton

- Library. County Administrator Dan Blakeman presented the projects, which include door and window replacement, to the commission requesting their direction. The commissioners requested more information prior to making a decision.
- The commissioners approved a Fire Restriction Resolution for Weston County effective July 20.
- Patricia Morgan was reappointed to the Weston County Library Board.

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Fifty years ago on July 15, Miss Virginia Gay Davis became the bride of George Leslie Darrow of Edgemont, SD, at 8:00 a.m. at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Milton Davis.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Darrow of Edgemont.

Rev. Ollie C. Blevins of Desert View Baptist Church, officiated at the double ring ceremony. Pianist for the ceremony was Mrs. William Babbitt who played, "O' Perfect Love" and the "Wedding March".

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a floor length white bridal gown of linner lace over taffeta that was fashioned with a square neckline in the front and a V-shape at the back of the bodice. Unlined long lace sleeves that were scalloped at the wrist completed the princess style dress that featured a pleat that began at the waist in the back gown and a scalloped hem from the pattern of the lace. Her illusion net elbow length veil was held in place by a crown of matching lace and seed pearls. The bride carried a bouquet of white spider mums that were tied with a blue ribbon. Her jewelry was a small silver cross and white pear earrings. The bride designed her gown and it was made for her by Mrs. Earl Solper.

Miss JoAnn Davis, sister of the bride, attended the bride as maid of honor. Dr. David L. Jones, brother-in-law of the groom, served as best man. Mr. Dean Hall, cousin of the bride, was usher.

Mrs. Davis attended her daughter's wedding in a light pink lace suit with white accessories. The groom's mother chose a white polk-a-dot suit with white accessories. Both wore white carnation corsages.

For traveling the bride chose a white cotton lace A-line dress that was accented with three pink ribbons. She wore white accessories and a white carnation corsage. Following a wedding trip through Northern Arizona and the Grand Canyon, the couple made Edgemont their home.

The bride graduated Parker High School in 1966. She is also a graduate of the Dale Carnegie Course. The groom graduated from Newcastle High School in Wyo. and attended Chadron State College in Chadron, Neb.; Where he was studying towards a degree as a physical therapist.

Mr. and Mrs. George Darrow will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 15, 2017 at the St. James Parish Center (306 3rd Avenue, Edgemont, SD), 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The couple requests no gifts. Cards can be sent to PO Box 554, Edgemont, SD 57735.

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Obituaries

Frank E. Humes
Jan. 17, 1926-July 7, 2017
Franklin E. Humes peacefully passed away on July 7, 2017 at the Weston County Manor comfort care unit in Newcastle, WY. He was surrounded that day by family, friends and a remarkable staff that gave him physical, spiritual and emotional support.



Frank Humes

Franklin (also known as Frankie, Friendly Frank or Frank) was born in Newcastle, on January 17, 1926 to Franklin A. Humes and Lillian Hutt Humes. Shortly after his birth the family moved to Nebraska where he spent the next eighteen years.

In 1944, Frank graduated from high school in Broken Bow, Nebraska and was inducted into the U.S. Navy the next day.

He spent a short time in boot camp and then was sent to the south pacific for the final days of WWII.

In 1946, Frank returned from the war and went to Newcastle, to visit relatives and decided to never leave. He married Donna Burns on June 15, 1949. They were blessed with two children, Susan and Franklin E. Humes, Jr. (Ed).

The next 68 years are filled with many stories of life in general. To tell all of these would take volumes. He was a businessman, fireman, community leader, church leader and in general a pillar of the community. He always believed in making his corner of this world a better place.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife, Donna and one grandson Adam Bowman. He was also preceded by his parents and siblings; Raymond Humes (18 months, Robert Humes, Ralph Humes, Ruby Zimmerman, Ruth Floretta, Louise Woodward and Richard (Willie) Wilson.

Frank is survived by daughter Susan Rone (Sonny) and Ed Humes (Linda) all of Casper, Wyoming; 7 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by sister Margaret Shreves of Bull Head City, AZ and brother Jack Wilson (Nita) of Texas.

Funeral services for Frank will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, July 13th at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Michael Jarrell officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Newcastle under direction of Worden Funeral Directors of Newcastle. Veterans rights will be given by Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter # 2516 of Newcastle.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions would be appreciated for the Newcastle Lions Club, the United Methodist Mens Group, the Adam Bowman Memorial Foundation or any organization of your choice.

To all of us who knew and loved him, he will be missed.

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Sticky Buns



Lee Bergstrom checks on the cinnamon rolls last Friday during the Weston County Senior Center's cinnamon roll morning. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

Faith & Values

- **ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm.
- **BAHA'I FAITH:** Firesides (Open to All) 1st & 3rd Fridays 7:30 pm at 15 Skyview Dr; 746-3626.
- **CAMBRIA COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Todd Olson, 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Youth (6-12 grades) and Adult Bible Study Sunday Evening 6-7 pm; Wednesday Night Youth and Adult Bible Study 6 pm; Life Recovery Bible Study Sunday Night 7 pm.
- **CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL:** Fr. Tom Campbell, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. haydishall@hotmail.com. Service times: Holy Eucharist 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 10:00 a.m.; Morning prayer 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:00 a.m.
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Tsena Dinssa, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am.
- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Greg James, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am.
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Tim Martinson, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 5 pm; Weekday Mass 8 am.
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley, 746-9712, Worship 10 am.
- **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Gary Anderson, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm; AWANA Clubs 6:30 pm.
- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-5542. Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer Service 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Youth Group Wednesday 6:30 pm; Christian Academy preschool & K-12 746-9663.

- **OUR SAVIOR CHURCH:** Pastors Doug and Frezil Westerlund, Weston County Fairgrounds, Service Sundays 9:30 am. 307-941-2524
- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Michael Jarrell, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; 11:30 a.m. Casual Worship Service, Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship 11 am. Call 746-8091.
- **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting, Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am.
- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer.
- **OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm.
- **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Chuck Gadoway 303-229-3103, 78 Old Hwy 85 and Pastoral Assistant Matt Dooley 949-0831. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:00 am.
- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Killian Muli, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 am.
- **VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am; Adult Study 10:30 am; 1st & 3rd Wed Evenings Prayer and Praise Service 7 pm. August 7, 14, and 21 church is at 9am. August 28--no church in Upton, worship is at 11am at Rev Johnson's home in Custer. September 4th and all sundays following, 9am Sunday School, 10am Worship, 11am Fellowship, and 11:30 Bible Study.

The LORD will fight for you; you need only be still. Exodus 14:14

Daily Devotional Reading

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July 8, 1892

The Woman's Relief Corps has purchased one of the hand-somest flags ever brought into Wyoming, says the Sundance Reform. The flag will be presented by them to the G.A.R. of this city, at the Court House on the 4th of July. How proud our old soldiers will step when they fall into line on that day.

Miss Emma C. Patterson left on the B.&M. Tuesday for a six week trip to the National Park. Miss Patterson is the assistant to Prof. Putnam in Newcastle grade school and is well deserving of a rest from her labor with the young.

Madison Mason came in from Powder River where he has been locating coal claims for Newcastle practice.

The grand street parade formed at 10 a.m. on Seneca Street & Warren Avenue. L.T. Griggs Marshall & A.M. Nelson aide.

From information of a reliable character we regret to make the announcement that Hank Lovett, formerly of Elk Mountain, was shot & killed at Hyattville, Johnson County, by Ira Walker. That his death may not be attributed to the rustler war, we will say that his death was the result of a quarrel over a woman.

July 12, 1917

The drilling rig which the Southwest Oil Company has been waiting on for some time arrived yesterday. Superintendent Chambers will have the rig moved to

the Coyle property near town & start drilling operations as soon as possible.

Bruno Cangenì came down from the Northwest Table last Friday, & went on down to his homestead in the sage brush Southwest of town to look after some cattle which he is ranging there.

Cashier E.P. Coyle of the First National Bank, a few days ago very quietly drove out of town in his new Buick car on a vacation trip. He didn't give out his itinerary, but we are sure one point he will visit Van Tassell Wyo., where we think it is quite essential that he reaches prior to the 15th.

Hans Thobiasen was down from the Horton vicinity Tuesday on business errands.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Carey were down from their prairie home yesterday.

James F. Hart went over to the race meet at Hot Springs, S.D., last week remaining for several days.

July 9, 1942

The Cotton family & Johnnie Van Herwynen and wife, & the Clarks enjoyed the

cool hospitality of the Clareton Club House on the fourth.

In a letter to his mother recently, Pvt. Leo Giachino stated that he expects to be given a short furlough near the end of July.

John Tenke was admitted to the Acord Hospital on July 5th for medical treatment.

Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Ferguson of York, Penn., arrived Tuesday morning for a short visit at the home of her brother, Dr. & Mrs. N.E. Wells.

The annual Weston County Wool Pool Sale was held at the Black Hills Meat & Cold Storage plant in Newcastle on July 7th was attended by eight wool buyers. All bids were declared unsatisfactory by the Wool Pool Committee composed of Jay Wellman Chairman; Scott Moore, Roy Kimsey, W.J. Peterson, Boyd Ash, & H.G. Berthelson, Secretary.

The American Legion will hold their annual installation of officers next Monday evening, July 13th, at a 7 o'clock dinner to be held at the Newcastle Water Supply Tank.

Should have seen it in color



Twenty-one wool buyers who were attracted to Newcastle by the sale of Weston County Wool Pool. In the background is the Black Hills Cold Storage Warehouse where the wool sale was held. The men in the photo are unidentified. If anyone knows or can identify these men please contact the Anna Miller Museum. 1939 (Photo Courtesy of Anna Miller Museum)

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July 2017

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 13	12:00 p.m.	Upton Chamber Meeting	Cedar Pines Golf Course
	5:30 p.m.	City Planning Commission Meeting	Council Chambers
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
Fri 14	9:00 a.m.	Cinnamon Roll Friday	WC Senior Center
	7:00 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall
	Thru 7/16	Upton Fun Days	Upton
Sat 15	9:00 a.m.	Upton Fly-In	Upton Airport
	9:30 a.m.	2 Man Scramble/Saddle & Sirlion	Newcastle Country Club
Sun 16	7:15 p.m.	Women Only Life Recovery Meeting	Cambria Church Basement
Mon 17	1:00 p.m.	Tax Planning for Forest Landowners	USDA Building
	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
Tues 18	9:00 a.m.	WC Commissioners Meeting	WC Annex
	12:00 p.m.	WC Cowbells Carry-In Picnic	Dow Park
Wed 19	12:00 p.m.	Newcastle Lions Club	WC Senior Center
	1:00 p.m.	Creative Handicraft Group	WC Senior Center
	1:30 p.m.	WC Weed & Pest Board Meeting	Weed & Pest Office
	6:00 p.m.	WC Humane Society Meeting	Shelter Office
	7:00 p.m.	WC School District #1	Administration Office
7:00 p.m.	NA Meeting	Cambria Church Basement	
Thurs 20	7:30 p.m.	Masons #13 Meeting	Masonic Lodge
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	WC Senior Center, Family Room
Fri 21	9:00 a.m.	Cinnamon Roll Friday	WC Senior Center
	7:00 p.m.	Bingo	VFW Hall

Calendar Sponsored by Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce

For a complete listing of events, for more information on these events, or to list your own event, visit the Chamber website at newcastlewy.com

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 13
Kevin & Amy Senger
Piper Allard
Aaron Price
Steve Cox
Tommy & Stacy Banks

July 16
Trevor Stith
Gary Hieb

July 18
Ashley Reed
Janet Hutchinson
Lyle & Joyce Sylte

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Riding the wave

Student awarded for water quality project

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

As only a freshman in high school, Shelby Stith watched a middle school science project blossom into research worthy of national recognition, and she hopes continued work on the project may eventually earn her a trip to Sweden.

A series of science projects started in seventh grade led to Stith—who will be a sophomore at Newcastle High School in the fall—being awarded the Stockholm Junior Water Prize for the State of Wyoming. The award is given to projects focused on the improvement of water quality.

As part of her prize, Shelby had the opportunity to travel to North Carolina for a busy weekend spent exploring future job and research opportunities. She also attended a dinner where she was presented her medal, and represented Wyoming in the International Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition. Shelby, being a freshman at the time of her recognition, was one of the youngest students there.

The project, ‘Toxic Tides,’ that sealed Shelby her spot as the Wyoming winner investigated how different amounts of ammonia affected aquatic systems. Newcastle High School science teacher James Stith shared that the project not only qualified her at the State Science Fair in Laramie, but also at the High Plains Regional Science Fair in Rapid City.

She had completed experiments of this nature before, and had been working on water quality projects since the seventh grade.

“In seventh grade, it was the effects of fertilizer on water. It was my teacher’s idea at the time, and I just kept going with that,” Shelby recalled. She continued the project afterward by testing different substances to determine their effects on water supply.



Shelby Stith enjoyed networking with other young scientists at the national competition, but hopes to expand on those opportunities and participate in the world competition at some point. (submitted photo)

The project involving ammonia won her the Stockholm Junior Water Prize for Wyoming, and the opportunity to enter for the national title in future years. She explained that due to her state title, she has the ability moving forward to enter her projects

for the national title without having to win the state prize again.

“I’m going to give it a shot next year, and hopefully I can get the trip to Sweden for the world competition,” Shelby said.

H₂O around the world

“The Stockholm Junior Water Prize gathers imaginative young minds from all over the world, encouraging their continued interest in water and sustainability issues. The competition draws more than 10,000 tries from over 30 counties,” explains the Stockholm International Water Institutes website.

The national and international competitions are open to young people between the ages of 15 and 20. The individuals who are selected have conducted water-related projects of proven environmental, scientific, social or technological significance ranging from national to global topics.

The qualified youngsters compete for the chance to represent their nation at the international final held during World Water Week in Stockholm. The winner receives a \$15,000 award, a blue crystal prize sculpture and a diploma, as well as the stay in Stockholm, which is awarded by H.R.H Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden, the Patron of the Stockholm Junior Water Prize.

UW Honor Rolls announced

The University of Wyoming lists 12 students from Weston County on the 2017 spring semester academic Dean’s and Dean’s Freshman Honor Rolls. Newcastle’s Gideon D. Baldwin, Nolan Russell Behnke, Katara N. Cade, Alyssa Dawson, Catherine Elizabeth Halliday, Alex L. Henkle, Alexander Lee Hokanson and Abigail Hutchinson were all named to the Honor Rolls, as were Ty A. Beck, Eben S. Cowger, Seth W. Jones and Karen Malli Lambert of Upton.

The honor rolls consist of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman standing who earned a 3.4 or better grade-point average, and freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better grade-point average. To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

School officials worried about additional requirement

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

A number of Wyoming officials believe that the state’s economic growth is being hindered by a lack of workers qualified to take on jobs in high tech industries, and computer coding classes could be made available to local students soon. That could present some positives for students, but local school officials have voiced some concerns over the new state initiative and are particularly worried that computer science courses could become an additional requirement for graduation.

Teaching computer coding to Wyoming’s secondary students has become a hot topic since the closure of the 2017 legislative session, and Wyoming State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow has been keeping the issue on the front-burner to making it one of the three highest priorities for her department this year, according to Newcastle High School Principal Tracy Ragland.

During the June 21 Weston County School District #1 Board Meeting, Ragland and WCSD#1 Superintendent Brad LaCroix discussed the possibility that ‘coding,’ or another form of computer science, could become an additional requirement for graduation soon, but admitted that specific details regarding the potential requirement haven’t been made available at this time.

“The big coding thing came about somewhere between eight and 10 months ago,” commented LaCroix.

The motivation behind the goal of incorporating more coding or computer sciences into Wyoming

schools is to create a workforce to fill jobs in the field, and the hope is to engage the interest of students who will then go to school before returning home to Wyoming and working in the state.

According to Ragland, who has attended special meetings on the topic, the discussion so far includes creating a pathway for a student to receive a certification in coding. He reported that the outline looks like it will consist of three to four online classes that anyone can take to become certified, but reiterated that at this point he could not provide any information on the potential for coding or computer science becoming a graduation requirement.

“One sentence says it will, and then one said it won’t,” remarked Ragland.

According to the NHS principal, much of the discussions to this point have focused on how any coding or computer science class should be classified, and there is some indication that a computer science class could offer something besides coding, like robotics, which is already offered in the community.

“They are putting it into different subjects. It’s not going to really cost more money, but will be embedded into what we are already doing,” shared LaCroix, who admitted that it still isn’t clear whether the bulk of decisions regarding computer science offerings going forward will be made locally or at the state level.

One concern LaCroix did voice regarding a potential additional graduation requirement would be the increase on the workload of students in the public schools.

“All we’ve done since 1990 is add. Whatever social (concern) there is at the time, we put into the public school mix,” declared LaCroix, who noted that students haven’t been given additional time to keep up with the additional demands placed on them. “We are not extending the school year, and we have not extended the school day.”

The cost of coding

The government began the push for coding in schools because, according to LaCroix, there is a belief that a lack of the education is an obstacle to economic growth in Wyoming. He said that, according to state officials, there are roughly 150 jobs paying anywhere from \$50,000 to \$150,000 in the state involving coding, and there is nobody available to fill those positions.

“There are not enough people in computer science to allow our economy to grow,” LaCroix said in explanation of the state’s desire to have coding taught at the high school level.

“Schools are going to have to give them more invested students that will go to school and come home to fill a void,” LaCroix lamented, and WCSD#1 Board Chair John Riesland suggested that the high number of available jobs in Wyoming may be more of a reflection on the pay offered than an indication of a lack of available workers.

Ragland and LaCroix expressed that they would keep the WCSD#1 board in the loop on developments regarding the topic.



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Liquor laws change little

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

The Wyoming State Legislature loosened up some of the law's governing liquor establishments during their last session, and gave local governments more authority to regulate license holders in their communities. The new state law went into effect at the beginning of this month, but it doesn't appear that regulations are going to change much here.

Changes to Wyoming's liquor laws that took effect on July 1 had already caught the attention of both city and county officials, as changes in operating hours, age limits and operating locations caused both entities to reconsider local laws due to their reference to Wyoming's statutes on the topic.

On June 20, the Weston County Commissioner's approved two resolutions referencing the changes in law, while the Newcastle City Council hosted a Committee of the Whole meeting on June 27 with local license holders to gauge their opinions on the topic.

The main concerns expressed by license holders to the council were those surrounding the change in "licensed room" to "licensed building" in state statute, although operating hours and age restrictions were also discussed over the course of the conversation.

The Newcastle City Council focused on keeping laws similar to previous ordinances, and discussion supported keeping operating hours the same at 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. (That sparked the approval of the council— on the first of three readings— of an ordinance setting those guidelines at their July 3 council

meeting.)

The consensus of the group gathered at the Committee of the Whole meeting was also to allow minors into retail or other licensed businesses with certain rules attached, similar to guidelines now.

"Years back there was an argument that Newcastle needed to change ordinances to meet state law," declared Police Chief Jim Owens while addressing the topic of minors in establishments with liquor licenses. "The Newcastle ordinance said 21, and the opinion of it then was we have to stick with 21."

Although Owens professed the need to keep laws that prohibit anyone under the age of 21 from entering some establishments the same as they are at present due to enforcement issues, the consensus of the council was that minors should be allowed in such establishments, but only with a parent or guardian, and only up to a certain hour. Another requirement of allowing minors to enter was that the establishment serve food, thus providing a reason for the minor to be in the building.

The legislature also made changes to laws regarding which portions of the building alcohol can be served in by changing the language in the statute from "licensed room" to "licensed building." That prompted a number of questions regarding specific situations that revealed a lack of clarity in the new law, and City Attorney Jim Peck suggested that a call should be made to the Wyoming Liquor Division on the license holder's behalf to determine how the law should be interpreted in their particular circumstance. Peck indicated that he interpreted the

law to mean alcohol could only be served from locations inside the building, and could only be dispersed from a space outside if approved by the licensing authority. He also indicated that he believes the new law allows for multiple dispensing areas throughout a location at no additional fee.

No official action was made during the June meeting, but the consensus of the group was presented to the council for further discussion and approval on July 3. Peck expressed the hope that license holders would continue to operate under previous guidelines until official changes referencing state statutes can be made in city ordinance.

The county was quicker to act, and simply approved resolutions referencing the July 1 changes to state law. Those resolutions also established guidelines within the county that were no longer set by the state.

As was the case with the city, County Clerk Jill Sellers indicated that the resolutions approved by the county held true to previous laws and focused on operating hours and the rules surrounding minors in establishments.

"Basically they are the same laws as before. The state law changed to 24 hour sales with the ability for each county to set their own rules. We kept the hours of operation and sales the same as previously. It is still 6 a.m. to 2 a.m.," explained Sellers, noting that the resolutions involving minors in licensed establishments were intended to cover restaurants within the county that serve alcohol, and provided guidelines for minors dining in said locations.

OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS

Effective July 20, 2017

Due to the high fire danger that exists throughout Weston County, created by a heavy fuel load and dry conditions, which could create situations that over-extend the firefighting capability of local government the Open Burning Restrictions will take effect **July 20, 2017**.

The discharge of fireworks and all outdoor fires are prohibited in the unincorporated area of Weston County except as provided below:

- (i) Trash or refuse fires between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., inside containers provided with a spark arrester and located within a cleared area ten feet in radius and a shovel and fire suppression means are present at site, are permitted.
- (ii) Attended campfires contained within an established fire ring, no larger than three feet in radius, and located within a cleared area ten feet in radius and a shovel and fire suppression means are present at site, are permitted.
- (iii) Charcoal fires within enclosed grills located within a cleared area ten feet in radius and a shovel and fire suppression means are present at site, are permitted.
- (iv) Use of acetylene cutting torches or electric arc welders in cleared areas ten feet in radius, and a shovel and fire suppression means are present at site, are permitted.
- (v) Propane or open fire branding activities, in cleared areas ten feet in radius, and a shovel and fire suppression means are present at site, are permitted.
- (vi) Internal or external combustion engines including chainsaws, ATVs and motorcycles shall have approved spark arrestors.
- (vii) Any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty is exempted.
- (viii) The listed exceptions set forth in Wyoming Statute 35-10-204.
- (ix) By a permit granted by the Weston County Commissioners for public display.
- (x) These restrictions do not include the areas within incorporated cities and towns in Weston County or federal and state lands, as these entities may impose more or less restrictive regulations.

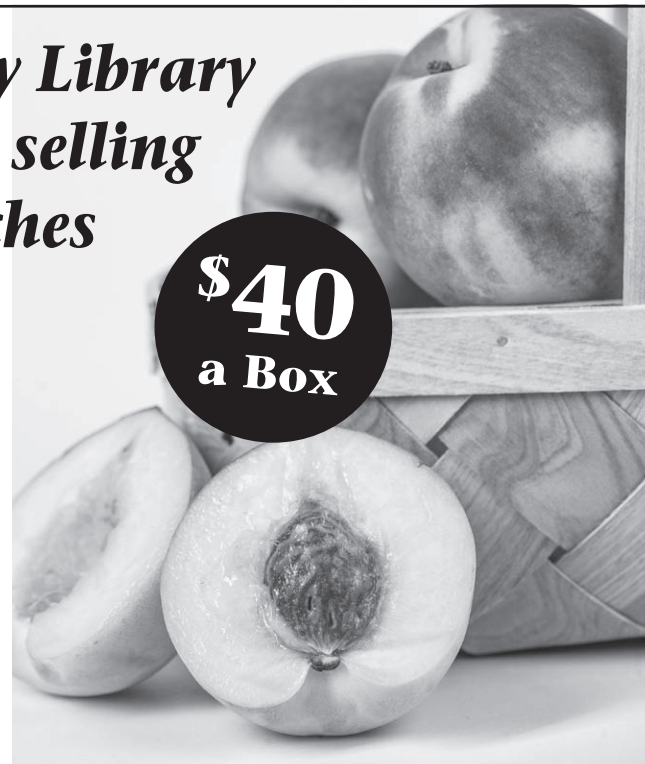
Any violation of the Open Burning Restrictions may be in violation of W.S. 35-9-304 punishable by up to 30 days in jail and up to a \$100.00 fine or both together with possible restitution for the cost of fire suppression and damages to others. The County Fire Warden may temporarily lift or re-impose these Open Burning Restrictions. For the latest status on the restrictions visit www.facebook.com/westoncountyfire or call 746-2031.

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City Beats

Notes from the July 3 Newcastle City Council Meeting

- Perkins Tavern owner Bruce Perkins was once again granted relaxation of the open container ordinance for in front of his establishment, as well as the adjacent address which he also owns. During this same period of time, from August 1 to August 21, motorcycle parking will also be designated within the center lanes on two blocks of Main Street— from Sumner to Railway Avenues.
- The council voted to appoint Councilman Don Steveson to the position of President of

the Council, or Mayor Pro Tem.

- Ordinance One Series 2017 was approved on third reading by the council. The ordinance established a cable television franchise agreement between Charter and the city.
- The council approved two rental agreements, one with Weston County for the Circuit Court and the other for the Public Defenders Office, both of which allow the parties to terminate the lease with 30 days notice in anticipation of those offices moving to the courthouse.

Burning

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nine fires have started in the county since June 30, when he said fire season really kicked into high gear. Four of the nine fires were started on the 4th of July alone, with two of those being sparked by fireworks. The most recent fire in Weston County started in the Rochelle Hills, and crews were battling that blaze at the beginning of this week.

"Most areas in the county had some good moisture early this spring, which created a heavy fuel load. The extreme heat we've experienced over the last several days has dried those fuels out immensely, and now we are getting thunderstorms with little to no rain in them, which makes conditions ripe for wildland fires," professed Tysdal. "The last several days we've seen the fire dangers jump quickly to High and even Very High for our area, and there appears to be no

relief in the immediate future."

Tysdal stressed the importance of the public using extreme caution with any outdoor activity that could spark a fire and maintained that if any fire does start, 911 should be contacted immediately.

As outlined in the open burning restrictions resolution (see page 7), the discharge of fireworks and all outdoor fires will be prohibited in Weston County, except for a number of instances in which outlined approval has been given.

These instances included the burning of trash refuse between certain hours, campfires in contained established fire rings, charcoal fires within enclosed grills, the use of acetylene cutting torches or electric welders, and the use of propane or open fire branding activities.

Each of the allowed activities has a set of requirements

attached to them, including a cleared 10 foot radius and the need for a shovel and fire suppression means on site.

Anyone who violates the Open Burning Restriction may be in violation of Wyoming Statute 35-9-304 and face up to 30 days in jail and up to \$100.00 in fines, or both, with possible restitution for the cost of the fire's suppression or damage to others.

The ability to lift or re-impose the Open Burning Restrictions lies with Tysdal, and the latest status on the restrictions can be found at www.facebook.com/weston-countyfire or by calling 746-2031. According to the notice announcing the restrictions, the ban does not include areas within the incorporated cities and towns, or federal and state lands. These entities may or may not impose more or less restrictive regulations.

Road

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the council that final negotiations between the parties had been pleasant.

"There have been tensions involved in this, but I have to say this last few weeks dealing with the Andersen's and Ramsey as their agent have, quite frankly, been without any problems. There were no requests from the Andersen's directly. They don't want any money. There will be a subdivision road over a chunk of it anyway. The only thing they asked is for us to divert the flow," professed Peck.

He explained that request had nothing to do with gravel, but rather involved an overflow for the city water tank that flows onto the Andersen's property. The request, which was accepted by the city, is for the movement of the overflow off the property and onto land owned by the city, which Peck noted should be done in the next couple of weeks. In exchange for that and the council's approval of the plat for the subdivision that will now be presented to the county for approval, the city finally has legal access to the tank and shooting range.

"This will allow access for not only the city, but anyone the city has a lease with. The Planning Commission has already seen the proposed plat... They have already approved recommendation for the town to approve," explained Peck, noting that the county may make some minor tweaks when the plat is presented to them.

As part of the process, the city will provide a letter to the county saying there are no objections to the subdivision proposal— which falls under the classification of a small subdivision of five lots or fewer— and that the city will not require curb, gutter or streets on the property. The council approved Mayor Deb Piana's signature on the letter to the county prior to approving the access easement that had already been executed by the Andersen's.

The easement includes a 30-foot wide easement description that will hopefully be filed to be attached to the signed easement. The 30-foot wide easement will lay inside a 66-foot dedicated roadway within the subdivision.

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It's not a summer break for everybody!



Above: Abby Gray mows the turf on the practice field behind Newcastle High School; Right: Abi Deveraux services the smoke alarms in preparation for students' return in the fall. (Alexis Barker and Bri Brasher/NLJ)

Bri Brasher
NLJ Reporter

While kids and teachers enjoy a bit of a break over the summer months, many school district employees are still hard at work. Superintendent, Brad LaCroix shared that nearly every department in the district is busy preparing for the next academic year.

"The summer is the time that you basically rejuvenate not only facilities but the system for the fall," said LaCroix. "It's the only time that you can get to things when students and staff are away."

LaCroix was quick to note that he relies heavily on the department heads and their staff to prepare for the upcoming year. Secretaries are out of the office over the summer, so inquiries go

through the Central Office, where work continues.

Deb Sylte, the Central Office Manager, works to close out the fiscal year and handle any summer billing and incoming deposits. The Central Office spends most of their time making budgets and doing state reports to get funding for the next year. Teacher contracts are sent out and the records from the previous year stored away. Working closely with Sylte is Denise Anderson, the Food Service Director who also works in accounts payable.

Anderson readies menus to meet state nutrition regulations and completes the state application for the upcoming year. She also handles free and reduced ticket applications, as well as the lunch tickets for elementary kids.

While the Central Office prepares for a new year at the head of the helm and Food Services readies the kitchen, the maintenance, custodial, and transportation departments take on cleaning duties across the district.

Facility and Operations Director Greg Gregory and his staff tackle projects large and small. Contractors are currently recoating and restriping the track while other workers and contractors are busy at the elementary and high school doing some heating, ventilation and air projects. A brand new ventilation system in the Vocational Technology Building is also underway to rid the building of welding fumes. New blinds are going up in the high school and possibly in the elementary school, and as usual, the pool will

close for two to three weeks at some point this summer for a thorough cleaning.

The maintenance department also hires five to six summer employees to keep up with the mowing and landscaping outdoors, and to blow out smoke detectors and change locker combinations indoors. Gregory said that the rest of his time is allocated to catching up on little projects that popped up during the school year.

Similarly, Linda Porter, the Lead Custodian for the high school and middle school, explained that all of the rooms, hallways, and lights are cleaned top to bottom, and all of the outbuildings receive a deep cleaning.

The custodians work around the summer and sports camps to keep the facilities up

and running. Porter shared that while cleaning mostly empty buildings may be more convenient, she actually prefers the school year and being around the kids. Transportation Director, Mark Peterson, shares Porter's feelings.

"You know, we really look forward to the summer, but then again, it's nice to see the drivers coming back to start picking up the kids again," Peterson said with an air of nostalgia. "It's fun to see the kids and how much they've grown over the summer, and how much they've matured. I mean, you really see a lot of changes," Peterson added.

In preparation for the return of the students, the Transportation Department knows the importance of bus driver training, mechanical

inspection, and deep cleaning in the summer months. The biggest workload comes in cleaning the buses and school suburbs. Each of the 20 buses undergo three days of cleaning and three days of maintenance, which makes the summer go by fast, according to Peterson.

The goal of the summer workload—and most important aspect of Peterson's department—is to keep the kids and staff safe out on the road.

While in the midst of the summer work schedule, all departments are looking forward to another successful academic year. The preparation efforts to most effectively care for students and staff is evident in the tasks accomplished and attention to detail.

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Beating the heat



Rachel Baird, Taylor Oliver, Regan Anderson, and Tanner Baird ring up a sale at their lemonade stand. The kids set up for business in front of Michael Freeman's Farmer's Insurance Office in downtown Newcastle on June 27. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)



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The Wyoming State Forestry Division is hosting a workshop on tax planning for forest landowners. The event will take place on Monday, July 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Wyoming State Forestry Division Building in Newcastle located at 431 Delaware Avenue.

Presented by Kansas Farm Bureau Professor of Agriculture, Roger McEowen, the workshop will cover how landowners can work timber into their taxes at the end of the year, even when primarily using the land for cattle. The topic is especially important because landowners do not typically harvest and sell timber annually, so timber tax is not something that is dealt with on a regular basis.

McEowen is an expert in the field and is very

knowledgeable in how to work timber into ranch profits. He will cover the process of incorporating timber into landowner taxes in order to minimize the taxes due in a legal yet manageable manner.

Jonathan Sloan, Assistant District Forester for District 1, told the News Letter Journal that even those at the Wyoming State Forestry Division are curious about the topic.

"Taxes themselves are sometimes hard to understand, and it will be a learning curve even for the department on timber tax," said Sloan.

The Tax Planning for Forest Landowners Workshop is sponsored by the Wyoming State Forestry Division and Wyoming Tree Farm Committee. The sponsors hope that with the workshop, landowners and timber purchasers will know what to do when they harvest timber and how to most effectively handle the corresponding taxes.

Rabies

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When saliva is injected into the tissue, rabies first attaches to muscle cells, and then the virus moves into the nervous system and eventually makes its way to the brain. There are different factors that can determine how fast the virus will spread, such as the dose of saliva and the area of the bite wound. Sudbrink explained that a person will get rabies faster if bitten on the neck versus on the foot.

She also mentioned that it can take a while for symptoms to show from the time of the initial bite. Once symptoms begin to show, however, treatment is nearly impossible and the virus can turn fatal.

"Once you get bit, you don't just have rabies. It has to incubate sometimes, and once the virus gets in there and starts replicating, it's 10 days until death. However, it can take up to a year to show those signs," Sudbrink explained.

Fortunately, rabies is preventable with up-to-date vac-

cinations, and it also helps to keep pets away from wildlife as much as possible.

"The good thing is, our rabies vaccines are \$15 dollars apiece. The first time you get a rabies vaccine, it's only good for a year and then you need a booster a year later. Then that one is good for three years," said Sudbrink. "So \$15 for three years is a lot of protection for a little bit of money and less of a hassle if something were to ever happen."

Aside from dogs and cats, horses are also able to receive a rabies vaccination, which is fairly unknown to people, according to Sudbrink, who also revealed that horses are one of the most susceptible and likely to come into contact with rabid animals.

"Actually, about two hours north of here they had to put a horse down because it was attacked by rabid foxes while a guy was riding it. Both his dogs and his horse had to be

put down," Sudbrink described. "Here's the other thing about rabies. Let's say a rabid animal did bite your dog, and your dogs never had a vaccine before. That dog has to be put down because the only way to test for rabies is to take the brain out and do slides of the brain."

Getting your pets vaccinated not only prevents them from receiving a life-threatening virus, but it will also save you as an owner from getting crossed up with county regulations.

Sudbrink explained that in Weston County it is not illegal to not have your pets vaccinated for rabies, but it will become a legal issue once an animal bites a person.

"I want people to get up-to-date on vaccinating because (they) have been cracking down on people in town, especially, because to live in town with your dog, you need to have your dog rabies vaccinated and registered with the city," Sudbrink warned.

Abuse

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"Pharming parties" are a new craze with young people, but Kristi Lipp, the local prevention professional for Weston and Crook Counties, said that while there is a stigma that younger people are the ones abusing the drug, even elderly people are going to rehab after major surgery and subsequent addiction to medication.

Both Walker and Lipp emphasized the importance of safely and responsibly disposing of unused medication, and encouraged people to take their leftover meds to conveniently located drop boxes for proper disposal.

Weston County received a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for lock boxes to facilitate safe drug disposal. There are two drop box locations in Weston County, located at the Law Enforcement Center and the Weston County Pharmacy, and Weston County Health Services Home Health is also available for information and donation services.

Lipp also plans to offer disposal kits that include deactivation packets that dissolve the meds in an environmentally safe manner. The kits will be available around town in the next few months, and Lipp will distribute them in the meantime.

Even with prevention measures in place, overdoses are still happening, and lawmakers are making moves they hope will help save lives. Senate File 0042 of the 2017 legislative session gives pharmacists and practitioners licensed under Wyoming statutes the ability to prescribe an opiate antagonist (Naloxone) for the treatment of an opiate related drug overdose.

The Emergency Administration of Opiate Antagonist Act provides rules specifying requirements for pharmacists to prescribe the antagonist and a policy for practitioners to give a standing order for the drug. The act also protects the providers by granting them immunity from criminal or civil liability for specified conduct.

Naloxone is an opioid antagonist (blocker) that reverses the effects of opioids within 2-3 minutes of administration, according to a brochure provided by the North Dakota State Board of Pharmacy. The state of Wyoming is now working to build similar brochures after the passing of a new law in Wyoming that will allow pharmacists and practitioners to teach consumers how to use Naloxone.

Walker explained that Naloxone acts very quickly and can actually throw an overdosed person into withdrawal. The drug works on the same brain receptors as opioids, and immediately works to reverse the overdose, wearing off in as little as 30-90 minutes. Walker recommends that in all overdose situations, Naloxone should always be administered, even if it is hard to determine when the person affected took the drugs. He said if they do not come around after Naloxone is administered, the person will likely die.

Walker also said that pharmacists can suggest that customers have Naloxone on hand should unexpected problems arise. For instance, Walker provided the example of a person who had knee surgery that hasn't taken powerful drugs before. They may not know how to safely take the pain medication, and could seriously harm themselves.

Other efforts to mitigate drug overdoses are in the works as well. Mathews said that the department received a grant, also from SAMHSA, to get Naloxone out to first responders and get them training on how to administer the drug and inform others. As of July 1, people can also simply use a standing order with pharmacists and do not need a prescription to access the drug.

Deti also shared that there are many treatment options through the Wyoming Department of Health, and the department provides substantial funding to support mental health and substance abuse services at most community facilities around the state.

WCHS is having a sealed bid auction for five weeks.

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Weston County Health Services hosted their Community BBQ on Saturday, July 8 featuring a free meal and six bouncy houses for children to enjoy. Clockwise from top: Kazen Barker prepares to take his turn down the slide. Kylie Sheeler is ready to take her turn down one of the many slides connected to the bouncy houses. Weston County Health Services Board Member Barry Peterson greets community members as they sign up for the door prizes. Weston County Health Services employees Mackyleigh Shultz, Kristie Cadwell and her boyfriend Taiton LaPlante serve hamburgers and hot dogs to those in attendance. Weston County Health Services Board Member Travis Cochran enjoys the event with wife Shawna and daughter Ella. (Alexis Barker/NLJ)

One neighborhood at a time

City approves clean-up plan for next month

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

A plan to promote a general clean-up of Newcastle has been set into motion after Weston County Natural Resource District Manager Lacey Sloan hammered out final plans with the Newcastle City Council on July 3.

Throughout the month of August, different neighborhoods will have city roll-off dumpsters placed in the area for a day to assist in a clean-up of those residential neighborhoods. The service will be free of charge to those who utilize the free clean-up period, but volunteers must be present to monitor the roll-offs throughout the day.

Neighborhoods that wish to be included in the community clean-up must come forward and have a volunteer to man the roll-offs during the

hours of use. That monitor will ensure that everything placed in the roll-offs is allowable material, and that a mess is not left on the ground around the dumpster. As of the July 3 meeting, three neighborhoods have had volunteers come forward and dates have been set for their neighborhood clean-up.

The effort will follow the original format presented by Sloan at an earlier council meeting, but only after another proposal earned the favor of Mayor Deb Piana before proving too difficult to execute. It was suggested that a central location be established for roll-offs that would allow the whole community to participate. Under that proposal, people from around the community could transport their waste to the central location, where it could still be disposed of free of charge.

"I would really like to see it centrally located," Piana urged. "It would be easier if we did it at Shopko parking lot."

The mayor maintained that a central location may make it easier to attract more volunteers to the effort than it would be if the clean-up was scattered over a number of different locations and dates. Piana suggested that city crews could also get involved to collect items that individuals were unable to pick up and take that trash to the roll-off location, but Sloan feared the size of such an endeavor could prove overwhelming.

"I am one person, and I can only do so much. I am trying to keep it low key, and if that doesn't work that is fine," Sloan said. The Weston County Natural Resource District board was not willing to host a community clean-up in conjunction with the hazardous waste disposal day they already host in the fall, and Sloan indicated a desire to avoid setting up the clean-up in the same community-wide manner.

She explained that her original plan involved seeking volunteers from different neighborhoods to man the roll-offs on their designated day,

meaning all Sloan would have to do is coordinate between the city and the group of volunteers. To date, she reported that three neighborhood volunteers had stepped forward that include a neighborhood near the high school, another in the avenues and one downtown near Spokane Avenue.

"My suggestion, or what I ask, is that we stick with the original plan. We have three neighborhoods that have come through with a plan and different dates," asserted Sloan.

Piana reasoned that it may be easier for the city if the location was central instead of scattered throughout the city, but admitted that the city would not necessarily be interested in manning those roll-offs either.

City Engineer Mike Moore was not in attendance for the meeting, but Sloan told the council she had spoken to him to make sure having neighborhoods clean-up on different dates would not overload his crews. She said Moore supported the proposal to tackle the clean-up in that manner,

and the council quickly agreed to move forward with the plan.

"I think it's okay to keep it the way it was planned, if that is what Lacey started to do. I think if we do the whole city-wide thing, we need to start planning earlier with permission from Shopko and coordinating with Mike (Moore)," declared Councilwoman Kara Sweet.

The council agreed and gave their approval to Sloan's proposal before discussing other ways to improve the outcome of the event for the community. Piana commented that Gray Addition did not yet have a volunteer for their area, and suggested that a volunteer should be sought for that neighborhood, and Councilman Todd Quigley indicated he would look for somebody to monitor a roll-off in that area. He also said he would contact Newcastle High School sports coaches to determine if athletes would be interested in helping individuals move waste that they cannot move themselves.

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Outdoors

The ladies love the links

Female golfers hope more women will join them on the course

By Abby Gray for NLJ

Each Wednesday, Newcastle's women golfers come out in force to take over the golf course. However, the weekly Ladies League is not the only time females can be found hitting the links, as women of all ages enjoy lacing up their golf shoes and loading up the clubs to get a round in every now and again.

Some of the women who frequent the Newcastle Country Club throughout the summer have been golfing the majority of their lives, while some picked it up after retiring as a pastime and others are just starting out.

"I wanted to spend time with (my husband), so he taught me how (to golf)," smiled Chris French, who has been golfing for 40 years now.

"When we retired, my husband told me I had to either learn to golf or play bridge, so I chose golf," Janet Schultz agreed.

Not all women are lured to the course by their spouses, however, and a new generation seems to have found their way to the course because they recognized it as a social outlet.

"I went maybe once or twice a year when I was 8 or 9 years old, but I didn't start going consistently until I was in high school," Cami Clarke revealed.

"My friend in college was on the golf team, so I continued to golf when I was in college because he was on the team, so it was something we could go do as friends," Katie Silbaugh said.

Regardless of when these women decided to start their golfing journey, all of them

agree they continue doing it for good reason.

"I didn't golf when I was in Cheyenne because it was too expensive, so it's been about 10 years. But when I moved back, I decided to start golfing again for something to get me out and about," Silbaugh explained.

"My dad always told me it's one of the sports you can do your whole life, you know. It's not too taxing on your body. And it's challenging and fun. I really enjoy it," Clarke nodded.

Although many of the golf-crazed women in Newcastle are now seasoned vets, they all admit to having some rough starts. Whether it be lack of game knowledge, random goof-ups on the course, or simply a bad day, each of them have experienced their fair share of laughs at their own expense.

"The first time I was down here, Judy (Anderson) came and asked me for three dollars and I thought she just wanted a loan, so I gave her three dollars. Then, she told me, 'you're golfing with Chris French.' I had only had one golf lesson, and I only used my pitching wedge. So, I played holes one through five with just my pitching wedge and putter before Chris finally told me I could use my driver if I wanted," Schultz chuckled. "I have come back ever since, and I've loved every minute of it."

"I've just gotten worse over the years, but I'm still doing it," Anderson smiled.

The ladies find a lot of joy in the women's league offered every Wednesday morning, but they don't pass up other oppor-

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Judy Anderson celebrates in anticipation of Janet Schultz sinking a putt at the Newcastle Country Club last week. A number of local women flock to the course every Wednesday morning for some good-natured competition. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

Upton is the place for fun

Best town on earth is ready and raring for its annual celebration

By Bri Brasher
NLJ Reporter

Upton Fun Days will feature many fan favorite events, as well as some new attractions, over the weekend of July 14-16. Summer Stephens, President of the Upton Chamber of Commerce and the Superintendent of Weston County School District #7, told the News Letter Journal that the Upton Chamber of Commerce sponsors Fun Days, along with various businesses and other organizations.

Fun Days serves as a way to celebrate the citizens of Upton and to serve as a thank you for the generosity of the community throughout the year. Upton Fun Days brings together members of the community in a fun and family-friendly environment.

"The community working together to put together great events that the citizens of Upton and surrounding communities enjoy is what makes the day successful," Stephens emphasized.

In providing a schedule of events for this year's festival, Stephens left little doubt that there would be plenty of fun in Upton this weekend.

Friday night will feature a Glow Run (5K) sponsored by the Upton Fire Department that will replace other 5K's the town has previously organized. Registration is from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., with the run starting around 8:45 p.m. The start of the run and registration will be at Upton High School.

Saturday is jam-packed with events for the whole family, starting with the parade down Highway 16 and the awarding of the Upton Citizen of the Year. Line-up begins at 9 a.m., with the parade starting at 10 a.m. The kids' rodeo and Queen/Princess Contest will follow the parade at the rodeo arena.

New to the agenda this year is Tandem Skydiving at the Upton Fly-In. The event is from 9 a.m. to 2

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Teen turns trapping into a science

By Abby Gray
for NLJ

Recently graduated senior, Wyatt Voelker, is already making a splash before he even sets foot inside a college classroom.

On April 7, Voelker won two prestigious FFA awards: the Wyoming State Star in Agriscience and the State Agriscience Fair. He won for a project in which he tested different weather conditions with the hopes of finding the most efficient way to trap coyotes.

"Last summer I was just thinking on how to improve the catch ratio on the (trap) line. So I thought, well, I've done little projects just for around the line, and I wanted to do something in depth that would influence coyote movement the

best. I figured, well, weather is obviously a big factor in that," Voelker said.

He recorded barometric pressure, wind, temperature, date, dew points, humidity, precipitation and clouds in an attempt to find the lucky spot. He also measured numerous key points of each trapped coyote. He ended up catching 108 coyotes, which he stated is about his average, but no conclusions were drawn from his experiment.

The experiment, though it enjoyed success, was not originally set out to be an award-winning FFA project. He recorded all of his data for personal use, and after discussing it with Taylor Reinets, Newcastle High School's FFA advisor, they collectively decided to use it as a

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The Newcastle Longhorns celebrate their second consecutive Wyoming Senior Babe Ruth championship aboard a fire truck that paraded them down Main Street in honor of their accomplishment. The team will open play at their regional tournament in Calgary next Wednesday against Montana's state champs, and if they are able to come out on top in the four-team field the squad will earn a trip to the Senior Babe Ruth World Series later this summer. (Sonja Karp/NLJ)

Hope they have enjoyed the ride

Last Monday, the Newcastle Longhorns celebrated their second consecutive Senior Babe Ruth State Championship with a ride down Main Street on a fire truck while the marquee of the Dogie Theater announced the impressive back-to-back state title status the team earned.

For a moment, the folks in town got to share in the celebration, but I got to thinking that—for the boys sitting on that truck—the ride signified much more than just a title. What got them there was the culmination of years of dedication, commitment, determination, hard work and sheer will.

Their journey began about a decade ago when a group of eight to ten-year-old boys laced up their cleats, put on their caps, donned their gloves and took to the diamond. First in Little League, then in Junior Babe and finally in Senior Babe, this group of boys honed their skills and fed their love of the game.

When you think about the time and effort that has gone into building this championship team, by not only the boys, but the coaches and the parents as well, you have to know it was no easy feat.

We tend to think of baseball as a summer sport, but the season begins in April.

So these boys were practicing five nights a week before the spring school sports' seasons had ended. That means they would practice whatever school sport they were a part of, and from there would go to baseball practice.

Weekend tournaments filled their schedules, and while some were close others were a bit of a jaunt—in places like Laramie, Riverton, Green River and Worland. Thousands of miles, thousands of hours, and hundreds of games is how those boys got on top of that fire truck.



Sonja Karp
Karpe Dogie

Of course, talent has played a role in their success as well. Over the years this team has never had a losing season, and I daresay there are not many who can boast that kind of record.

For the past three seasons, the squad has won its way into the state championship game, losing the Junior Babe Ruth title contest to Riverton in 2015 before taking both Senior Babe titles from Rock Springs in 2016 and Buffalo this year.

We were fortunate this season to be able to listen to the games as they were broadcast on KASL, so I tuned in for the state tournament coverage. Over the course of the four days, the Longhorns

demonstrated their will to repeat as champions by routing Belle Fourche and Lander, and gutting out a win against Casper to make their way into the title contest against Buffalo.

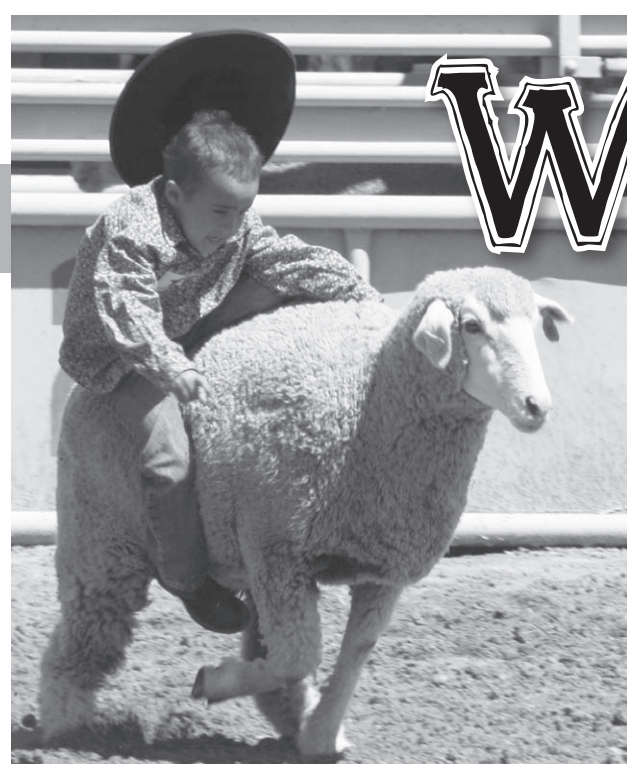
As those two teams took the field Buffalo held the upper hand, having defeated Newcastle by one point during pool play. However, the Longhorns knew what was at stake and proved to everyone there—and everyone listening at home—that the earlier loss was an anomaly by cruising to an easy 10-1 win over the Johnson County squad.

This season, the Longhorns are sitting with 27 wins and only six losses as they head to the Regional Tournament in Calgary, Canada next week. There they will face off against the state champion teams from Montana and Washington, as well as the team from Calgary, as they fight for the title that would send them on to the World Series.

I feel pretty confident that I speak for everyone in wishing the Longhorns the best of luck as the action kicks off against Montana on July 19. You've given us a great deal to be proud of boys, and we're behind you all the way.

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A Sweet Pair

Marshals have been rooted in local tradition

By Bri Brasher
NLJ Reporter

The Fair Parade is back, and the 2017 edition will be held on Saturday, July 29, at 10 a.m. The procession will be led by Newcastle's own Shane and Marissa Sweet, who live the quintessential Wyoming life on their ranch 25 miles southwest of town on Louse Creek. Both Shane and Marissa grew up in Newcastle, where they are now raising their four kids, all of whom share their family's love of 4-H, FFA, and rodeo.

The theme for this year's parade is, "A timeless tradition, fun for all ages, through the ages," and the Sweets fit the theme to a T.

FOCUS, a local non-profit organization that provides emergency services to Weston County, organized the parade this year. Karen MacKenzie, a Crisis Advocate for FOCUS, told the News Letter Journal that the Sweets were the first family that popped into her head when choosing parade marshals for the 2017 fair parade.

"They first came into my mind, being a ranch family involved in everything with

all of their kids," explained MacKenzie.

Following in their parent's footsteps, the Sweet kids all rodeo, participate in 4-H, and join FFA. As a youngster, Shane was active in rodeo, FFA, and 4-H, while Marissa participated in 4-H for 14 years and barrel-raced in junior rodeo. Keeping with tradition, the Sweet girls (Emalee, age 17; Sara, age 15; and Rachel, age 13) all started 4-H at age nine—showing steers, heifers, sheep, and chickens. Clay, age 4, will show a lamb in the peewee contest at this year's fair as well.

All of the Sweet kids take part in the gymkhana rodeo, and the older girls are active members of FFA. Emalee also rodeos at the high school level.

The Sweets enjoy participating in all of the activities passed down from generation to generation, but the events are merely the reward for their hard work and dedication.

The kids are responsible for caring for their animals, and work hard to contribute on the family ranch. Shane and Marissa know first-hand that ranch life teaches kids to work hard and learn responsibility for something other than themselves.

"Running a successful ranch depends on the help of the family, and we are all on-call 24/7," Marissa said.

"Most kids don't spend their Saturday's moving cows," she

added with a laugh.

The Sweets were honored to be asked to lead the fair parade, and they are grateful that FOCUS decided to spearhead the event's organization to keep the tradition going when its previous organizer opted out.

"The girls have usually ridden with the junior rodeo every year in the parade. We always go and watch the girls, and I think our whole family would hate to see the event end. It's a great way to kick-off the local county fair," said Marissa.

The staff at FOCUS told the News Letter Journal that the thought of losing the tradition represented by the parade did not sit right with them, and the organization chose to take on the event when the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce decided to go in a new direction.

"We're trying to get a lot of the younger generations involved in the parade so it can continue, so knowing that, I picked the Sweets because they have four kids," explained MacKenzie, who also hopes to feature older ranch families in the parade with their farm trucks to really illustrate the heritage of Weston County, new and old.

There will be cash prizes for first and second place, along with ribbons for other placements. Parade entries will be classified into three



groups— non-profit, profit and youth. Entries are to line up at 9 a.m. on Elk Mountain Drive next to the Chamber office. The parade will run from the east side of town to the Weston County Senior Center parking lot. The route is new this year due to some road construction. "If anyone would like to decorate a float or car, we could sure use all the local support to keep this tradition going," encouraged MacKenzie, who said individuals and organizations should contact FOCUS with all parade inquiries.



Clockwise from top right: Marissa and Shane Sweet have always enjoyed sharing the County Fair experience with their children, and were honored to be selected as this year's Fair Parade Marshals; Emalee Sweet gets ready to enter the show ring at the 2016 State Fair in Douglas; Youngest daughter Rachel Sweet tears into the poles during an event at the Weston County Fairgrounds; Sara Sweet gets her sheep ready to show at the County Fair; Shane rides alongside his son, Clay, at a Gymkhana at the Fairgrounds earlier this summer. (submitted photos, Alexis Barker/NLJ)

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The Newcastle Little League All-Stars are heading to the Wyoming State Little League Tournament in Torrington this week. The team will begin play on July 17, and hope to continue playing until the final day of the tourney on July 21. Front row: Jordan Varner, JJ Lipp, Jacob Prell, Bridger Bruce, AJ Evick and Holden McConkey; Middle row: Wyatt Cole, Mathew Drake, Ethan Schiller and Chase Hill; Back row: Coaches Neil Schiller, Justin McConkey and Phil Lipp (Submitted Photo)

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p.m., and activities will include a spot landing competition, RC demonstrations, and a flour bombing contest.

The Joe Haynes Memorial Golf Tournament will also take place over the course of the weekend at the Upton Golf Course, and many other afternoon events will take place in the city park on Saturday.

“We so enjoy our wonderful park during the afternoon of the events, with our great playground and our soon to be in use restrooms, picnic shelter, and band shell!” Stephens excitedly shared.

Concessions in the park will be available from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m., and buffalo burgers will be served at Old Town. City park will have kids’ bounce houses, some other attractions, and new Fun and Go items from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

There will also be hayrides at the park from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and a cornhole tournament throughout the afternoon. A free afternoon at the Upton pool from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. is also part of the Fun Days celebration.

The excitement will continue well into the evening with a free barbeque at city park starting at 5:00 p.m. Participants are also invited to enjoy the addition of the 11th

grade Labor Auction after this year’s barbeque, and end the night with laser tag from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Upton Community Center.

(Laser tag is a new event requiring a five-dollar admission fee.)

The Upton Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to Fun Days, and organizers are excited to spend the weekend with members of the community.

“There are a number of other events in the Hills that weekend, so we are always grateful for those who stay around and take part in our festivities,” said Stephens.

Golf

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Katie Silbaugh takes aim at the green and lets her second shot fly during a ladies golf outing last month. (Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

tunities to golf when they arise. Even more so, they don’t pass up the chance to laugh and enjoy the company of fellow women golfers.

“We actually went to the Elk’s Club two weeks ago for a tournament. We’re all competitive in a way, but at the same time we come out here and just laugh at each other if we goof up,” Deanie Grendahl noted.

“I get to get away from the dogs, and the husband and the dusting,” Donna Silbaugh winked. “It’s just fun to come out with the ladies.”

Although everybody loves the course— and the

company— Newcastle has provided, the women who have embraced golf in the summer share the wish that more people— of all ages— will come out to the local links and give the game a shot.

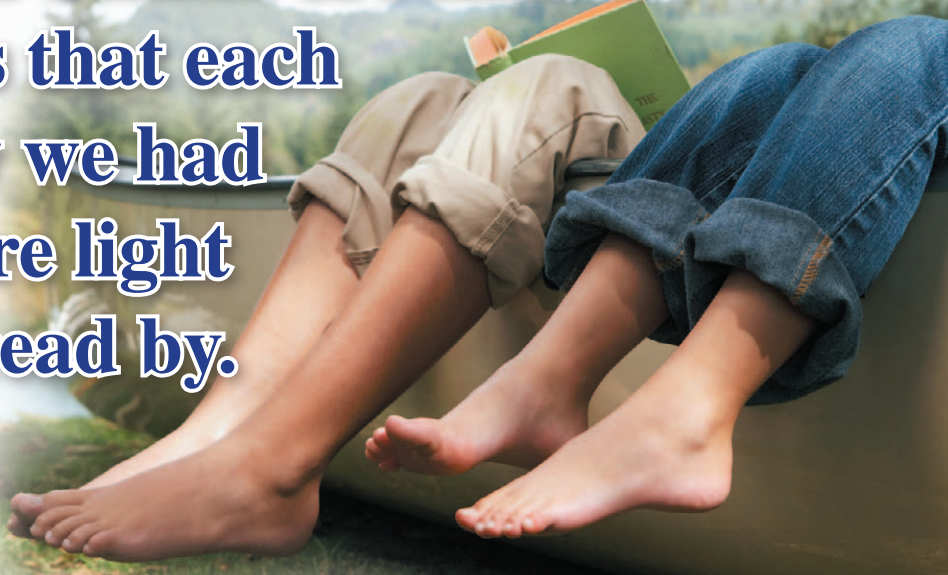
“It’s fun, even though it can be frustrating at times. It’s just something fun to do. It gets you outside, you get some fresh air, you get in the sun. I wish there were some more younger girls out there. I’m definitely the youngest out there, so it would be nice to have some more ladies my age out there,” Katie noted.

“Especially in a small town

like Newcastle, golfing just gives you something to do in the summer. It’s also a skill many people use in business. There are a lot of business meetings and greetings that go on out at a golf course,” Clarke added.

Golf is a leisurely pastime, and a lifetime sport that several of the women in Newcastle plan to take full advantage of for as long as they can. The best part is that they want to share their secret to happiness with others in the community, and hope to welcome some new ladies to the course this summer.

One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by.



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project at the State Convention.

“At the end, we put it into a paper and put it in for Star Farmer award and won State Agriscience Fair and also the Star Farmer award with it,” Voelker noted.

If Voelker’s paper ends up being in the top 15 in the Nation, he will get the opportunity to represent Wyoming at the National FFA convention which takes place later in the year, but he will be busy on another FFA project between now and then.

When he is not busy trapping coyotes and winning prestigious awards, Voelker is an avid golfer. He was part of Upton’s golf team this past year, and he spends a lot of time

out on the course. It is for this reason he put together a 2-man scramble golf tournament as a fundraiser for the local FFA chapter.

The tournament will take place on July 15, 2017, with registration to begin at the Newcastle Country club at 8:00 a.m., followed by everyone teeing-off at 9:30 am.

The entry fee is \$60 per person, and the fee covers both green fees and lunch, which will be provided by the Country Club.

“I’m hoping for a big turnout, and hopefully the community will come out and support the local chapter. It is greatly appreciated,” Voelker smiled.