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Rally around a good cause

■ Bikers host memorial dinner

Abby Gray
NLJ Correspondent

The loud roar of a motorcycle engine, bikes filling the streets everywhere one looks and the population of every inch of the Black Hills spiking during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally are not the only tell-tale signs that the annual gathering is upon us. The Anthony Napolitano Memorial dinner, hosted by The Mojowsters, a motorcycle group from Colorado, is also an indicator that the rally is in full swing.

The Mojowsters have been staying at the Flying V Lodge for about 20 years, but they only started doing the dinner five years ago, Flying V owner Twylla Napolitano said.

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Back where it all began

■ Newcastle native to speak at opening day of school year

Abby Gray
NLJ Correspondent

Standing a mere 4 feet 10 inches leaves plenty of room for her bubbly personality and her years and years of education to take center stage, and that is just what Dr. Josie Hutchinson Ahlquist will be doing on Aug. 16 in the Crouch Auditorium in Newcastle for Weston County School District No. 1's opening day.

Ahlquist was selected to be the speaker at the school district's opening day, which will take place at 8:30 a.m. She was also recently selected as one of the inductees for the Newcastle High School Hall of Fame, and she said her name came up to be the speaker afterward.

"Not only are my amazing

parents thrilled, I am honored by this opportunity," Ahlquist said. "The core of who I am was carved in this town. While I now live in Los Angeles, I clearly know the community of Newcastle. As a speaker, it makes me uniquely situated to translate technology and social media to the very educators that helped form who I am today."

Ahlquist, the daughter of Mike and Janet Hutchinson, graduated from Newcastle High School in 1999, and from there went on to get her Bachelor of Science in sociology and Bachelor of Science in human development and family studies at South Dakota State University, graduating in 2003. She then completed graduate work at Northern Arizona University, where she earned her Master of Education in counseling with an emphasis in student affairs. From there, Ahlquist attended California Lutheran University, where she finished school as a doctor of education in higher education

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Dr. Josie Ahlquist has focused her research predominately on how leadership and social media are intertwined, which is what she will be discussing in Newcastle when she speaks at the school district's opening day on Aug. 16. (Photo submitted by Josie Ahlquist)

Farmers at the Fair



Sue Kettley enjoys her time at the farmers market at the Weston County Fair earlier this month. Prior to selling her bread and pies each week at the farmers markets, she sold her baked goods out of her house, but really succeeded at this summer's markets. Plenty of others enjoyed success at the Fair this year, and we will share the complete results from all of the events in the News Letter Journal's special Fair Results section next week. (Photo by Abby Gray/NLJ)

Treasurer's voucher denied

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

The Weston County commissioners reviewed, discussed and denied a voucher submitted by Treasurer Susie Overman in the amount of \$3,137.50, for attorney fees on Aug. 7 during their regular board meeting. Commissioner Tracy Hunt reported before the vote to deny that he does not believe the county is responsible for costs associated with a lawyer hired by Overman.

Overman had retained attorney DaNece Day, a lawyer with Steven Titus & Associates P.C. of Gillette, to try and resolve a complaint she filed with the county commissioners in December that she believed went unheeded. The incident, which occurred in November 2017, was between an employee and Overman, according to Overman's statement to the commissioners in May.

Overman has informed the News Letter Journal that she believes she was acting in her role as County Treasurer when she hired the attorney

On Aug. 7, Chairman Tony Barton

told Commissioners Marty Ertman, Ed Wagoner, Tracy Hunt and Bill Lambert that he had been made aware of the voucher at an earlier date, and had instructed County Clerk Jill Sellers to set the voucher aside for discussion.

"I would like to hear from someone why that is Weston County's expense," Hunt stated.

Wagoner added that "it is like paying to sue ourselves."

County Attorney William Curley was asked why the county is responsible for paying outside council hired by employees. Curley said that if the county wanted to pay the voucher, "I will submit some that I owe. I am happy to have you pay them too."

"I am not aware that the board was requested to or took steps to provide legal counseling in this case," Curley said, indicating that if the county had approved the expense before the attorney was hired, it would have been appropriate for the county to cover associated costs.

Lambert moved to deny the voucher, with Wagoner seconding the motion.

Ertman suggested during the discus-

sion that she would be inclined to hear Overman's side of the story on the situation before voting on the motion. She noted that Curley had said it was not discussed who would pay for the attorney.

Sellers verified that Overman was aware that the voucher was to be discussed that morning during the meeting, yet Overman had not attended.

"I just wanted to make sure she had notice, for my part. I see no stake Weston County has in this besides her efforts to sue the county," Hunt said.

He added that it does not matter "what she believes, when you go hire a lawyer to represent you, it is reasonable to believe they will bill you."

"I vote yes on this motion; it is a bad idea to pay that bill," Hunt said.

Ertman noted before the vote that Overman has 15 days to appeal the denial of the voucher. Despite Curley's suggestion that the commissioners table the discussion and delay a decision until a later date, the motion carried on a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Ertman voting against the motion and Wagoner, Hunt and Lambert voting for the motion.

A pretty rock to brighten your day

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

In last week's addition of the News Letter Journal we began our painted-rock craze story by sharing just how the nation wide craze made its way to Newcastle. Read below to discover how the trend "reportedly" began, and see how locals have taken the craze and run with it since Lacey Sloan launched the #NROCKS movement here.

According to Scarymommy.com the rock-painting trend has been gaining popularity across the country with the goal of brightening the world while

spreading some "much needed joy."

"On Facebook, parents are starting and joining groups dedicated to the community being built around these painted rocks," the website says. "As a whole, the sense of community is strong within these groups — both online and out in the world."

It added that the "sense of community" is what has allowed the trend to spread across the country and globe.

Local teacher and parent Sara Whipple joined the movement, which she called the "Kindness Rocks" challenge for several reasons.

"First, I like the simplicity

and anonymity of the movement ... knowing that such a small act as hiding a painted rock could potentially turn somebody's entire day around is a great way to spread kindness," Whipple said. "Participating in this challenge has also been a great way for me to teach my son how to spread joy to others."

She explained that it is something her son can participate in through all stages and that he gets very excited when he sees a Facebook post saying that someone has found one of these rocks.

"I also appreciate how it seems to be drawing our community closer as more people

become involved. The excitement from those participating is contagious," Whipple said. "I also think if we grow this movement to other areas, we can encourage people to discover and learn about Newcastle and the Black Hills area."

Whipple recalled that the very first rock her family found was tagged from Salmon, Idaho, and the first thing her son did was look up the area and eventually contact the rock's artist.

"That was so much fun that my son and I decided to paint many rocks to take on vacation with us. We planted them

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Sunny
Hi 84, Lo 56



Friday
Sunny
Hi 85, Lo 60



Saturday
Thunderstorms
Hi 78, Lo 56



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 74, Lo 50



Monday
Thunderstorms
Hi 69 Lo 50



Tuesday
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Hi 74, Lo 50

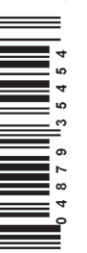


Wednesday
Sunny
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Galeotos pays a visit



Wyoming gubernatorial candidate Sam Galeotos met with residents at the Weston County Senior Center last week to discuss his thoughts and ideas and hear the concerns of local voters prior to next week's primary. (Photo by Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

sized the importance of accountability in the governor's office. Methodically and firmly striking the table as he spoke, a gesture he applied frequently during the discussion, Galeotos emphasized, "Whoever is governor must show leadership and be accountable to the people of Wyoming."

Here, Galeotos veered away from the ritual rhetoric that has characterized the governor's race this primary season. Though his campaign material echoes those familiar talking points – creating more jobs, limiting government, and defending the 2nd Amendment – Galeotos launches from controlling state spending to outlining his prerequisites for economic development. The list includes increasing and better training the work force and enhancing the education system throughout the state.

However, the bulk of the would-be governor's economic plan is heavily rooted in leveraging technology solutions, a view one would expect from the executive chairman of the board for Green House Data Corporation, a Wyoming technology company.

"We need to stop seeing our challenges as a menu of items to be fixed, and look instead where we have opportunities excel," the candidate said.

Shane Sellers
NLJ Reporter

Sam Galeotos, Republican candidate for governor, appeared before the Friday lunch crowd at the Weston County Senior Services Center to tout his credentials for the job and share his vision for steering Wyoming into a prosperous future.

In deference to the noon gathering, Galeotos kept his remarks brief ahead of the meal then bowed his head for grace before meeting with reporters and a handful of citizens gathered around a corner table.

"There's two things we must do," the candidate began. "That is control state spending, and hold officials accountable." To illustrate his points Galeotos described an efficiency study that the legislature ordered-up two years ago to gauge the effectiveness of state government.

"The study examined only four of the 60+ state agencies," he began. "Analysis showed a potential savings of \$400 to 500 million. But nothing has been done. Phase II of the study is pending, and nothing has been done."

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Speaker

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leadership.

Ahlquist began speaking professionally in 2014, which stemmed from blogging her way through her doctoral program in California, she said. Though she started only four years ago, she has known since she was young that she loved to speak to crowds.

"Since a kid, I have always been drawn to and not afraid of public speaking," Ahlquist said. "From 4-H, Job's Daughters, the Episcopal church and NMS/NHS student government, I had plenty of opportunities right in Newcastle that supported that skill."

She has traveled the world and spoken at hundreds of different events. She said some of the "coolest places" she has had the opportunity to speak at were Abu Dhabi, Honolulu, VidCon, Monterrey, Mexico, New York City, New Orleans and now Weston County School District No. 1, where her mom teaches kindergarten.

Ahlquist's leadership focuses on the connection between leadership and social media, and how they intertwine and work together. When she comes to speak to the school district's staff, she will tailor her conversation to relate to elementary school teachers all the way up to high school principals, she said.

"(Leadership and social



Ahlquist, a Newcastle High School graduate and daughter of Mike and Janet Hutchinson, is a professional speaker who has traveled the world. She will be speaking at WCSDI's opening day on Aug. 16, helping Newcastle teachers learn about her research and how to implement it into their teaching strategies at all levels. (Photo submitted by Josie Ahlquist)

media) is the backbone of all my research, curriculum and speaking," Ahlquist said. "If we want our society to be better users of social media, we need to empower them through the tools of leadership development. For kids, this can come from character education and digital citizenship."

Ahlquist has more than 10 years of experience with higher education and has garnered over half a dozen awards for her blogs and research.

She said she is eager for the chance to come back to Newcastle to help train school staff how to "thrive online and in life."



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Lucky you

Rare is the opportunity in election experience when voters are not forced to play the cards they are dealt.

The 2016 presidential election featured two divisive; some would say undeserving, even despicable candidates. The primaries were vicious. Candidates Clinton and Trump won their party nominations, dare we say by hook and by crook (the jury remains forever out on each of them and their stratagems, no pun intended). When the smoke cleared, the Democrats and Republicans had no choice but to play the cards they were dealt.

Shock and dismay followed the primaries. As the general election approached, the numbed electorate shuffled to the polls where they stared in sorrowful disbelief at the choices before them. "This is it — these are our choices for president?!" The pickings being slim, American voters played the cards we were dealt. And so it is that Donald J. Trump is now president of the United States, and many of us are glad it turned out that way.

The argument goes that we got a President Trump because nobody wanted another Clinton in the oval office. In fairness, the opposite might have been said had Mrs. Clinton prevailed at the polls. Loud was the cry — even late in the general campaign, and even among Republicans — "Anybody but Trump!" We make choices, even and especially when the choices are limited.

Now we find ourselves at the mid-term elections, also known as the buyer's remorse period of the American election cycle. It is the best of times and the worst of times, depending on your political outlook and whether or not it matters to you who holds control of the Congress. The midterms are also when the most mindless and mediocre candidates seem to appear, when one wants to scream, "Who dealt this mess?!"

Maybe it's karma; the flash of a comet, or a series of falling stars. This mid-term season is different. Fortuitous means lucky, and so it is that we apply the more opulent of the two synonyms as the News Letter Journal reports the candidate choices Wyoming voters have this election season. The hand is that rich.

For state offices there are ten candidates for governor, six Republicans and four Democrats; three candidates for State Treasurer, and a like number for State Auditor. In the U.S. Senate race, long-serving Republican John Barrasso is being challenged by five GOP hopefuls for the opportunity to meet the Democratic contender in November.

The slates in these races are heavy with education, talent, and diversity. The stories of the men and women running for Wyoming state offices are extremely interesting, if not compelling. Among the candidates, "successful" is a common characteristic. Many claim they are conservative, and so, not surprisingly, many espouse the conservative talking points that resonate in Wyoming — creating jobs, saving coal, limiting government, and defending the 2nd Amendment.

Popular rhetoric aside, there is enough difference between the candidates to warrant pause as the roll is called. Among the candidates, perceptions differ. When asked, the outlook for our future varies, the interpretation of problems differs, and the road ahead looks very different as described by those who hope to guide the way. Yet, even as understanding and strategies differ between office-seekers, there is no shortage of articulation among those who aspire to your trust and confidence. All the candidates are worthy of a good read.

The election guide in this edition is the largest and best ever provided to our readers. Not for our reporting, our ad copy, or our analysis, but for the quality of the candidates who wish to serve the Wyoming people. For once you don't have to play the cards you're dealt.

We encourage you to consult our candidate overview before you enter the polls next Tuesday. Contrast what the candidates have provided in response to our probing questions and compare what you learn with the messages you encounter in other media. The men and women running for your vote did their homework, now you do yours.

Finally, we apologize that not all candidates responded to our questionnaire. Despite our repeated attempts to reach every candidate or their representatives, some apparently did not believe that the opportunity to carry their messages to the people of Weston County was worth their time and effort. To which we exclaim, a non-answer remains an answer.

All candidates must play their hand they're dealt, by you, the voter. Lucky you.

Letters to the Editor.....

Main Street display is a community treasure

Dear Editor,
I have so enjoyed all the historical writings about downtown Newcastle contributed by Leonard Cash. I remember many of the buildings, and also appreciated comments by Jack Holwell. These articles are a valuable addition to the newspaper.

This week there is a nice writeup about the Dow Garage and the beautification at the head of Main Street. I'd like to thank Lois Thorson for all the work that she and Don Thorson have given over several years to the flower garden surrounding the "Prairie Flowers" statue (artist George Lundeen).

This statue is also a tribute to pioneer Mothers and women who give to their community. I expect Lois could use a little help with the flowers now and then from some willing gardeners. Thanks to the city for help they've given too.

—Mary Gullikson



Garage history spurs Main Street memories

Dear Editor,
I remember the men who worked at Dow Garage—the big grin on Lee Zanoni's face when he showed my dad about the air pump and told him air was free.

Tires in those days had an inner tube inside them. It had to be taken out patched and inflated — generally by a pump you pumped by hand.

—Fern Porter

Climate change is the hand basket

Dear Editor,
Where are we going and why are we in this hand basket?

A cloud has come over my usually sunny disposition. I used to make fun of those who would warn, "The end is near. Repent!"

But, now it is different, very different! The unaccepted danger of climate change looms large. Climate change is real and dangerous. Those who are taking enormous profits from being the source or cause of airborne carbon dioxide will not stop. Our politicians will not raise the issue for fear of losing campaign contributions from

midterm election is garnering this much attention from folks in Weston County because historically when there is not a presidential seat up for grabs, the voter turnout tends to be less than satisfactory. However, this year it seems that trend may not play out, because up for election at the local level are a few offices that residents of this county feel very strongly about regarding who should get the nod. The opinions on this crucial issue have been divisive and determined on one side or the other as people are calling for change. While I appreciate the discourse I have observed on Facebook and Twitter, I wonder if the many people who have voiced their opinions on social media will go to the polls and express those opinions where it really matters. I wonder if they will research the candidates and their stances on issues so that if they do vote, they are making an educated choice. I wonder if they will exercise the right that people fought and died for from the time this country began. I am cautiously optimistic that they will indeed cast their ballots and make their voices be heard next week.

"The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

Exercise a right that is always worth fighting for

Two-hundred and forty-two years ago, an outgunned and outmanned group of colonists determined to lay down their lives for the right to govern themselves.

Taxation without representation was considered heinous enough to force a revolution against England despite the fact that, at least on paper, there should have been no possibility of victory.

After gaining independence, the Founding Fathers of this country were adamant in establishing a representative democracy where popular sovereignty would reign supreme.

Inherent in exercising popular sovereignty is that the people vote for those who govern.

Wyoming is the Equality State due to the fact that we were the first state to allow women the right to full suffrage.

Granted, the reason we did so was to be able to reach the population requirement in order to petition for statehood, but certainly the ends justified the means.

Over the years minorities and women have fought for the right to vote as it is the fundamental

right of being a US citizen. It is what gives us a voice and a say in how our society functions, but it seems to me that many of us have lost sight of the importance and privilege of exercising this precious civic duty.



Sonja Karp Karpe Dogie

We like to complain about our elected officials, laws and injustices that exist in our society. However, we often adopt the attitude that our vote doesn't matter when it comes to election day.

The truth is that anyone who doesn't go to the polls has voluntarily abdicated their right to popular sovereignty. Therefore, they have waived their right to complain about the state of our government.

Coming up on August 21, the constituents of Weston County have the opportunity to let their voices be heard in the primary election.

For the last several months candidates have been campaigning and social media has been blowing up with varied opinions on who should and should not be elected into office at the local, state and national level.

As a social studies teacher, I love the fact that a

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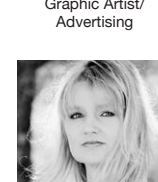
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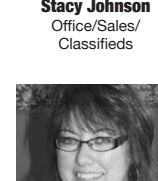
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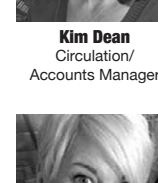
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Church on the Hill reaches out to children

**Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter**

With the hopes of reaching youth and giving something back to the community, the Church on the Hill hosted its first vacation bible school last week. According to organizer Mary Romine, the Church on the Hill is "fairly young" and as their involvement in the community grows, it's important to give back to the local children and the rest of the community.

One way to give back came in the form of the "shipwrecked" vacation bible school. Romine reported that while the attendance varied every evening, the church still engaged about 70 kids in activities ranging from music to arts and crafts. Amanda Bench, who was

actively involved in the vacation bible school, said that the theme was aimed at teaching the children that "Jesus saves us when we are shipwrecked or lost."

"The elementary school kids (who normally attend the church's youth group) were down and wanted something during the summer. I thought about it and decided to do a vacation bible school because you can reach a lot of kids," Romine said. "Most churches do their vacation bible school in the beginning of the summer, but I like to do mine towards the end. Doing it at the end of the summer gives the kids encouragement, they get to see their friends, and for the kids that just moved to the area, they have the chance to meet people and make friends before the school year."

Romine added that with 72 kids attending on just one evening, she saw more kids who are not a part of the church's regular youth group.

The church plans to host the school annually, and Romine said that she has already reached out to other churches in the community to gauge the interest of them all joining forces to host one vacation bible school.

"We actually plan to continue to do this every year. ...

Even if other churches don't join in, the response was so good, we plan to continue," Romine said.

Romine noted that the church even had to include a toddler and middle school class because the response from the community was so great.

"We really just wanted to provide something for the community. We wanted to give something back, and this was a function that achieved that goal," Romine said.

The New Life Fellowship Youth Group at Church on the Hill is open to children from kindergarten through 12th grade. It will start up again after Labor Day. Amanda Bench, who is involved in the youth group, said that the group will have its first meeting of the school year on Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church on the Hill. She noted that a meal is provided to the youth who attend.



Reagan Washburn, Nevaeh Russell and Karlie Washburn take a time out from the first ever Church on the Hill vacation bible school last week. The church "shipwrecked" over 70 kids last week during the weeklong event that taught the children that Jesus will save you whenever you are lost. (Submitted photo)

faith & values

Daily Devotional Reading

- August 16 **2 Corinthians 4:1-15**
 - August 17 **2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10**
 - August 18 **2 Corinthians 5:11-21**
 - August 19 **2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1**
 - August 20 **2 Corinthians 7:2-16**
 - August 21 **2 Corinthians 8:1-24**
 - August 22 **2 Corinthians 9:1-15**
- Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society*

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- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Tim Martinson, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5:00 pm; Sunday Mass 5:00 pm; Weekday Mass 8:00 am.
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10:00 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.
- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Brenda Torrie, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; 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 7:00 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting. Sunday Public Talk 10:00 am; Watchtower 11:00 am.
- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10:00 am; Wed. Night Prayer.
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- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Tim Martinson, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 am.
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Bible Study and Sunday School 9:00 am; Worship 10:00 am; Fellowship 11:00 am; Last Sunday of August no church in Upton; Worship at 11:00 am at Rev. Johnson's home in Custer.
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August 19, 1993

Darrell and Jean Petty of Newcastle will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 120 Ash Street, Newcastle. Jean Worlding married Darrell Petty on Aug. 11, 1953 in Lusk. They have made Newcastle their home since their marriage.

The Weston County Library is sponsoring a book discussion group this fall. The topic, Sacred and Secular, includes six books, among them Death comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather and The way to Rainy Mountain by Scott Monraday. If there is enough interest two groups will be held, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. The book discussion group is funded by the Wyoming Council for the Humanities and is free and open to the public.

Christ Merkel, Amanda Merkel and David Fulk brought in a large horneytoad for the residents to see. To everyone's amazement the horneytoad started having babies during the visit. With the residents cheering on, the mama horneytoad had 26 babies. What a day! (at the manor)

David Tysdal has been selected to receive honorary award recognition in The National Dean's List. This publication honors college students for their academic accomplishments. David will be returning for his sophomore year of college to Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington.

August 15, 1968

A grass fire last Thursday afternoon caused a small damage at the Tillie Sewell ranch near Osage. The fire, started by a passing train, burned fence posts, grassland and a roping corral. The fire, fanned by high winds, missed Mrs. Sewell's home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ertman were shopping in Rapid City Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavendar and family from Lawrence, Kan., were social callers of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Perino Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones, Barbara and Jim, returned Sunday from an eight-day vacation trip. They visited the Kenneth Burnetts at Spokane, Wash., and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Witt at Lake Stevens, Wash. They

also visited other relatives on their return trip through Southern Idaho.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Chittim were all together in Osage last week for the first time in ten years. Their children include Mrs. Al Zurek of Grand Park, Ill., Mrs. Larry Hunter of Newcastle, Mrs. Robt. Kimsey of Moorcroft and James S. at home.

Some 278 friends and relatives were in attendance at the Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cummings at their ranch home Sunday, Aug. 4. The couple's three children and their families attended, including Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cummings, Mike and Craig. Mr. and Mrs. Dick (Beth Ann) Crawford and son Shane of Rapid City, S.D.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cummings, Sally, Bob, Patty and Susan and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cummings and Penni of Gillette; Mr. and Mrs. John (Irene) Whitford, Mary and Margaret of Oelrichs, S.D.

Only two skull caps of the pre-historic Pachycephalosaur (thick headed lizard) are known to be displayed in museums of North America. One of these is in the Museum of Natural History in New York City- the other is in the Anna Miller Museum at Newcastle! The Newcastle Specimen is larger and in better condition than that in New York and came to the museum from its own county. It was found about 40 years ago by J.M. (Mike) Marchant, now deceased and is loaned to the museum by his descendants.

August 15, 1918

The casualty list from the army in France which reached here late last week contained the name of Harry Branscomb,

of Upton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Branscomb, who live on Skull creek. His name appeared in the list of those wounded in action degree undetermined.

Last Friday night some one broke into the Burlington depot at Osage and got away with five twenty dollar bills. A man named Pete Toth was suspected of having committed the crime and was placed under arrest and is now in jail awaiting hearing.

Every bridge was out last week between the Hampshire postoffice and town, owing to the recent rains. But with all that, the rains were a blessing. The gardens and crops were burning and now everything is in fine shape again. Lots of vegetables will be canned around Hampshire this year, and canning the surplus is a patriotic duty as well as a personal one.

C.F. Love was shopping in Newcastle Saturday. Mrs. Charles Ryland and daughter Estella spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Harry Tavegia and family. Mrs. Shell is recovering from her illness. Miss Hannah Pettingill returned to her home Friday afternoon after spending a week with her sister Sylvia, in Newcastle.

The Red Cross society of the Lodgepole and Hay creek vicinity meets every Wednesday at the home of Mrs. J.M. Cornelison. The ladies were badly frightened last Wednesday by the severe storm, thinking there might be a cyclone. All took to a cave, but the scare was needless, as the cyclone failed to materialize. Much work has been done by the ladies each week.



Old time photo of Newcastle Main Street (Photo Courtesy Lenard Cash)

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Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 16	1:00 p.m. Community Rec. Open Gym 5:00 p.m. Farmers Market 6:00 p.m. WC Health Services Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting 7:30 p.m. Masons #13 Meeting	NHS Practice Gym Rail Road Park WC Health Services WC Senior Center, Family Room Masonic Lodge
Fri 17	9:00 a.m. Cinnamon Rolls 5:00 p.m. Shine Show & Dine	WC Senior Center Pizza Barn
Sat 18	10:00 a.m. Warrior Bingo Run - Registration	West End Bar & Grill
Mon 20	6:00 p.m. Women's Self-Defense Class 7:00 p.m. Newcastle City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	NHS Wrestling Room Council Chambers WC Senior Center, Family Room
Tues 21	9:00 a.m. WC Commissioners Meeting 5:15 p.m. WC Friends of Fair 6:00 p.m. American Legion Riders	WC Annex WC Event Center Forestry Building
Wed 22	1:00 p.m. Creative Handicraft Group	WC Senior Center
Thurs 23	11:45 a.m. WC Health Service Foundation Meeting 5:00 p.m. Farmers Market 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting	Board Room Rail Road Park WC Senior Center, Family Room
Fri 24	9:00 a.m. Cinnamon Rolls 11:30 a.m. WC Library Board Meeting 5:00 p.m. Shine Show & Dine	WC Senior Center WC Library Pizza Barn

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Aug 16 Duke & DeAnn Ottema
Bob & Stephanie Bonnar
Aug 17 Jessie Blanchard
Aug 18 Hunter Sallee
Pat Crow
William & Michelle Fitzwater
Aug 19 David Tysdal
Jean McColley
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News Letter Journal

Past Presbyterian presence in Newcastle part II



By Bri Brasher
with Leonard Cash
NLJ Reporter

A Presbyterian church once stood at what is now 112 Summit Ave. While the church's time in Newcastle was fairly short, the history of the property itself is quite detailed. The exact date of the church's official opening after construction is not necessarily recorded in the local papers at the time, yet historian Leonard Cash inferred that the church opened to the public in 1891.

On March 6, 1891, a local news source reported that the Ladies Aid Society planned to hold a social evening at Mrs. L. Wilcox's section house. The paper noted that "refreshments will be serviced, and the 'magic jug' will be one of the features of the entertainment. All are invited." Cash suspects the magic jug was a place to collect money, but no explanation was provided in the article.

"The section house I remember is where Black Hills Energy had their office here in town," said Cash. "It was a big house — two stories — the bottom part they had the kitchen and the dining room, and the upstairs was like a dormitory. Then they had an old root cellar where they stored all of their fruits and vegetables, stuff like that, right next to it."

May 8, 1891, brought more news of the Presbyterian church: Hymnals and Bibles for the church and hymnals for the Sabbath school were received by the Rev. Wainwright. Cash said they were likely donated because the church often received donations from people back east. The next reports hit the local newsstands on July 31, 1891, when "the Musicales given last night by the Presbyterian S.S. passed off very pleasantly and was thoroughly enjoyed by a fair sized audience." The "Crowning of the Fairy" and a "finely rendered solo by Mrs. Dodd" were said to have deserved special mention.

Then in August of 1891, Wainwright concluded his labors in Newcastle to move to Baltimore and make his future home. The local papers

reported on Sept. 25, 1891, that the church held a reception for Wainwright at the elegant home of L.T. Griggs. About 40 people attended, and Wainwright was presented with a purse of about \$70 from his friends in Newcastle.

Wainwright's leaving did not hinder the success of the church. Quite the crowd gathered Dec. 25, 1891, at the Presbyterian church. Newcastle's papers wrote of the service, stating: "At the Presbyterian church the audience was very large, completely filling the commodious building which with the recent improvements and decorations suitable to the season presented a charming appearance. After the literary programme had been presented the curtain that had hidden from sight the anxious children the object of their greatest interest was removed and two beautifully decorated trees bountifully loaded with presents and brilliantly lighted were presented to view and the distribution of the various articles showing love and good will was begun. The exercises were concluded by a good night song by a class of young ladies." Cash explained that services at the church went on because ministers from other churches and other locations often visited to give guest sermons, including many past reverends of the Newcastle area.

On Jan. 15, 1892, the Newsletter Journal announced that the Rev. George McLean Cummings had been sent to Newcastle as the resident minister, and he would also serve the Edgemont church. Cummings was born in Maryland in 1862, according to Cash's research, and the first churches he served were those in Newcastle and Edgemont. A week later, the paper followed up on Cummings' arrival: "The new pastor of the Presbyterian church Rev. Cummings was tendered a reception by the people of the city last Friday evening. A large number were present and a pleasant time was enjoyed." Additionally, Mrs. Dow's retellings in the News Letter Journal from 1943 referenced his arrival. Mrs. Dow wrote, "According to the Newsletter Journal on February 26, 1892 'A Prosperous Church—Those of our readers who have not attended the Presbyterian Church for some time are not aware of the improvements that have been made since the arrival of the pastor in charge. ...'"

Some of the improvements recorded in the local press included the completion of plastering, wainscoting for a durable appearance, and a platform that was lowered and enlarged to make space

for a choir. The choir provided 15-20 minutes of music before sermons, which the paper called "a pleasant feature." Cummings was also said to have had a connection with a donor back east, and the Presbyterian church was gifted curtains for the windows and 150 yards of carpet for the floor. Around this time, the church was also raising money to paint the church. Other donations included 50 copies of the "Gospel Hymns lately received so everyone may be supplied with a book." As the church continued to make improvements, the Young People's Society also started.

Cummings left Newcastle in the spring of 1893 for his home in Baltimore, Maryland, according to Cash. Ancestry.com listed him as a resident of Iowa in 1900 before he spent several decades in Washington, D. C., He died in 1957 in Virginia, but he was buried in his home state of Maryland.

After Cummings returned to Maryland, Rev. J.N. Hicks filled his place. A Jan. 19, 1894, article in the local news said that Hicks left Saratoga to work as the new minister of Newcastle's Presbyterian church. However, Hicks too only stayed in Newcastle for about a year. The next major reports on Hicks appeared in the papers on Feb. 8, 1895, when Hicks announced that he would preach two more weeks in Newcastle. Hicks left for his home in Superior, Nebraska, according to an article published on Feb. 15, 1895. Cash said there was no official ministerial replacement the rest of 1895 and into 1896. The church filled the void with many substitute ministers.

For instance, the local press wrote of a Rev. McKeever, who preached in the Presbyterian church. On Oct. 21, 1896, it was announced that McKeever was to preach his last sermon because he planned to leave for his home the next week. Cash added that McKeever was a member of another religious group, so he was only a guest minister in the Presbyterian church. The same article reported that "the preaching of Rev. A.C. McKeever has aroused considerable interest and several have signified their intention of living Christian lives." Cash said McKeever later worked to build another church in town after his involvement with the Presbyterian church, and the Kilpatrick Brothers assisted him in his project.

Next, the Rev. McClement was reported in the papers as a reverend of the Presbyterian church, but details are lacking because he was only in Newcastle for a short time. He left to preach in either

Denver or Greeley, Colorado, according to Cash. The local papers mentioned that McClement suffered from a sore throat and was often unable to give his sermons. Cash suspects his ailment was likely due to the coal dust hanging in the air at the time.

The Rev. William McCready then began his time in the Presbyterian church in 1896, first as a guest preacher in both Cambria and Newcastle. It was announced in the press on Jan. 10, 1896, that McCready gave his farewell speech in Edgemont, South Dakota. McCready's family lived in Spearfish, South Dakota, where three of his sons graduated from the "state normal school." He and his wife, Mary E. (Doane) McCready, had seven sons and one daughter. McCready was married once before and had one son; his first wife had passed away, according to Cash. McCready then settled on a more permanent basis outside of Newcastle near Buckhorn with his family in the early 1900s. Cash said the homestead was located on Cold Spring Creek. McCready rarely stayed in Newcastle for extended periods because he eventually went back to serving also Edgemont. Cash said McCready must have also had a place in Edgemont because of the amount of time he spent there. His presence and appearances in Newcastle's Presbyterian church continued for several years, along with many guest ministers.

Cash has additional records from his writings to the Presbyterian Historical Society, which note that as of 1897, Newcastle's Presbyterian church had 15 official members and a Sunday school of 50 students. Records seem to become a bit less detailed in the following years.

The next substantial mention of the church in the local press came in August 1898 when the local papers reported that McCready would be in Newcastle to preach a Peace Celebration in honor of the end of the war. A March 31, 1899, article noted "an Easter sermon at Presbyterian church next Sunday by the pastor. Mis(s)ion Band at 3:30. Miss Carrie M. Smith of Rapid City, South Dakota, will preach in the evening. All will be made welcome to these services."

"That's kinda' different. A lady minister was pretty unheard of at that time," said Cash.

The Weston County Leader published an article on June 23, 1899 that included the following: "The Presbyterian Church has granted Rev. McCready a month vacation beginning with this week. No doubt the Elder will come back fat, brown and hearty."

McCready had obviously returned to work by Aug. 4, 1899, when it was reported that McCready planned to provide Sunday sermons both in the morning and the evening. Cash explained that McCready's travels from Edgemont to Newcastle and his ranch on Cold Spring Creek were often mentioned in the local papers, and it was announced when McCready would preach locally.

Cash then said that from about 1902 to 1906, the Presbyterian church building had little use and entered a state of disrepair. The Newsletter Journal reported on Dec. 15, 1904, that "something should be done by those who have charge of the Presbyterian church building and see if the wanton destruction of the building can't be stopped. It is certainly a pity to see a good building like it going to rack and ruin." During this time a Rev. Higgins also came to Newcastle. Cash said that when Higgins came, McCready had evidently largely moved on, besides a few guest sermons here and there. McCready left the area in 1909, according to his obituary later published in the News Letter Journal.

Next, the News Letter Journal wrote in the spring of 1906 that O.L. Linn, a student minister of the Presbyterian church, arrived in Newcastle to spend the summer. Linn was said to be making arrangements to repair the local church. The Newsletter Journal article said, "We sincerely hope he may be successful in his efforts as it is too bad to have so good a building to go to ruin." This call was answered because on May 25, 1906, work on the church was decided upon, and funds were being raised. Repairs began on "one of the first of the public buildings erected in Newcastle," according to a June 15, 1906, article in the local press. In 1906, Higgins held services in several other churches in town and the schoolhouse while the Presbyterian church was fixed up.

Then on Aug. 3, 1906, it was announced that the Rev. Linn also established a free reading room and library in Newcastle in the building formerly occupied by the Midway restaurant. The news article said that the people in town reacted favorably to the reading room and liked the idea of having a place for the young people to go and read, spending less hours on

Senior Happenings

WC Senior Services	
August 17	
Rolls	9 a.m.
Hearing Aid Clinic	9 - 11 a.m.
Bridge Ladies	1 p.m.
August 20	
Osteo Exercise	9 a.m.
August 21	
Dominoes	1 p.m.
Helping Hands Mtg	6 p.m.
August 22	
Osteo Exercise	9 a.m.
Manor Here For Lunch	
Creative Handcrafts After Lunch	
August 23	
Dominoes	1 p.m.
Manor	
August 17	
Greedy	10:30 a.m.
Bingo	2 p.m.
Movie	6 p.m.
August 18	
Quizball	11 a.m.
Happy Hour	3 p.m.
Bingo	6 p.m.
August 19	
Jokes	11 a.m.
Church	2 p.m.
August 20	
Resident Council	10:30 a.m.
Gardening	3 p.m.
Tai Chi	4 p.m.
Show in Custer/Bingo	6 p.m.
August 21	
Ceramics	10 a.m.
Keepsake Krafters	2 p.m.
Cards	6:15 p.m.
August 22	
Crossword	10:30 a.m.
Senior Center	11:30 a.m.
Bingo	2 p.m.
Dice	6:15 p.m.
August 23	
Horse Shoes	10:30 a.m.
Manicures	2 p.m.
Tai Chi	4 p.m.
Resident's Choice	6:15 p.m.

the street. The reading room opened to the public later that month.

On Jan. 25, 1907, the local papers announced that Sunday school would be held at the renovated Presbyterian church, followed by preaching from the Rev. Charles W. Higgins. The Presbyterian Historical Society told Cash that Higgins was born in March 1852 in New Jersey, and he died on May 13, 1925, in Omaha, Nebraska.

The remainder of the Presbyterian church's history and the timeline of 112 Summit Ave. will conclude in next week's issue of the News Letter Journal.

Correction: In our page 6 story of the August 9 edition of the News Letter Journal, "Past Presbyterian presence in Newcastle," we incorrectly labeled the location of the featured photo as Edgemont, Nebraska. The Church was located in Edgemont, South Dakota. We regret the error.

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Carol Mooso, Jenni Bauer, and Brad Bauer, all from Greeley, Colorado, serve Shenae LaCroix food during the 5th annual Anthony Napolitano Memorial Dinner hosted by the Colorado motorcycle group at the Flying V Lodge each year. (Photo by Abby Gray/NLJ)

Bikers

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“They do it so that we can get a break for the night, and we also do a scholarship and a hunt, for like young kids who can’t afford it. We’ll pay for that hunt,” Napolitano said. “This group said, ‘Oh, we want to contribute to that.’ So they do this every year to help us out, and the money goes toward the memorial.”

The biker group is made up of approximately 20 people, Napolitano noted. She said members Brad and Jenni Bauer always take the event head-on to make sure everything runs smoothly, then a couple from the group cooks their specialty meals each year.

This year, Napolitano said, a couple named Larry and Lori Oyler planned to serve dinner. Larry, however, was involved in a motorcycle accident before the dinner, breaking his shoulder and a few ribs. Larry’s accident and injury left a question mark for the group in regards to who and what was going to be prepared for the memorial dinner.

“I thought, we cannot do this this year. Let (Larry) heal up. We do not have to do this,” Napolitano said. “Then Brad sent me an email back. He said, ‘Twylla, this is what happened when Larry had his accident. Our first question was, how is Larry? Our second question was, is Lori okay? Our third question was, how is his bike? And our fourth question was, what are we going to do for Anthony’s memorial?’ I just started crying. They told me, ‘This means so much to us, we just have to do this for you.’”

Napolitano often said she has been lucky to have such sweet and caring people stay at the Flying V during the rally. The Mojowsters, on the other hand, said they are the lucky ones, because each of the 20 years at the Flying V have been great, due to the hard work of the Napolitanos.

“We love Larry and Twylla,” Jenni Bauer said. “We’ve been camping here for a long time; this is actually our 20th anniversary. They have always been so helpful and accommodating to us. We just wanted to do something to give back to them a little bit. So we serve this dinner once a year just to be able to help them out.”

After Napolitano’s son, Anthony, died at age 14 in 2001, Twylla admitted she and Larry were hesitant to do any sort of memorial and give anything away in honor of their son.

“We had gotten so much money from people when (Anthony) passed away,” Napolitano said. “We just held onto it for a long time, because we felt like if we did anything or gave anything, it was like we were giving up a little bit of him. Our weirdness made us not do anything for a few years. Then, his year of kids were graduating, and we just thought we had to.”

Anthony would have graduated from high school in 2006. The Napolitanos began the process of establishing the memorial. Napolitano noted that in the five years the memorial dinner has been held, at least \$1,000 has been raised each year for the memorial fund. The money helps pay for a hunt for a child or children in the area who cannot afford to participate on their own. The money raised also helps fund scholarships for Newcastle High School seniors.

Napolitano noted they like to award the scholarship to someone who plays sports, because Anthony loved sports, especially wrestling. Now, they lean more toward those who really need the scholarship, and toward good people who they feel deserve it.

“I think, through the school, it says you have to be in some sport to apply (for

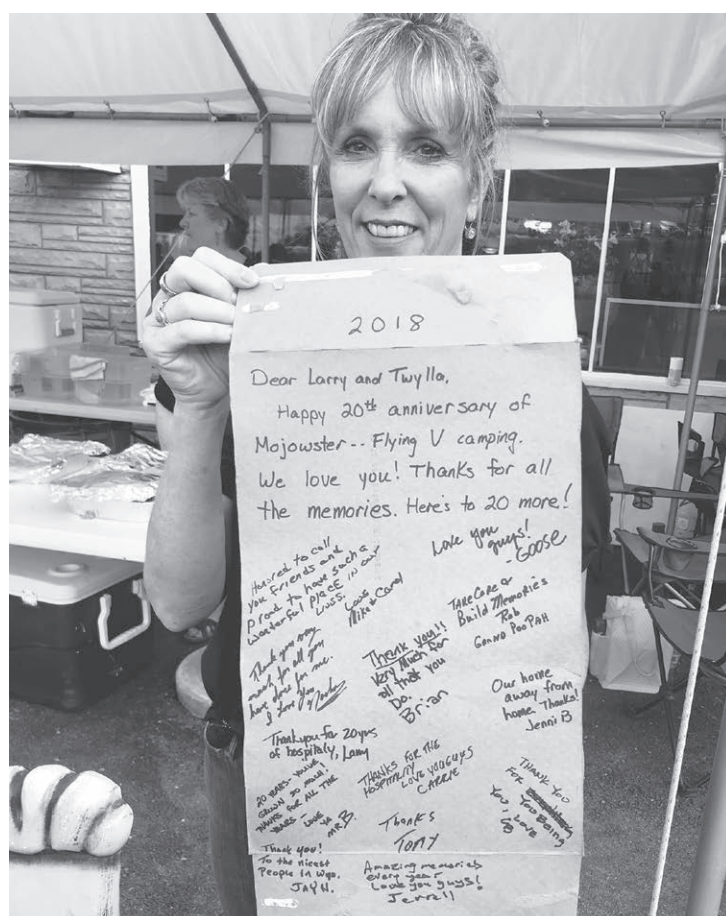
the scholarship),” Napolitano said. “Although, some of them haven’t been (in any sports), and we just tell them to apply for it anyway, because we might need to give it to them anyway.”

As for the hunt, Twylla said the Napolitanos go through an outfitter who selects a child to win the free hunt. The most recent recipient of the free hunt was a child who won a rodeo. Part of the prize for the win was the hunt paid for by the Anthony Napolitano memorial fund.

Napolitano admitted her husband, Larry, along with Brad LaCroix, tried to set up a sort of scholarship for the hunt last year, but nobody applied for it. However, she still allows for as many Newcastle kids as possible to go out and hunt on their leased land, even if their hunts are not being paid for by the memorial fund.

Napolitano said she and Larry do not publicize the memorial dinner, but every year they seem to get bikers and community members coming out to enjoy the food the Colorado crew makes.

“We appreciate everyone in the community and everyone who comes,” Napolitano said, with a smile. “It is very humbling, we have great people around us.”



Flying V Lodge owner and mother of Anthony Napolitano, Twylla Napolitano, happily holds a note of appreciation from the Mojowsters motorcycle group, which has hosted the memorial dinner for the past 5 years. Some members of the group have been staying at the lodge for as long as 30 years. (Photo by Abby Gray/NLJ)

Rocks

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all over Montana, Seattle and even Canada,” Whipple said. “We also thought that if we were leaving our mark in those places, it would be neat to bring a piece of those areas back to share with Newcastle, which inspired us to collect seashells along the shore, paint them and hide them here around town.”

Sloan is encouraging everyone to join

the Facebook group Newcastle Wyo Rocks! #NROCKS and join the movement.

“Honestly, if it puts a smile on their face or gives them a bit of encouragement ... why not paint a rock,” Sloan said. “You never know what someone might be going through and how something bright and colorful with a positive message might just help them out.”

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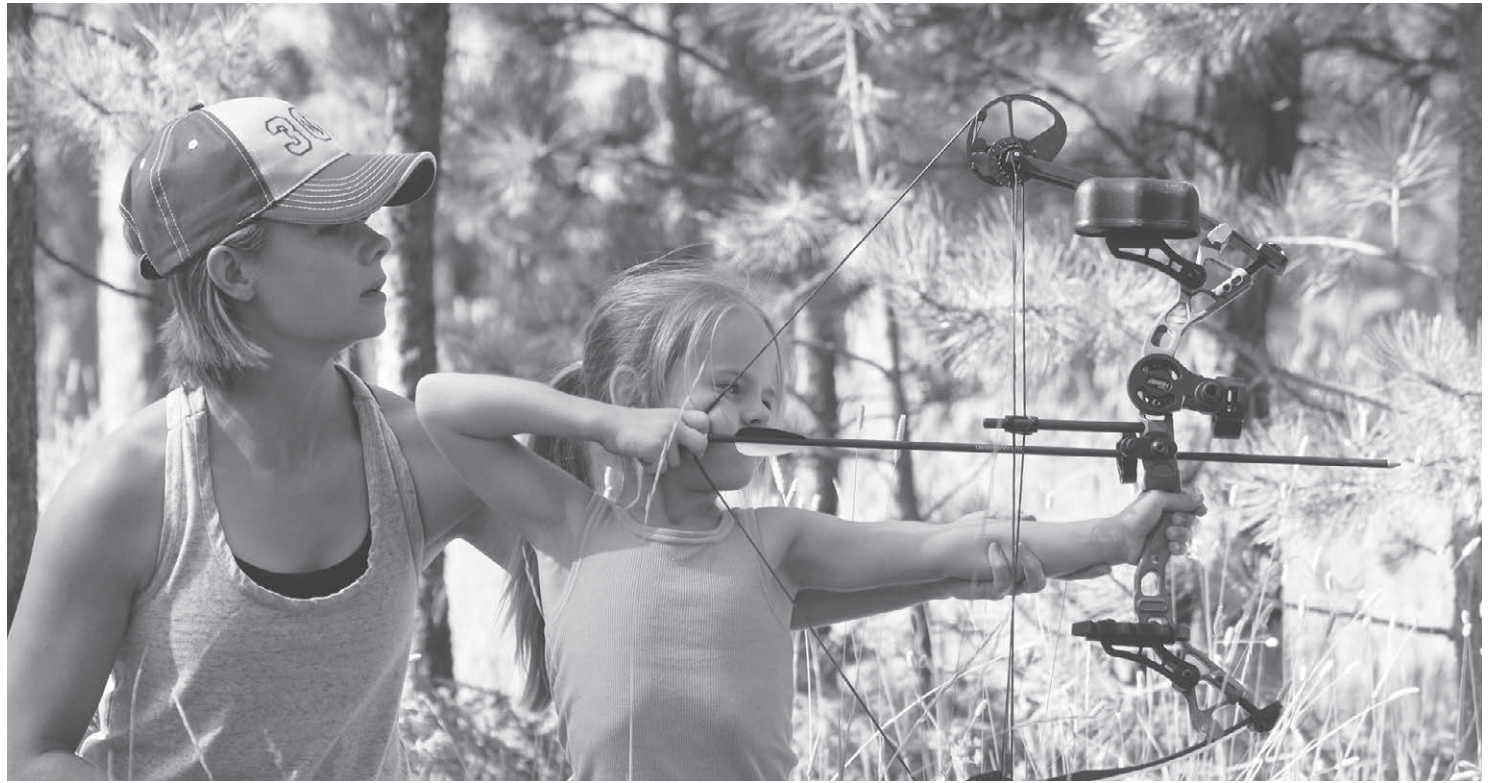
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Jennifer Lipp steadies her daughter Laura and helps her line up a shot during the State Archery Shoot hosted by the Cambria Bowhunters archery shoot near Mallo on Sunday. (Photo by Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

Shooting from the heart

■ *Archery shoot is a perfect way to bring the family together*

Jen Kocher
NLJ Correspondent

Thomas is having an off day. He watches his arrow zoom over the head of the stuffed, wild boar hiding in plain sight in a thicket of trees. Normally, he at least hits a vital, he says, and sometimes even hits the target dead-on.

The 10-year-old nods solemnly and takes a deep breath of fresh, piney air as the warm late-morning sun begins to seep through the thick canopy of trees along the trail. He's been shooting arrows for most of his life after receiving his first bow at age 2.

"I'm going to do better on this next one," he says, nodding his head as he assesses the browned, stuffed deer through the slim gap between trees. He steps up to the blue flag as his dozen or so family members — parents, aunts and uncles and grandfather — shout encouragement as he pulls back his arrow. He releases, and zing, the arrow grazes over the top of the animal's back. With a shrug and a big smile, he tears off into the woods to retrieve his arrow from the tangled clump of foliage.

Members of his extended family step up to take their turns at the target as patriarch Scott Oneal stands back and watches three generations of his family partake in the sport he loves. The Oneal family has been coming from their home in Burwell, Nebraska, to Newcastle for the Cambria Bowhunters' annual State 3-D Shoot for more than 25 years. It's something that they look forward to every year, and nobody misses as the family continues to grow and branch off.

He can tick off a long list of locations where the shoot has been held over the years up until its current location on the Dixon family's property near Mallo Camp in northern Weston County.

This outing is Oneal's doing, he admits, and he's the one responsible for passing down the hunting gene to his three girls, who have since shared the love with their significant others and children.

"Just because I have three girls, doesn't mean they can't learn to shoot," he says with a big smile as he watches daughter Sami's arrow soar through the air and stick



Karl Lenardson points out the target to a group that includes Macy Steber, Penny Lenardson, Hayden Overman and Kayla Overman as they made their way through the course on Sunday. (Photo by Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

into the rump of a ram. She didn't hit a vital, but she got foam.

"Foam is your friend," she says, as her brother-in-law logs her score. Like the others, she's been hunting since around the time she could walk and got her bow from her dad as a graduation present.

The scores are only a small fraction of what the family enjoys about the shoot.

As far as Sami goes, the bigger reward is spending time together and being out in the woods and getting some practice before hunting season. Like their dad they all hunt, and shooting for fun only intensifies the family bonding experience.

Oneal stands back on the trail as he watches his family members, including his 4-year-old grandson, Adam, step up to the line, one by one, to take their turns. Some hit the target, while others whiz into the tangle of limbs behind it. The younger kids dash after the lost arrows after all are done shooting.

Retrieving arrows is one of the duties of the younger generations, Oneal explains, and it is their rite of passage.

Other parents joke that it's the reason they have kids.

Behind them, Bryan McVay and his three daughters stand in the shade against the base of a tree awaiting their turn. Like the Oneals, and most of the other families on the course today, the love of archery and bow hunting is directly descended from the father's side. Though there are a few wives and mothers sprinkled into the mix, the

balance clearly falls on the father's side.

McVay's three daughters — Bethany, Gabby and Olivia, ranging in age from 14 to 22 — think they've probably been coming out here for the past seven or eight years, and like their father, all are hunters.

"The whole fam shoots," Gabby says, including their mother Beth, who was here Saturday but got stuck working today.

And though other teenage girls might spend a lot of time squabbling and bickering among themselves, the McVay girls encourage one another with some good-natured jibing when one of them "kills a tree."


For Bethany, the oldest, it's a fun way to spend time with her sisters and family when she comes home. The girls love trekking out to the woods and taking part in their dad's passion, which they happily share.

"It's just fun to hang out with family and everybody knows each other, which makes it more fun," 14-year-old Olivia says as she moves on to the next target.

"It's a family sport," McVay adds, "something we can all have fun doing together."

The Cambria Bowhunters didn't start out that way, he says. His father, Jimmy, was one of the founders of the club, and back then, it was more or less just a way for a bunch of guys to get together and go out into the woods and have some fun.

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Workers with RCS Construction out of Rapid City continue with phase 1 of the First State Bank remodel project. The project will be completed over 3 different phases and will upgrade the building for better employee function and customer satisfaction. (Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ)

Bank remodel well underway

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

A remodeling project at First State Bank kicked off the end of July and the bank branch's president, Darwin Rabenburg, wants the public to know that despite the construction, the bank is still open for business. The project, according to Rabenburg, will be in three phases and completed in November.

"We are remodeling primarily to bring everything up to date. The remodel will address different customer desires and bring the technology within the facility up to date," Rabenburg said. "This project will make the bank more pleasant in today's world for customers."

He explained that the project includes the completion of different offices and work stations for employees, as well as a new teller line. Rabenburg noted that the remodel will only include the interior upstairs of the bank.

"The downstairs was remodeled five years ago in preparation of this project. The project downstairs established functionality for the basement as far as work stations go,"

Kim Praeuner, the bank's auditor, said. "It was a test in a way."

Rabenburg added that the work stations upstairs will be similar to those that were created downstairs during the remodel five years ago. He explained that the work stations are not cubicles and people will be able to look through the bank with no obstruction. At the same time, they will allow customers more privacy.

"Management and loan officers will be in the created offices to allow for customer privacy," Rabenburg said.

He noted that the remodel and upgrades, including the work stations, are "critical for functionality going ahead."

The project, according to Rabenburg, has been in the works for two years and the management and employees are excited about it.

"We just want to stress that we are open and people are more than welcome to come by and see the progress," said Joanna Akers, manager of First State Bank Insurance. "We are placing updates on Facebook and will have pictures of the project to give people an idea of the work being done."

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The next generation turned it into a family sport, and each year, the event seems to catch on and grow.

Moseley Middleton and wife, Jennifer, and their two kids, 12-year-old Casey and 10-year-old Oceaynna, have driven from Casper to be here today. Moseley is the hunter and Jennifer is just tagging along. He adjusts his high-tech bow as the kids step up and take their turns shooting arrows. Casey compliments his sister on a good shot, and she thanks him in return.

This new civility among the siblings has been hard earned this morning, Jennifer says, but after being threatened with a long list of chores, the kids decided that it was easier to get along than clean the grout and bathroom tiles.

Like many of the kids out here today, both Casey and Oceaynna have been shooting since they were 3, while Jennifer tags along. Both kids received bows from their father as soon as they were able to walk and have been coming out with him ever since.

"It's definitely his thing," she laughs, "but also something fun we can do as a family."

Spending quality family time is a common refrain from the groups out on the course today. There's a lot of joking and banter and just camaraderie among the various groups as they line up and take their turns.

Moseley lets his kids retrieve the arrows on the last target – that's why he had kids, he jokes – and then sets the sights on his elaborate bow and checks his phone for a downloaded table of trajectory coordinates based on the distance. He pulls back, and with a whang, the arrow soars through the air and hits the target right in the heart for a perfect score.

Rhoades is association prez

■ Wyoming Land Title Association convention will be held here in 2019

Abby Gray
NLJ Correspondent

After spending 20 years in the bank business at First State Bank, it took Kim Rhoades less than eight years with Weston County Title to become president of the Wyoming Land Title Association.

Rhoades bought the title business on Oct. 1, 2010, and in early June, at the annual convention, she was elevated from president-elect to president of the association.

"I feel like I'm relatively new in the title world," Rhoades said. "I was in banking for 20 years and then bought this business. I was very honored, but kind

of apprehensive, but everyone was very encouraging. I've learned tons."

Rhoades said it was a three-year process to become the president of the association.

A board is made up of former presidents of the association and nominates those who they think will fit in and do a good job, according to Rhoades.

After accepting the nomination, the nominee becomes the vice president for one year, moving to president-elect the next year and president in the third year.

"There's a lot of duties (as president)," Rhoades said. "We have monthly meetings with our board. We watch the legislature and see what bills are trying to be passed, if it benefits us or if we should get on board and contact our representatives. We're a very active board; it's a lot of work."

Along with monthly meetings, the group holds an annual convention, hosted by the president of the association. Last year, the president resided in Teton

County, so the convention was held in Jackson Hole. Because of Rhoades' position as president, the convention will be held in Newcastle in 2019.

"I have to follow Jackson Hole, but we can do it," Rhoades exclaimed. "The northeast corner of the state is just as beautiful (as Jackson), so it's exciting."

Rhoades also had the opportunity to attend the American Land Title Association National Convention. ALTA pays for the president of each state's association to attend, as well as one other member.

The past two years, that one other member has been Rhoades. She attended the convention in Scottsdale, Arizona, in 2016 and in Miami, Florida, in 2017.

This year, she will be attending as president of Wyoming's association in Los Angeles.

The convention runs for a week in October, with 1,000 people attending. Rhoades said she anticipates another fun and educational event this year.

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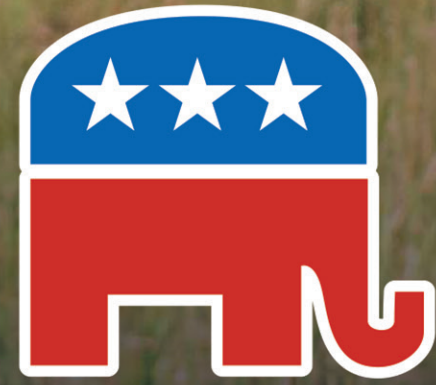
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2018 Primary Election Guide



City of Newcastle Officials City Council

Seven Candidates
Three 4-year Terms

Daren Downs

Pam Gualtieri

Karl Lacey

Steven Ladwig

Ann McColley

Donald Steveson

Thomas Voss

■ Daren L. Downs



Occupation:

Petroleum Engineering Tech for the BLM

Education/Experience: High School, background in oil and gas industry.
What role do you think the Newcastle City Council plays in economic development for the community?

I have never attended a City Council meeting so I couldn't say what role they play.

What budget advice would you bring to the council in times of fiscal concern?

In a fiscal concern, I would have to weigh the expenses against the budget and find out what departments could afford cuts.

What makes you interested in serving on the city council?

To serve the community and hopefully make a positive impact by doing so.

Are you willing to consider eliminating the city police force in order to use that money elsewhere?

I would have to acquire information about this subject in order to make any speculation or decisions.

■ Pam Gualtieri



Family: Chris Gualtieri (Spouse), Caitlyn Esposito (Daughter), Jacob & Caden Esposito (Sons), Arianna & Brice (Grandchildren)

Occupation: Business Owner (Pizza Barn)

Education/Experience: 9 years medical field, 8 years law enforcement, 3 years local business-owner.

What role do you think the Newcastle City Council plays in economic development for the community?

Right now, I feel it doesn't. As we have not had any new industries large or small come to our community, besides a new hotel. The city council should be in support of Newcastle's potential to grow.

What budget advice would you bring to the council in times of fiscal concern?

I would have to see how it is being budgeted before I can bring any advice.

What makes you interested in serving on the city council?

The openness of a city council meeting, the rapport among council members and the relationships that members have with the local chamber, business owners, and the public all add up to the climate of public education in a community. I believe that I can add positively to those relationships.

If the public feels that their concerns and needs are being addressed they will have more faith in our town and council. The public already knows that I am trustworthy, honest, have integrity, and have their needs and issues in mind.

How will you make city government more transparent for the people it serves?

As of now it already is through open council meetings as well as being published in the local paper.

I have a strong relationship with many of the families here in Newcastle and I can help to bridge the gap between them and the council. I understand the commitment to the time and energy required each week, for meetings, phone calls, conversations, visits to schools, visits to local businesses and professional development seminars and workshops. I already do that with the families that I work with, and being a business owner as well. I will continue to do that for the council. I have knowledge about district policies, guidelines, needs, challenges and strengths. I believe that I can be a great asset when it comes to addressing those needs, challenges, and policies with the public.

Are you willing to consider eliminating the city police force in order to use that money elsewhere?

No. Being a former employee for the city police force, I know the need for the entity. In addition to that, if you were to look at other communities that have decided to eliminate their police force, they are now regretting their decision and can't financially bring it back. (ex: Custer, SD)

■ Karl Lacey



Family: My wife Dayle and I have made our home in Newcastle for the past 34 years. Our sons John and Patrick have been raised and graduated high school in Newcastle. They live here with their wives Sarah and Christa. We have 6 grandchildren Maddison, Jake, Bailey, Lauren, Abby and Maggie.

Occupation: Retired coal miner.
What role do you think the Newcastle City Council plays in economic development for the community?

The only involvement the council should have in economic development is to insure city ordinances and regulations are not prohibitive to people who want to do business in Newcastle. It should not be what hoops I have to jump through to do business here, but what does the city do to help me want to do business here. It is not the function of the council to spend taxpayer money on advertisement or incentives to attract business.

What budget advice would you

bring to the council in times of fiscal concern?

The council should be as conservative in the budget as they are with their personal budget. Stop spending money on pet projects and use it more wisely on sewers, streets or other projects. Make sure department heads are using all city resources, including city employees, in the most productive way. Eliminate department practices and policies that are wasteful and unnecessary.

What makes you interested in serving on the city council?

I want to be involved in all decisions that affect the citizens of Newcastle and make sure that impact is in a positive way. I want to bring new ideas and common sense to the table. Instead of looking to other towns our size to see what they do with their ordinances and regulations and adopt them here, it's time we do what is best for Newcastle.

How will you make city government more transparent for the people it serves?

I think if there were a friendlier atmosphere at council meetings people would be more inclined to voice their concerns and opinions and be involved. It is the city council's responsibility to provide an open forum for discussion of the people's business and that should be first and most important. I would help to bring that change to the council.

Are you willing to consider eliminating the city police force in order to use that money elsewhere?

I am willing to consider all options available that guarantee the people of Newcastle have the safety, security and economic value they deserve. However with the limited information I now have I'm not sure the elimination of the city police force is the answer. As a member of the city council I would review all information and make sure this and any other question is resolved with the best solution possible.

■ Steven R. Ladwig



Family: Three grown children
Occupation: Seasonal Laborer/lawn mowing

Education/Experience: Twenty-five plus years in retail sales and management

What role do you think the Newcastle City Council plays in economic development for the community?

I would like to think that the attitude is positive in all that can be done.
What budget advice would you bring to the council in times of fiscal concern?

Do not overspend on short-term goals.

What makes you interested in

serving on the city council?

Community support and involvement. Wanting to make a positive change from the old ways, i.e., dog and cat ordinance, particularly with the cats. Maintenance, rescue, and support.

How will you make city government more transparent for the people it serves?

City government cannot solve all problems, but at least be more active with citizen input.

Are you willing to consider eliminating the city police force in order to use that money elsewhere?

Re-evaluate, restructure, reduce, adapt, overcome, but resolve to have at least a limited presence.

■ Ann McColley



Family: Husband, Rick; Children: Molly McColley, Erin Haynes, Joseph McColley; 5 grandchildren.

Occupation: Bridger Pipeline Co./Butte Pipeline Co.

Education/Experience: BS Degree UW, Worked for Butte Pipeline for nearly 44 years. I've been involved in numerous activities/organizations for the betterment of Newcastle: Chairman Mural Committee, Chairman All School Reunion, Coal Car Project, NHS Hall of Fame.

What role do you think the Newcastle City Council plays in economic development for the community?

I think the city council, along with the Chamber of Commerce, plays a large role in economic development. They should act as ambassadors for our town and encourage people/businesses to want to be here. The city needs to support what we already have.

What budget advice would you bring to the council in times of fiscal concern?

Without knowing the specific issues at the time, I would say the best thing is to be responsible and use money wisely.

What makes you interested in serving on the city council?

I love Newcastle and it's people! I have lived here all my life, raised our family here and feel that I am truly vested in our town. I do not have an agenda but only want to do my part to help keep our town alive.

How will you make city government more transparent for the people it serves?

I would encourage people to attend council meetings or visit with council members to voice their concern on different issues. If everyone works together - lots gets done!

Are you willing to consider elimi-

nating the city police force in order to use that money elsewhere?

Right now I would have to say no. I do not feel I have enough information to say it would definitely benefit our town to do away with city law enforcement. I would be willing to further look at this issue given more information.

■ Don Steveson



Family: Wife: Jennifer. Daughters: Alaina Steveson, Lauren Steveson, Jessie Steveson
Blanchard (Husband Jarret and Granddaughters Jayden, Jersey and Jordan) Son: Ryan Steveson (wife Jamie and Granddaughter Aliyah and Grandson Tyson) Mother-In-Law: Debb Proctor

Occupation: Process Safety Manager, Plant Fire Chief.

Education/Experience: Newcastle High School, Casper Welding School, API 570 and API 510 Inspectors, 27 years with Wyoming Refining, 19 years as a welder, and 8 years as the Process Safety Manager (since 2008), Plant Fire Chief since 2000, 32 years as a Newcastle Volunteer Fire Fighter and two terms as Fire Chief. I have served as Assistant Fire Chief, Secretary, Captain, and Lieutenant. I was a drill team member for 15 years. I was also an EMT for the Newcastle Ambulance. Currently I am the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) Chairman and have held this position since 2008.

What role do you think the Newcastle City Council plays in economic development for the community?

I feel the city council plays a big part to support economic development. The city should be a partner. I believe it should be the entire community who support economic development. I believe if the city council and the residents of Newcastle supports our current business, this will show other potential businesses that they will have community support.

What budget advice would you bring to the council in times of fiscal concern?

We need to be aware of what our income versus expenditures will be and how we need to adjust what service we want to provide for the city residents. We need to work with our legislators to let them know the importance of funding to each community and how vital to each community this funding is.

What makes you interested in serving on the city council?

I am and have been very involved in the community's affairs in one way or another for the past 47 years. I believe I have been looking out for what is best for the residents of the

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THANK YOU to all who came to support the Weston County Fair, participants and the Newcastle Saddle & Sirloin FFA Chapter!

The Hog Wrestling was a HUGE success due to the community support and participation, FFA members and families, and to a few exemplary donors: Jill Sellers, Paul Geeding with A-1 Pipeline, and Larry Parker for all donating back their Calcutta earnings! Matt Perino for his generous donation and the announcers, timers, and all Calcutta donors for their time and help at the event!

The Dunk Tank made quite the SPLASH!
Kids and persons of all ages were subject to cooling off in the Dunk Tank during the fair. We appreciate Randy, Jamie, Nick, and Kellar Bock for making this event possible with their donation!

The Ice Cream Churn-a-thon was a SWEET treat during the BBQ on Friday of Fair! Thanks to Bonnie Rich, Christina Ault, and Hope & Andy McKay for serving up flavors like vanilla, fudgecicle, strawberries & cream, peach, and even providing homemade strawberry sauce! YUMM!

COW-A-BUNGA and THANK YOU to everyone who supported the youth at the Livestock Sale and to the money raised for JR Graham his fight with cancer!



Thank you once again from the Newcastle Saddle & Sirloin FFA! Hope to see you next year!

City Council

City of Newcastle and the county for many years and want to see what challenges we have to keep Newcastle growing.

How will you make city government more transparent for the people it serves?

I believe it is very important that all residents know where their tax dollars are being spent and how this is benefiting the community.

Are you willing to consider eliminating the city police force in order to use that money elsewhere?

This is always an option; but, we need to be very careful on this major decision. This will have a huge impact on the community with response times that the Sheriff's office would need to cover. There is no state statute that requires the city to support a city law enforcement. There are several city ordinances that the sheriff's office would not be able to enforce due to their jurisdiction. So, this will need to be discussed and how would these city ordinances be enforced. This is not a topic that needs to be taken lightly. There are a lot of factors that need to be looked at before a major decision could be reached.

■ Thomas A. Voss

Name: Thomas A. Voss
Family: Wife, Susanne Shurley Voss.
Occupation: Booking Agency / Promotions
Education/Experience:



BA Degree University of Wyoming. Business experience 40 some years in hospitality and oil and gas production; Resident of Newcastle for nearly 50 years.

What role do you think the Newcastle City Council plays in economic development for the community?

The Newcastle City Council has a duty to play a pro-active roll in economic development. In the past there have been several "start-ups" regarding economic development all of which just faded away. Because of today's manpower and budget shortages I believe that the City of Newcastle, the County Commissioners and the City of Upton must partner together to revitalize, reform, and fund an Economic Development Board or Joint Venture creating an entity that has the teeth, the experience and leadership to do the job for real. I've researched several strategies for widening the economic base for Newcastle and Weston County. They are worth a serious look and they are good reasons for me to keep my seat on the City Council.

What budget advice would you bring to the

council in times of fiscal concern?

When money is tight the advice for budget planning is always to lower costs where possible without creating new hardships. Then, we must research areas wherein resources we have can be transformed into revenue. There are ways available right now for the city council to help generate these opportunities.

What makes you interested in serving on the city council?

I am interested in staying on the city council because there are ideas and strategies I wish to initiate and push to completion. The council needs to guide the city into programs that will raise revenue, lower costs of operations, and widen the economic base of the city. Ultimately we want and we need the city to have the funding to do a lot more at managing public works, especially streets, the rest of it's duties and special projects as well.

How will you make city government more transparent for the people it serves?

"Transparency" in government boils down to what the people understand about what's going on. It is dependent upon two things; A) who the people elect, and B) how ordinances and resolutions are worded. I believe voters are entitled to know exactly what their government is doing at any level. Furthermore, our nation has suffered an onslaught of what I call "Legalese." The people should use their vote to demand all levels of government write statutes, regulations, and ordinances in the same language newspapers use. In journalism class they taught us that newspapers are written so anyone on a fourth grade level can read them and understand what they've read. That's a good rule of thumb for all that government deals out to the people. The closer transparency gets to "clear" the better is government.

Are you willing to consider eliminating the city police force in order to use that money elsewhere?

Because the idea of eliminating the police force contains many more issues than just a maybe that the city council would have extra money to spend elsewhere, right now I couldn't say yes or no about it. We are an incorporated municipality with police power from the State of Wyoming which the council is to apply in providing protection and safety to our citizens. How would city ordinances be enforced if the city relinquishes its police power? Just what sort of "city" would remain? The council and the voters must thoroughly understand whatever the alternative is going to be and just where this idea would take us before we do anything.

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Last Thursday was a bit too warm for the tots from the Weston County Children's Center. The Cookie Monster class worked on their gross motor skills by singing and dancing with "Go Noodle" on the center's smart board. Valen Dow and Bristol Boylan bust a move.

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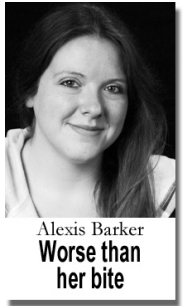


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Gardening: beneficial in more than one way



For the first time this year, my family has been able to grow quite the successful garden, if

I do say so myself. From our very first monster zucchini, nearly the height of our coffee maker, to the multiple ripe tomatoes we pick daily, the fruit of our labors have been enjoyable.

Even more than the simple food benefit seen at my house, which is quite significant considering the amount of zucchini we purchase weekly, the gardening project has brought our family together and promoted outdoor activity.

Nothing has been more exciting this summer for my 7-year-old and 3-year-old than getting up early to water the plants and feed our pig, thanks to my wonderful husband. Picking the products of our hard work proves to be even more exciting than watering the plants.

Cade and I have made it a point to include our children in our gardening since the beginning. From helping to plant the seeds in our bay window really early this spring to get an early start to transferring the much larger plants into the ground throughout the last month, the kids have been right by our side.

The benefits coming away from the garden are not only financial – I mean we really are saving at least \$20 a week on zucchini alone – but also come in the form of increased family time, lots of fun in the sun and the knowledge we all are learning about the process



The writers 7-year-old daughter, Breeklee, stands proudly next to the family corn stalks. Alexis Barker/NLJ

it takes to grow food on our own.

Demonstrating that hard work can pay off, not only in your heart and mind but also physically, is something I have strived to teach my children since day one and the garden has really added one more learning tool to our household. Really, you only have ample amounts of food produced by your plants if you work hard to water and care for the plants and make sure they are receiving everything they need to be fruitful.


The true testament of that hard work is the fruit of your

labors: the zucchini eaten for dinner or becoming a delicious zucchini blueberry cake, the tomatoes on top of your salad or becoming a magnificent salsa, and the sugar snap peas that taste even better fresh right off the plant.

But for my family, these items have come with so much more than just the fresh produce we get to enjoy, they have come with a lesson, much-needed family time and fun in the sun (even though I do not believe hours outside moving plants in the 90-degree heat is fun ... at all).

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Newcastle City Council Minutes

**NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018**

Mayor Debra Piana called this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Piana; Council members Don Steveson, Michael Alexander, Steve Ladwig and Tom Voss. Councilmen Roger Hespe and Todd Quigley were absent. Also present were Department Heads City Police Chief Jim Owens, City Engineer Mike Moore, City Attorney Jim Peck and City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Michael Alexander moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to approve the agenda as amended, adding Andy McKay reference Farmer's Market and Elizabeth Sanford reference introduction. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tom Voss moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, July 16, 2018 and the minutes of the Executive Session of Monday July 16, 2018. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: None
CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: None
CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—WRITTEN:

1. Steve Ladwig moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve the Journeyman Plumbing Licenses for Wolff's Plumbing & Heating, Inc.; Plumbing Contractor, Wolff's Plumbing and Heating, Inc., adding Journeyman Plumbers Jamey Nolan and Roy Boone. All fees have been paid, proof of State license, proof of insurance and bond have been provided. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Tom Voss moved, seconded Michael Alexander to approve the Limited Mechanical Plumber License-HVAC, for Aaron Napolitano, working for 21 Electric, Electrical Contractor. All fees have been paid, proof of State license, proof of bond and insurance have been provided. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Michael Alexander moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to approve a sewer credit in the amount of Eighty-Five Dollars and Forty Six Cents (\$85.46) for Terri Meyer, credit because of a water leak. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—WRITTEN:

1. Andy McKay requested permission to modify the request for the Farmer's Market to include a street closure on Thursday evenings after the Farmer's Market to have street dances. The closure would be from Main Street to Wakefield St. and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Proposed dates on the Thursday evenings from now through September. Mayor Piana encouraged Andy to try. Consensus was to approve the request, Mr. McKay to work with the Public Works Dept. for barricades.

2. Elizabeth Sanford was present to introduce herself to the Council as a candidate for County Treasurer.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: Councilman Tom Voss reported the local Arts Council is the recipient of a \$5000.00 grant from Black Hills Energy and invited the Mayor and Council to be present for the presentation on August 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Library.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

1. City Engineer Mike Moore reported on RT Communication's progress and discovering a buried fuel tank behind the Dogie Theater. He is communicating with the DEQ about how to handle the situation. Mr. Moore reported on the Stampede Street project and he was preparing the SRF loan request.

2. City Police Chief Jim Owens reported on calls for service and on an active shooter drill and training at the High School on August 25, 2018.

3. City Attorney Jim Peck reported that bids for City equipment or improvements must by State Statute be advertised in a local paper of general circulation, meaning such adver-

tisements must be placed in the News Letter Journal. Such ads can be placed in other papers, but one must be run in the local paper. This clarification because ads had been placed seeking bids for a new police car in other papers in the area, but not locally. Chief Owens was directed by Mayor Piana to see the ad was placed in the News Letter Journal. Bid due to the City by close of business Tuesday, September 4, 2018 and bids to be opened and read at the Council meeting on Tuesday September 4, 2018.

4. City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James reported the last of the old fiscal year's bills were presented for payment tonight.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: Clerk/Treasurer Greg James was directed to reschedule the Community Appearance meeting and invite Mr. Bruce Perkins form the Weston County Travel Commission to attend.

NEW BUSINESS: None
Tom Voss moved, seconded Don Steveson to suspend the rules and go into Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. reference personnel matters. Motion carried. Don Steveson moved, seconded Tom Voss to return to regular session at 8:11 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Tom Voss moved, seconded Michael Alexander to offer the position of Public Works Supervisor to Greg Stumpff at the hourly rate of \$26.00 per hour with a one year probation for the position. **MOTION CARRIED.** Don Steveson moved, seconded Tom Voss to hire Stacey Johnson as the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer at the rate of \$15.00 per hour with a one year probation and a \$.50 per hour raise at the end of the probation. **MOTION CARRIED.** Don Steveson moved, seconded Michael Alexander to raise Becky Vodopich's hourly rate to \$17.00 per hour. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Tom Voss moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to pay the claims against the City dated August 6, 2018. **MOTION CARRIED.** Tom Voss moved, seconded Michael Alexander to adjourn this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 8:14 p.m. Meeting stands adjourned.

Claims: Final old fiscal year bills; American Engineering & Testing, landfill water testing, \$8490.62; Bearlodge Engineering & Surveying, survey and engineering, \$3855.00; Black Hills Energy, electric service, \$11,609.00; Derek's Field Service, landfill machinery repair and parts, \$21,119.50; Mastercard, travel/training/equipment, \$4062.09; Newcastle Hardware, electronic key pad/stain, \$984.79; Professional Dispatch Man, crisis course, \$600.00; Rath, Bruce/Tonya, fence damage, \$123.99; Short Stop Fuel Mart, fuel purchase, \$6331.88; Will,

Ann, rain gutter damage, \$250.00. New fiscal year bills; 21 Electric, service work, \$895.00; Advanced Drug Testing, DOT drug test, \$26.00; Alpha Communications, siren repair, \$90.00; American Business Software, domain registration, \$35.00; Biolyneus, LLC, scrubber, \$1878.58; Bird, Misty, water deposit refund, \$95.49; Black Hills Energy, repair office A/C & elec. Serv., \$1239.50; Black Hills Plumbing & Supply, Freon removal, \$1320.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming, employee medical insurance, \$35,754.57; Blue Star Police Supply, LLC, PD supplies, \$7.00; Bohn, Christopher, water deposit refund, \$22.25; Butler Machinery Co., parts, \$1503.49; Cambria Supply, parts/materials, \$1189.74; Carr, Jon water deposit refund, \$100.00; CDW-Government, computer & parts, PD, \$1665.68; Century Link, E-911 services, \$1004.36; City of Newcastle, WA/SW/Ga, 1250.04; Contractor's Supply, fencing/geo grid, \$930.59; DLT Solutions, LLC, software maintenance renewal, \$1244.60; Double D Obsolete Parts, coolant/motor oil, \$1155.24; Drake, Matt, landfill refund, \$4.00; Dumbrell, R. Douglas, August 2018 municipal judge, \$1076.30; Energy Laboratories, Inc., water sample testing, \$960.00; Enviro-Clean Intermountain, LLC, vac truck water tank, \$1653.73; Farnsworth Services, Co., Inc., portable sanitation, \$250.00; Fresh Start Convenience Stores, water deposit refund, \$118.45; Front Range Fire Apparatus, supplies, \$613.53; Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, supplies/materials, \$564.94; Gillette News Record, bid advertisement, \$193.70; Gould, Robert, water deposit refund, \$8.58; King, Justin, water deposit refund, \$100.00; Malsam, Derek, water deposit refund, \$65.51; Mastercard, fuel purchases/supplies, \$3401.09; Modern Marketing, Inc., PD supplies, \$1199.51; Newcastle Ambulance Service, August 2018 ambulance service, \$8333.33; Newcastle Fire Suppression LLC, fire extinguisher inspection, \$1534.58; Newcastle Police Dept., reimburse petty cash, \$14.67; News Letter Journal, legal's/minutes/advertising/office supplies, \$3470.32; Northern Safety & Industrial, hard hat supplies, \$146.97; Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc., sampling station/fittings/parts, \$10,175.21; Peck, James, M., August 2108 attorney fees, \$2800.00; Radke,

Onna, landfill deposit refund, \$100.00; Respond First Aid Systems, first aid supplies, \$228.84; Rothleutner, Genell, mileage and PD cleaning, \$574.96; RT Communications, phone service-shared, \$328.53; RT Communications, phone service, \$946.33; Salt Creek Veterinary Clinic, cat care, shop, \$108.45; Slattery Enterprises, Inc., sewer rodding, \$588.80; Bryand Streeter, August 2018 airport wages, \$1158.75; Tac One Consulting, Active shooter course, \$2392.00; Top Office Products, Inc., PD copy charge, \$101.33; Trugreen-Chemlawn, FD lawn fertilizer, \$108.75; Vanway Trophy, retirement plaque, \$79.35; Verizon, cell phones, \$489.42; Becky Vodopich, office cleaning, \$360.50; Voice Products Service, LLC, maintenance contract, \$2280.00; W&S Construction, concrete work, \$9696.00; Weston County Natural Resource District, 2018 hazard waste day, \$2000.00; Weston County Treasurer, utilities/tax handling/airport project, \$1429.00; Weston County Humane Society, food fee, \$6.00; Weston County School District #1, July 2018 Rec Director, \$2393.48; Wyoming Association of Rural Water, fall training, \$350.00; Wyoming Automotive Co., parts, \$605.32.

Debra Piana, Mayor
ATTEST: City Clerk/Treasurer, Greg James

(Publish August 16, 2018)

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The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 16, 2018.

STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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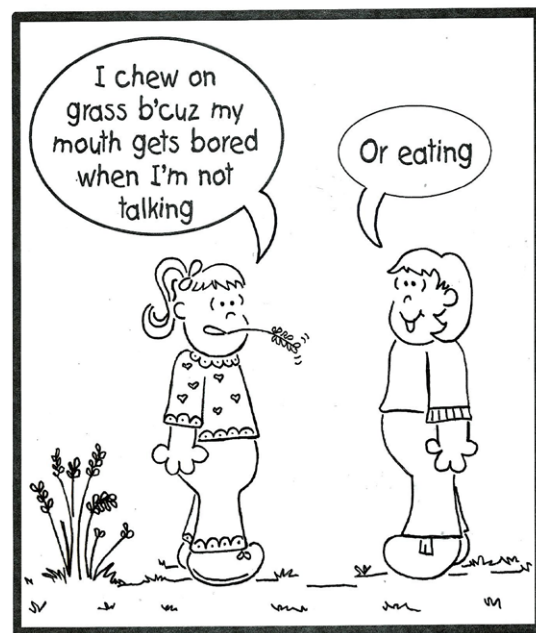
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August 5, 2018

Suspicious activity reported. Injured dog reported. Suspicious activity reported. Unattended juvenile reported. 911 misdial. Civil standby requested. Warrant arrest. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Domestic problem reported. Traffic complaint. Ministerial assistance requested. Found property reported.

August 6

Injured child reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Parking complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Funeral escort requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Protection Order violation, One arrest. Arrest Warrant issued. VIN inspection requested. Medical assist. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency.

August 7

Funeral escort requested. 911 hang up. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Two VIN inspections requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

August 8

Abandoned vehicle reported. Traffic complaint. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Funeral escort requested. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Assist other

agency. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Exparte Order issued. Report of dog at large, Impounded. Noise complaint.

August 9

Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Minor accident reported. Report of a dog at large. Traffic stop, No action taken. VIN inspection requested. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Welfare check requested. Traffic stop, DUI arrest. Threats reported.

August 10

VIN inspection requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Motorist assist. Motorist assist. Domestic problem reported. Minor accident reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Suspicious activity reported. Found property reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Suspicious activity reported.

August 11

Suspicious activity reported. Dead deer reported. Report of a dog at large, Impounded. Residential alarm reported. Civil problem reported. Medical assist. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued. Traffic stop, ERO issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Drunk driver reported.



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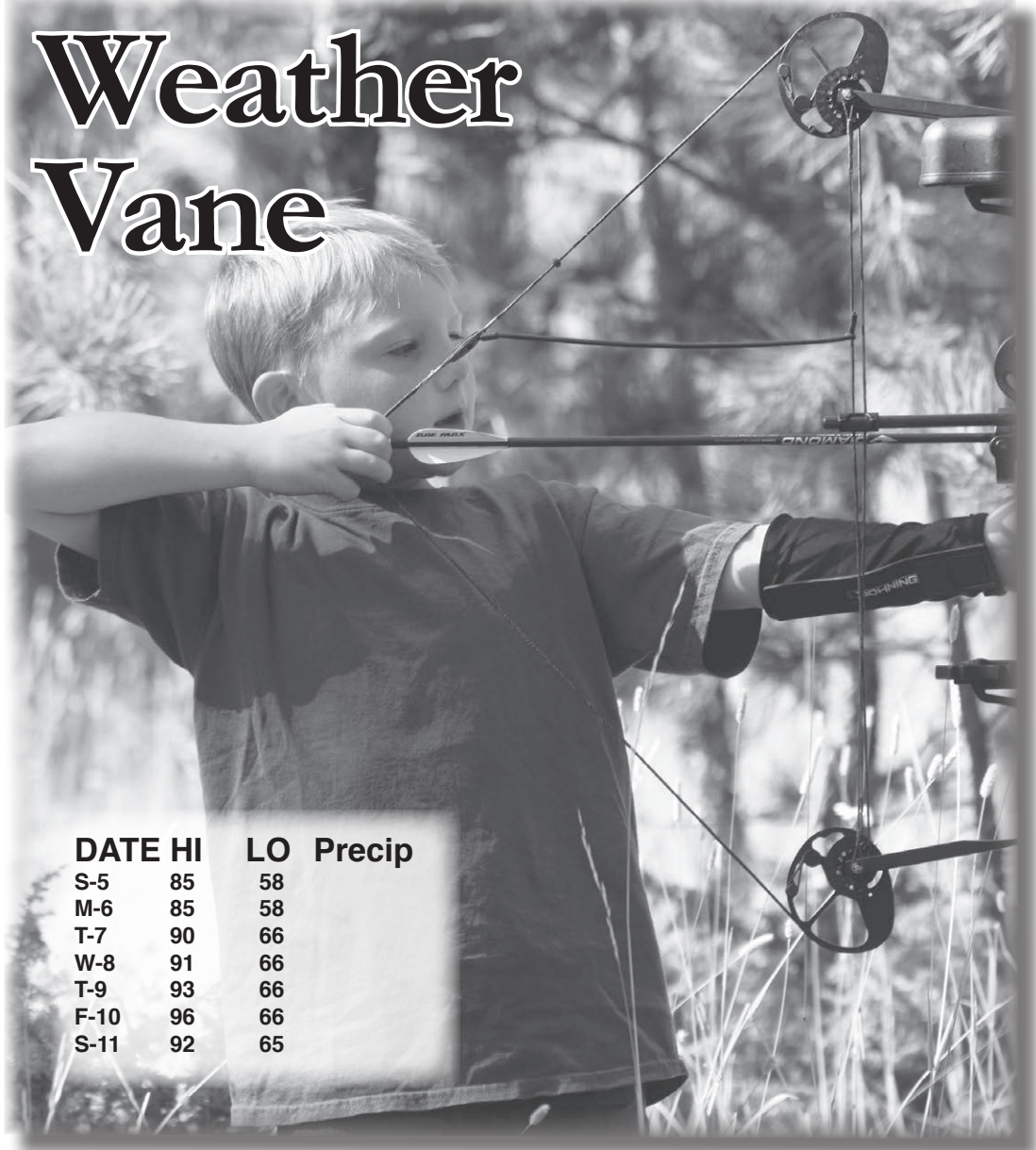
Court Report

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Michael A. Walter, Drive While License Suspended – If Suspended For 31-5-229 or 31-5-233, Jail: 180 Days, Suspended: 166 Days, Supervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$305
Jeremiah D. Remington, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$118
Connie B. Hiser, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$118
Penney A. Mahoney, Meet or Pass Stopped School Bus – 1st Offense, Fees and Fines: \$435
Robert D. Bock, Animal Attack Person – 1st Offense, Fees and Fines: \$75
Jennifer L. Neumeyer, Operate Unnumbered Boat, Fees and Fines: \$135
Benjamin T. Josephson, Improper Numbering of Watercraft, Fees and Fines: \$85
Alicia Rachel Johnson, Compulsory Auto Insurance – 1st Offense, Fees and Fines: \$555
Micki D. Remington: Expired Temporary License Permit/Improper Registration, Fees and Fines: \$125
Abigail M. Deveraux, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$100
Daisha D. Scantling, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$100
Tyler K. Simmons, Domestic Battery – 1st Offense, Jail: 90 Days, Suspended: 80 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$405
William R. Palmer, Drive Vehicle Within Single Lane, Fees and Fines: \$75
Chad J. Hillman, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$97
Debra C. Endres, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$106
Rory Lee Burleson, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$133
Evan L. Mitchell, Drive While License Cancelled, Suspended or Revoked if Not Suspended for 31-5-229 or 31-5-233, Fees and Fines: \$425
Courtne Lynn Ondriezek, Duty Upon Colliding With Unattended Vehicle or Property, Fees and Fines: \$235

Laurel M. Larsen-Winters, Seat Belt: Driver, Fees and Fines: \$25
Timothy G. Barritt, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$124
James M. Wineteer, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$124
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James M. Wineteer, Vehicle Exceed 70 MPH on Primary/Secondary Highway (6+ MPH Over), Fees and Fines: \$106
Mary K. Wert, Expired Temporary License Permit/Improper Registration, Fees and Fines: \$135
Mary K. Wert, Compulsory Auto Insurance – 1st Offense, Fees and Fines: \$555
Aron L. Slycord, Drive While License Cancelled, Suspended, or Revoked if not Suspended for 31-5-229 or 31-5-233, Fees and Fines: \$435
Cristie M. Schabot, Possession Controlled Substance – Plant – 3 Ounces or Less, Jail: 30 Days, Suspended: 30 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$555
Jeffrey C. Pfefferle, Possession Controlled Substance – Plant – 3 Ounces or Less, Jail: 30 Days, Suspended: 28 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$1,105
Jeffrey C. Pfefferle, Possession Controlled Substance – Powder or Crystal – 3 Grams or Less, Jail: 30 Days, Suspended: 28 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$1,105
Luke E. Hillman, Under 21 – Have Measurable BAC in Body, Jail: 180 Days, Suspended: 173 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$305
Tyler K. Simmons, Violate Protection Order, Jail: 180 Days, Suspended: 150 Days, Supervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$455
Greg Ault, Drive While License Cancelled, Suspended or Revoked – If Suspended For 31-5-229 or 31-5-233, Jail: 60 Days, Suspended: 60 Days, Unsupervised Probation: 6 Months, Fees and Fines: \$340
Alyssa M. Farrell, Using Electronic Handheld Device to Read, Write, Send or Read Text While Driving, Fees and Fines: \$90
Joseph Mefford, Seat Belt: Driver, Fees and Fines: \$25
Merritt S. Crabtree, Drive While License Cancelled, Suspended or Revoked – If Suspended For 31-5-229 or 31-5-233, Fees and Fines: \$425
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Bid Notice

CALL FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Newcastle, Wyoming will receive sealed bids for the purchase of the following:

- (2) 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe, 4WD Pursuit Basic Police package (9C1).
Options Interior: B30 floor covering, VAV floor mats, 6C7 Dome Lamp, 6N5 Rear window Switch inoperative, 5T5 seat, 9U3 delete Front Center
Options Exterior: 9G8 delete running lights, VK3 License plate mount, 7X6 Left spot light
Options Chassis: K05 Heater engine block

Specifications and related bid requirements for interested bidders are available at the Newcastle Police Department located at 25 North Sumner Ave, Newcastle Wyoming 82701.

Each bid must be received by the Newcastle City Clerk at the Office of the City Clerk, 10 West Warwick Newcastle, Wyoming 82701 on or before 5:00 p.m. on the 4th day of September, 2018 to be considered. All bids will be opened on the 4th of September 2018 at 7:30 p.m. by the Governing Body of the City in the City Council Chambers located on the second floor of the City Office at 10 West Warwick Newcastle, Wyoming. The successful bidder, if any, shall be announced by the City at such time as the Governing Body of the City may determine appropriate, but no later than (30) days from the date of bid opening. All submitted bids must remain open and cannot be withdrawn for a period of 30 days from the date of the bid opening. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted if it is determined that none of them would serve the public interest. If a contract is awarded, it shall be awarded to the bidder whose equipment and/or materials meet or exceed the minimum specifications of this bid and is, in the discretion of the Governing Body of the City, the best equipment and /or materials for use by the City at the lowest bid price. Such factors as opinions, warranties, maintenance and repair statistics, and product design and function, in addition to bid price, shall be considered by the City in awarding this bid.

Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "BID FOR POLICE VEHICLE". Each bid must state the approximate date on which delivery will be made if the bid is accepted. In any event, delivery must be made within 120 days from the date the bid is awarded. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond or a bank issued cashier's check, money order or certified check, payable to the City, and equal to at least 5% of the total bid amount. The bid bond, cashier's check, money order, or certified check shall be forfeited as liquidated damages if the bidder, upon letting of the contract to him, fails to enter into the contract within (30) days after it is presented to him for that purpose or fails to proceed with the performance of the contract, and to pay any late delivery penalty. Delivery shall be to the Newcastle Police Department, Newcastle, Wyoming.

In accordance with Wyoming Statutes Sections 16-6-101 through 16-6-107, preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, agricultural products, equipment, machinery and provisions produced, manufactured, supplied, or grown in Wyoming, quality being equal to articles offered by competitors outside of the state.

The City reserves the right to waive any informalities. The acceptance of any bid does not become final and contractually binding upon the City until a formal written contract is executed by the City and requirements of Wyoming Statutes Section 15-1-113 have been met.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2018

City of Newcastle
Newcastle Police Department
By James Owens
Chief of Police

(Publish August 9, 16 and 23, 2018)

Public Notice

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHEYENNE, WYOMING

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR HIGHWAY WORK

Notice is hereby given that the State Transportation Commission of Wyoming has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming, acting through said Commission, and Reiman Corp. The Contractor, on Highway Project Number CN14063 in Niobrara County, consisting of grading, draining, removal, replacement of structure, and miscellaneous work, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on September 19, 2018.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is August 9, 2018.

STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING
By: Caryn Erickson
Senior Budget Analyst
Budget Program

(Publish August 9, 16 and 23, 2018)

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

This is an attempt to contact the owner of an abandoned 1995 Highland, 14'x70' mobile home, tan and brown in color, that is presently located at 17 Diana Lane, Newcastle, WY 82701. To recover more than \$300 in back taxes owed and the cost of upkeep, the property owner of 17 Diana Lane intends to apply for title of ownership. Please contact the Weston County Treasurer or the property owner at 307-746-9304 within 10 days of first publication of this notice.

(Publish August 9 and 16, 2018)

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS, & STUDENTS OF WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT # 1

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that requires the school district, with certain exceptions, to obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's educational records. Sometimes our school or district may disclose some student information without written consent when the information is designated "directory information". The primary purpose of directory information is to allow us to include some types of information in certain school publications. Examples of school publications are:

- A playbill or program showing your child's role in a school production.
- Honor roll or other recognition lists published at school or newspapers.
- School/student directory
- School or district website

If you do not want our school or district to disclose information about your child, the parents/guardians must inform the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, Weston County School District #1, 116 Casper Avenue, Newcastle, WY 82701 in writing by September 1, 2018 that such personally identifiable information is not to be designated as solicitation information with respect to that student.

(Publish August 16, 2018)

Fun and Games

THE 1930s

ACROSS

- Stopped from sleeping
- Emergency responders
- Much ado
- Carl Jung's inner self
- Old French coin
- Approximately
- Castrated bull
- "Swan Lake" step
- Relating to pond scum
- *Great Depression state
- *"The Maltese Falcon" author
- * ____ Row
- ____-de-camp
- Churchill's "so few"
- *Subject of "Reefer Madness"
- Herpes ____, a.k.a. shingles
- Cain's victim
- *Johnny Vander Meer and Ernie Lombardi
- Go "Boo!"
- Shower with affection
- *Now demoted planet identified in 1930
- Antioxidant-rich berry
- Insect, post-metamorphosis
- Slang for heroin
- College cadet program
- Elongated shape
- Shining armor
- Fifth note
- One less traveled
- Loudness knob
- *First FIFA World Cup location
- *FDR's brainchild
- Linoleums, for short
- Hole-in-one
- Mr. Simpson to Marge
- *Seabiscuit sound
- QB exclamation
- Imitating
- *Johnny Hodges and Jimmy Dorsey played it
- Group of exercises
- In the Queen of Hearts' oven?

DOWN

- Yellowjacket
- Cognizant of
- Capital on the Dnieper
- Mideast V.I.P.
- Limited in scope
- Sports award
- Bygone bird
- Uncooked seafood
- *"The Mummy" or "City Lights"
- Egg on
- *Cab Calloway's improvised singing
- *Gandhi's ____ March
- Brooches with low relief carving
- Pipsqueak
- Wood-shaping tool
- Cited as evidence
- *Dominant mass media in the 1930s
- Mushroom cloud maker
- Prenatal
- Snaky swimmers
- Melee memento
- Fiesta fare
- One of the Muses
- *Third ____
- Building block
- Just for men
- Nose of a missile
- Military offensive
- India's smallest state
- Disinterested response

- Nursemaids in India
- Parkinson's disease drug
- Arm bone
- Cambodian currency
- ____ of measurement
- 1960s boots
- Remaining after deductions
- Another spelling for #4 Down
- *"It Don't Mean a Thing (If It ___ Got That Swing)"
- *Colbert showed them in "It Happened One Night"
- Pool shark's weapon

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Deer
Bus #2

7:16	Skull Creek Rd/Hwy 585	3:10	Elementary School
7:22	Four Corners	3:30	Middle/High School
7:24	Ertman Rd	3:42	Children's Center
7:31	24048 N Hwy 85	3:45	702 Winfield
7:34	North Break Neck Rd		720 Winfield
7:38	Pine Top Drive	3:48	106 E Main
7:40	MM 233 Road Closure Gate Turnaround	3:51	Mondell Heights
7:46	750 Houston		736 Houston
7:36	Houston	3:56	MM 233 Road Closure Gate Turnaround
7:49	106 E Main	3:57	Homestead Rd
	Mondell Heights	3:58	Pine Top Drive
7:52	702 Winfield	4:01	North Break Neck Rd.
	720 Winfield	4:03	23998 N Hwy 85
7:54	Middle/High School	4:17	24496 Hwy 85
8:02	Elementary School	4:19	Four Corners
		4:24	Skull Creek Rd/Hwy 585



Beaver Creek Route
Rhino
Bus #4

7:27	393 Salt Creek Rd	3:10	Elementary School
7:28	Valley View Rd	3:30	Middle/High School
7:31	Beaver Creek/Salt Creek Jet	3:43	112 Casper Ave
7:32	63 Beaver Creek	3:51	22424 Hwy 85 S
7:33	107 E Beaver Creek	3:58	600 Old Hwy 85
7:35	159 Salt Creek Rd	4:03	Old Hwy 85/Burkett
7:36	119 Salt Creek Rd		Old Hwy 85/Desmet
7:37	90 Salt Creek Rd	4:05	Diana Lane
	70 Salt Creek Rd		Dick Dr
7:38	Salt Creek Rd/Hwy 16 E	4:08	28 Delores
7:40	Foothills Dr/Ridgecrest Dr	4:09	23 Foothills Dr
7:41	23 Foot Hills Dr	4:10	Foothills Dr/Ridgecrest Dr
7:42	28 Delores	4:12	Salt Creek Rd/Hwy 16 E
7:45	Dick Dr	4:14	34 Salt Creek Rd
	Diana Lane	4:15	70 Salt Creek Rd
7:47	Old Hwy 85/Desmet		90 Salt Creek Rd
	Old Hwy 85/Burkett	4:16	119 Salt Creek Rd
7:48	Old Hwy 85/ Dump Rd Jet	4:19	159 Salt Creek Rd
7:52	22424 Hwy 85 S		Beaver Creek/Salt Creek Jet
8:00	Middle/High School	4:21	63 Beaver Creek
8:02	112 Casper Ave	4:23	107 E Beaver Creek
8:10	Elementary School	4:27	Valley View Rd
		4:28	393 Salt Creek Rd



Saddle Subdivision Route
Wolf
Bus #5

7:40	3306 Latigo St	3:10	Elementary School
7:41	3343 Latigo St	3:30	Middle/High School
	801 Bit St	3:50	3306 Latigo St
7:43	3352 Stirrup St	3:52	3343 Latigo St
7:44	3336 Stirrup St		801 Bit St
7:45	3313 Stirrup St	3:53	3352 Stirrup St
7:46	Morrisey Rd/Cactus Dr	3:55	3336 Stirrup St
7:47	Morrisey Rd/S Sage Circle	3:56	3313 Stirrup St
7:48	Morrisey Rd/N Sage Circle	3:57	Morrisey Rd/Cactus Dr
7:49	Voelker's Auto Shop	3:58	Morrisey Rd/S Sage Circle
7:55	Middle/High School	3:59	Morrisey Rd/N Sage Circle
8:01	Elementary School	4:00	Voelker's Auto Shop



North Town Route
Horse
Bus #6

7:37	635 Warren Ave	3:10	Elementary School
7:38	Carter/Birch	3:30	Middle/High School
7:40	Pine St/Mystic	3:48	635 Warren Ave
7:42	Cambria/Walden	3:49	Carter/Birch
7:43	Spruce/Walden	3:51	Pine St/Mystic
7:45	Spruce/Walker	3:56	Cambria/Walden
7:47	Wood/Pine Ave	3:57	Spruce/Walden
7:48	Wood/Timber	3:58	Spruce/Walker
7:49	Wood/Grove	4:00	Wood/Pine Ave
7:51	McArthur/Roby	4:01	Wood/Timber
7:55	2nd Ave/Birch	4:02	Wood/Grove
7:56	116 2nd Ave	4:04	McArthur/Roby
8:00	Middle/High School	4:05	2nd Ave/Birch
8:08	Elementary School	4:06	116 2nd Ave



East Town Route
Lion
Bus #7

7:41	601 S Summit	3:10	Elementary School
7:42	15 Park St	3:30	Middle/High School
7:43	519 S Seneca	3:46	601 S Summit
7:45	W Winthrop/Sumner	3:49	15 Park St
7:47	Winthrop/Sonora	3:50	519 S Seneca
	Winthrop/Spokane	3:51	W Winthrop/Sumner
7:49	Spokane/Wentworth	3:52	Winthrop/Sonora
7:50	Wentworth/Sonora		Winthrop/Spokane
7:51	104 S Summit	3:54	Spokane/Wentworth
7:52	N Summit/Warwick	3:55	Wentworth/Sonora
	N Summit/Woodstock	3:56	104 S Summit
7:53	29 W Cambria	3:57	N Summit/Warwick
	N Seneca/Cambria		N Summit/Woodstock
7:54	N Seneca/Ellis Trailer Ct	3:58	29 W Cambria
	N Seneca/Main Street	3:59	N Seneca/Cambria
7:55	S Seneca/Wakefield		N Seneca/Ellis Trailer Ct
	S Seneca/Wentworth	4:00	N Seneca/Main Street
7:56	514 S Seneca	4:01	S Seneca/Wakefield
7:59	Middle/High School		S Seneca/Wentworth
8:07	Elementary School	4:02	514 S Seneca



Hwy 16 East Route
Eagle
Bus #8

7:32	Ferguson Canyon Road	3:10	Elementary School
7:33	State Line	3:30	Middle/High School
7:37	Boles Canyon Road	3:50	Elk Mountain Dr/Howell
7:41	LAK Ranch	3:51	York St Apts
7:45	Tubb Town	3:53	Crystal Pk Rd Entrance
7:48	Martin Rd/Hwy 16 East		Elementary Bus Loop
7:50	Bronco Ln/Hwy 16 E	3:55	Dixon Bros.
7:52	Dixon Bros.	3:56	17 Country Side Way
7:54	Crystal Pk Rd Entrance	3:57	Country Side Way/Bronco Ln
7:55	Fountain Inn	4:00	Martin Rd/Hwy 16 East
	Main Entrance	4:03	Tubb Town
7:56	Elk Mountain Dr/Howell	4:04	LAK Ranch
8:00	York St Apts	4:10	Ferguson Canyon Road
8:07	Middle/High School	4:11	State Line
	Elementary School	4:13	Boles Canyon Road



West Town Route
Kangaroo
Bus #9

7:44	2503 W Main	3:10	Elementary School
	Auto Inn	3:30	Middle/High School
7:46	2993 W Main	3:44	2503 W Main
	Camp In The Trees		Auto Inn
7:48	2504 W Main		2993 W Main
	Thar's		Camp In The Trees
7:49	Short Stop/Hansen	3:50	2504 W Main
	Equipment		Thar's
7:50	7th Ave/Main	3:52	Short Stop/Hansen
7:51	7th Ave/Sunset		Equipment
	Sunset/5th Ave	3:53	7th Ave/Main
7:52	Sunset/4th Ave	3:54	7th Ave/Sunset
	Sunset/Forest Hill Way		Sunset/5th Ave
7:53	3rd Ave/Park	3:55	Sunset/4th Ave
7:57	Middle/High School	3:56	Sunset/Forest Hill Way
8:05	Elementary School	3:57	3rd Ave/Park



South Town Route
Dinosaur
Bus #10

7:33	5118 Hwy 16 E	3:10	Elementary School
	Hwy 16 E/Salt Creek Dr		K-5 ONLY
7:34	5150 Hwy 116/Hokanson Ln	3:28	Rodeo/Sheridan
7:35	Greenhouse/Salt Creek	3:30	Rodeo/Stockade
	Greenhouse/Delores	3:31	Rodeo/Frontier
7:37	Old Hwy 85/Greenhouse Rd		Frontier/Cascade
7:38	Pizza Barn	3:33	Frontier/Stampede
	60 Old Hwy 85	3:35	Middle/High School
7:39	28 Old Hwy 85	3:43	Minuteman Lube
7:40	3 Bears Road	3:44	Carlson's Trailer Court
	Duff Ave		Boyd/Summit
7:41	Oak/Gray	3:48	5118 Hwy 16 E
7:42	Gray/Cedar		Hwy 16 E/Salt Creek Rd
7:43	Gray/Butte	3:49	5150 Hwy 116/Hokanson Ln
	Butte & Ash	3:50	Greenhouse/Salt Creek Dr
7:45	Summit/Boyd		Greenhouse/Delores
	Carlson Trailer Ct	3:52	Old Hwy 85/Greenhouse Rd
7:46	Minuteman Lube	3:53	Pizza Barn
7:49	Middle/High School	3:54	60 Old Hwy 85
	K-5 ONLY	3:55	28 Old Hwy 85
7:52	Frontier/Stampede	3:56	3 Bears Rd
7:53	Frontier/Cascade		Duff Ave
7:54	Frontier/Rodeo	3:57	Gray/Cedar
7:55	Rodeo/Stockade		Butte/Gray
7:56	Rodeo/Sheridan	3:58	Butte/Ash
8:05	Elementary School		



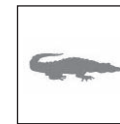
Painted Hills Route
Dog
Bus #11

7:42	Morrisey/Section Line Rd	3:10	Elementary School
7:45	43 Kenwood	3:30	Middle/High School
7:46	106 Kenwood	3:47	RENEW
7:47	Kenwood/Ponca	3:48	Painted Hills/Navajo
7:49	157 Kenwood	3:49	20 Painted Hills
7:50	161 Kenwood		10 Painted Hills
7:51	181 Kenwood	3:50	Kenwood/Painted Hills
	191 Kenwood	3:51	191 Kenwood
7:52	Kenwood/Painted Hills		181 Kenwood
7:53	10 Painted Hills	3:53	161 Kenwood
	20 Painted Hills	3:54	157 Kenwood
7:54	Painted Hills/Navajo	3:56	Kenwood/Ponca
7:55	RENEW	3:57	106 Kenwood
7:58	Middle/High School	3:58	43 Kenwood
8:00	Children's Center	4:01	Morrisey/Section Line Rd
8:07	Elementary School		



Hwy 16 West Route
Bear
Bus #12

7:18	3633 Hwy 16		
7:24	Hwy 16/Clay Spur Rd	3:10	Elementary School
7:32	Hwy 451 Turnaround	3:30	Middle/High School
7:34	Hwy 451/Butcher Rd	3:51	Hwy 450 Intersection
7:39	Osage Fire Hall	3:55	Airport
7:41	Osage Post Office	4:00	3633 Hwy 16
7:50	Airport	4:06	Osage Fire Hall
7:55	Hwy 450 Intersection	4:07	Osage Post Office
8:00	Middle/High School	4:12	Hwy 16/Clay Spur Rd
8:05	Elementary School	4:20	Hwy 451 Turnaround
		4:22	Hwy 451/Butcher Rd



Hwy 450 Route
Alligator
Bus #13

7:05	Lynch Rd	3:10	Elementary School
7:15	Hwy 450/116	3:26	139 Sheridan St
7:29	Darlington Rd	3:27	121 Sheridan St
7:37	Grievess Rd	3:30	Childrens Center
7:42	936 Hwy 450	3:33	Middle/High School
7:50	91 Hwy 450	3:45	Cantell Dr/Hwy 16
	11 Cantell Dr	3:46	11 Cantell Dr
7:51	Cantell Dr/Hwy 16	3:47	91 Hwy 450
8:00	Middle/High School	3:55	Mush Creek Rd
8:05	121 Sheridan St	4:02	Grievess Road
8:06	139 Sheridan St	4:08	Darlington Rd
8:12	Elementary School	4:15	Hwy 450/116
		4:25	Lynch

Oil Creek Route
Route #14 Suburban

6:55	1214 Oil Creek Rd	3:55	Airport (Meet Route #12)
7:15	101 Big Plum Creek Rd	4:02	302 Oil Creek Rd
7:25	376 Plum Creek Rd	4:18	101 Big Plum Creek Rd
7:35	185 Plum Creek Rd	4:23	185 Plum Creek Rd
7:40	302 Oil Creek Rd	4:28	376 Plum Creek Rd
7:45	Airport (Meet Route #12)	4:50	1214 Oil Creek Rd

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Statewide Officials Governor

Ten Candidates
One 4-year Term

- Bill Dahlin (R)
Foster Friess (R)
- Sam E Galeotos (R)
Mark Gordon (R)
- Taylor Haynes (R)
Harriet M. Hageman (R)
- Kenneth R Casner (D)
Michael Allen Green (D)
- Mary A Throne (D)
Rex Wilde (D)

■ **Bill Dahlin**
Occupation:
Businessman Owner
GMHR
Education/
Experience:
Born and raised in
Sheridan, moved away as a young man
to seek opportunities, moved back in
2000.



What best qualifies you to serve as Governor?
I am best qualified to be governor because I directly do business in the energy, transportation and logistics sectors. My background is the same as Wyoming. Because of this I know we need to strengthen our economy.

How do you plan to help keep control of issues that impact the state in the hands of Wyoming officials instead of the federal government?

The federal government should only be involved as the constitution allows. We need to hold them accountable.

What role should state government play in economic development and what will you do to better position Wyoming economically?

We have limitless opportunities in Wyoming and as your next governor, we will seek them out and grow our economy. That is what businessmen do. For over a year I have touted industrial hemp. We have over 2 million acres of crop land and over 30 million agriculture acres. Industrial Hemp has at least 25,000 uses and will strongly impact our economy. My job as governor will be to remove barriers and allow the private sector to flourish. We need to prove our fiscal responsibility. WBC is a failed model, why double down with ENDOW? Including other state run

economic development entities, they need to be dismantled and authority and reliable support given to the municipalities to strengthen their own economies. **How do you plan to work with the legislature to ensure small, rural communities have access to the state resources and programs that allow those communities and the people in them to grow and prosper on the same level as Wyoming's larger communities?**

Focus has to be on the local level. Counties through the existing Conservation Districts and Municipalities through a single economic development source to better serve our state. Less state government at the top, real fiscal responsibility.

Local control and local direction is where things happen. Add more support to the Conservation Districts who are already established that are charged with land, water conservation but more than that, constitutional charter, protection of private and public lands, wildlife, and livestock and most of all economic development.

How important is infrastructure to the success of a community? How can you ensure that Wyoming's infrastructure is improved in ways that ensure economic growth while also improving quality of life?

I'm the only candidate who sells coal as part of my business portfolio. I seek current coal users and offer to update their system and logistics, then negotiate with a coal mine, and rail rate. Coal is cheap, 18 dollars/ton, rail not so much...25/ton, logistics 17/ton as an example depending on location, distance, and system. I also bought a coal mine that was out of business when I bought it, turned it into a rail

served landfill and into several other diversified businesses.

My backbone in energy, transportation and logistics matches Wyoming's backbone. Because of that I know better than the other candidates that we have to strengthen our economy. We can do that together. The WBC was established 20 years ago to develop and diversify our economy, now our government doubles down with ENDOW. You don't double down on a failed model.

■ **Foster Friess**

Family: Lynn is my wife of 55 years, we have four kids and 15 grandkids!

Occupation: Chairman, Friess Family Foundation. Chairman, PatientsUSA, fighting for the patient's seat at the table.

Education/Experience: I was valedictorian, class president, student council president, and captain of the basketball, track, golf and baseball teams at the University of Wisconsin where I earned a degree in business administration, served as president of my fraternity and was named one of the "ten most outstanding senior men".

Following college, I served in the U.S. Army where I was trained as an Infantry Platoon Leader and proudly served as an Intelligence Officer for the First Guided Missile Brigade before retiring from the reserves as a Captain.

What best qualifies you to serve as Governor?

In my prior life I built and managed a \$15 billion company, but I recognize that that was not a one-man job, so I

developed the skills and recruited a team capable of quickly gathering and analyzing mass quantities of information so as to come up with well thought out, well-researched decisions as efficiently as possible.

The efficacy of this information gathering capability was represented by the fact that on June 8 Forbes Magazine named me, along with John Templeton and Warren Buffet, as one of the top ten-star investment managers for this generation.

How do you plan to help keep control of issues that impact the state in the hands of Wyoming officials instead of the federal government?

With a pro-business President in the White House and connections to many of his cabinet members (his son, Donald Trump Jr. also recently endorsed me), I have a unique opportunity to negotiate better deals for Wyoming in terms of deregulating the minerals industry, streamlining the permitting processes and reforming the health care system to allow for more state control.

What role should state government play in economic development and what will you do to better position Wyoming economically?

The primary role of the government is to create a conducive environment in terms of taxation, infrastructure, and education so that the private sector is encouraged to develop and create the high paying jobs for Wyoming families, without subsidies.

With 40 years of experience building a \$15 billion company from the ground up, I know how to sell. As Governor I can introduce existing Wyoming businesses to new markets around the world, optimizing revenue while limiting the growth of our popu-

lation as well as any additional stress to our infrastructure.

By diversifying in this way, we will supplement our core industries of energy, agriculture, and tourism by vertically integrating each industry and exporting finished products. There's no reason Wyoming beef should be processed, Wyoming coal and oil refined, or Wyoming products be produced in other states, chipping away at our returns.

How do you plan to work with the legislature to ensure small, rural communities have access to the state resources and programs that allow those communities and the people in them to grow and prosper on the same level as Wyoming's larger communities?

As Governor I will empower each part of the state to pursue their community's economic visions by improving our state's infrastructure, expanding access to high-speed internet and fast-tracking "shovel-ready" sites.

Along with creating an environment where the private sector can thrive, we must get our financial house in order.

I will aggressively work to have Wyoming become the 48th state to reveal its checkbook to the people. It is an embarrassment to the state that we have not done so.

By eliminating wasteful spending, like the \$35,000 the Department of Education spent to hire a magician for a STEM conference, or the \$500,000 the University of Wyoming paid for an out-of-state company to design a new logo, we will free up capital for critical services like public infrastructure, healthcare, and education.

With a lean budget, I can do what I do best — sell. Wyoming has the tax

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- ★ I believe that agriculture is the real backbone to our state's economy, and we must expand our markets for all farmers and ranchers so that agriculture will be sustainable for future generations.
- ★ Wyoming is energy, and Wyoming is an energy state.
- ★ Wyoming's natural resources land (above and below ground), water, private property, minerals, scenic aspects and wildlife are a true treasure and keystone to Wyoming's future. Its people and way of life are incredible! I will fight to keep Wyoming proud and strong.
- ★ I will oppose any new taxes or tax increases. I strongly support economic development and infrastructure needs to keep our economy thriving and strong. Broadband is an example of needed infrastructure in Wyoming.
- ★ Wildlife is a major part of Wyoming's natural resources and must be conserved. The greatest form of conservation of wildlife is hunting and fishing. With respect to the rights of private property owners, the hunting and fishing industry needs to be recognized as a legitimate and prosperous industry in Wyoming.
- ★ I promise to be visible and maintain a strong social presence in our district. Town halls will be held in all towns in Senate District #3 at least twice per year. My cell phone, email address and toll-free number will be posted for all to utilize.
- ★ I believe we have a state and federal constitution for a reason, and that they should be followed to a T, no questions asked, no changes made! States' rights come first, keeping government out of your life second, and maintaining a healthy and robust Wyoming economy for all businesses.

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Governor from Page 19

structure, available land, natural resources, and hard-working people necessary to build a stable economy on its own.

How important is infrastructure to the success of a community? How can you ensure that Wyoming's infrastructure is improved in ways that ensure economic growth while also improving quality of life?

Providing top-notch infrastructure is one of the government's key roles in society. Without it, our small businesses cannot compete in the modern economy.

As I mentioned before, eliminating wasteful spending will free up the capital needed to ensure all Wyomingites have access to high-speed internet, reliable transportation, and good schools. By watching our spending rather than increasing taxes, we will ensure business large and small can thrive while also preserving the Wyoming way of life for generations to come.

■ Sam Galeotos

Family: Wife Stacey, daughters Isabella and Nicolette

Occupation: Wyoming Small Business Owner in hospitality and agriculture, former CEO travel tourism companies such as cheaptickets.com and Cendant.

Education/Experience:

Growing up in Cheyenne, I learned the value of hard work. I have developed, operated, and run huge, multi-billion-dollar international businesses. A leader must prioritize, plan, and prepare, bring out the best in others, buckle down, make hard choices, and take bold and decisive action.

I am the only candidate who truly understands what it takes to grow a business and create jobs. Wyoming needs an aggressive and proven leader



who will fix our state's nearly \$1 Billion deficit, grow our economy and prepare Wyoming students for Wyoming jobs. My business know-how will take us where we want to go.

What best qualifies you to serve as Governor?

I have spent my adult life heading multi-billion-dollar businesses in the global travel technology industry, leading people and organizations in the pursuit of solving large complex problems. These skills are vital to help lead Wyoming out of our current problems.

I have brought together a multitude of different and sometimes competing perspectives to create and attain a final common vision. And I have created and executed large-scale goals to achieve maximum results for my companies.

I have more recently lead small start-ups and businesses in agriculture and hospitality in Wyoming. I know how to work in large and small endeavors.

How do you plan to help keep control of issues that impact the state in the hands of Wyoming officials instead of the federal government?

Any small business owner knows that if you can't control the issues around your business you can't control your business. Wyoming needs to always be able to hold her destiny close. There are multiple examples in areas such as the Endangered Species Act, Health Care and Education where Wyoming needs to have more state led control over the decisions being made. As Governor I would always work to ensure Wyoming officials are making those decisions and not the federal government.

What role should state government play in economic development and what will you do to better position Wyoming economically?

We must expand our private sector. State government can work to create a stronger pro-business environment. I have identified six areas critical to creating an environment where our economy can grow. Creating a strong workforce, fostering an education system that equips our kids for the jobs of tomorrow, attracting reliable statewide air service, connecting to the world electronically through high-speed broadband, developing a world class healthcare system, and empowering local communities to ignite growth.

I would also insure ENDOW is not a top down government program but that it seeks private sector solutions for growing our economy.

How do you plan to work with the legislature to ensure small, rural communities have access to the state resources and programs that allow those communities and the people in them to grow and prosper on the same level as Wyoming's larger communities?

I firmly believe growth is not a "top-down" process, but instead happens at the local level. Therefore, as Governor, I will make properly funding our local governments a priority in my budget. I believe our local communities need some level of funding certainty to plan and execute the initiatives they believe will assist them in creating livable and viable communities. Because of this, I believe it is vitally important we get our state budget as efficient as possible and we make changes to Wyoming's investments, so the funds invested by our state give us the returns they should.

How important is infrastructure to the success of a community? How can you ensure that Wyoming's infrastructure is improved in ways that ensure economic growth while also improving quality of life?

Infrastructure is incredibly important, and I will work to ensure we are improving, expanding and creating infrastructure all around the state. One of the things I have said from the beginning of this campaign and it is something I learned as a CEO working with local people on the ground all over the world – growth never happens at the top of anything, growth always happens at the local level. Having strong infrastructure is vital for our local communities to improve and attract more economic growth.

■ Mark Gordon

Family: Mark and Jennie Gordon have four grown children, daughters Bea and Anne, son Aaron and his wife Megan and son Spencer and his wife Sarah.

Occupation: Rancher and Wyoming Treasurer

Education/Experience:

Lifelong rancher in Johnson County. Attended Middlebury University. Ran outdoor recreation and tourism businesses on the main streets of Buffalo and Sheridan. Worked in the oil and gas industry for the Apache Corporation. Served on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City before being selected by the Wyoming Republican Party State Central Committee, and appointed by Governor Matt Mead, to serve as Wyoming Treasurer. Won election to serve as Treasurer in 2014.

What best qualifies you to serve as Governor?

I grew up on my family ranch outside of Kaycee and currently serve as Wyoming Treasurer. I'm a lifelong conservative and defender of Second Amendment rights. I've worked in ranching, energy and tourism. I served on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. As Treasurer, I've modernized the office to do more with less, grown our portfolio by \$5 billion and stood up against federal overreach. I have a proven record saving taxpayers money, working with the legislature to help businesses and standing up to protect your Constitution.

How do you plan to help keep control of issues that impact the state in the hands of Wyoming officials instead of the federal government?

Be it energy, agriculture, education, wildlife management or a host of other important issues, I believe that government closest to the people governs best. As Treasurer, I've protected the state's interests against federal overreach and as Governor I will do the same. I will augment our toolbox to push for more primacy where the federal government is involved and drive them back legally on all fronts. I have already had

success working with our Congressional delegation to defeat federal overreach in attempting to tax Wyoming's Investment earnings by mobilizing other states to provide the leverage we needed to push back.

What role should state government play in economic development and what will you do to better position Wyoming economically?

Ensuring our economy is robust enough so we are not as heavily dependent on our energy sector, and that we have the kind of jobs and opportunities future generations want to pursue right here at home, is absolutely critical. To achieve this, there are really three things I think we need to focus on – keeping government minimal, accountable locally and living within its means; fostering innovation and encouraging strategic growth and development from the ground up; and providing exceptional educational opportunities for our kids and continuing education everyone needs to succeed and lead in the transforming workplace of the future.

How do you plan to work with the legislature to ensure small, rural communities have access to the state resources and programs that allow those communities and the people in them to grow and prosper on the same level as Wyoming's larger communities?

I want to ensure Wyoming's small communities have the resources and tools they need to be successful. As Treasurer and a member of the SLIB Board, I've worked over the last four years with county commissioners and local governments to build better investment opportunities so that local communities can do more for themselves. As Governor, I plan to establish a position to help communities gain access to additional resources Wyoming is currently leaving untapped – to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars by some estimates.

■ Harriet M. Hageman

Family: I am married to John Sundahl. We have 2 grandchildren and a large extended family, most of whom live and work in Wyoming.

Occupation: I am a water and natural resources attorney and a nationally-recognized expert on federal overreach and regulatory burdens.

Education/Experience: I graduated from Lingle-Fort Laramie High School and attended Casper College on a livestock judging scholarship. I then transferred to the University of Wyoming, where I received a B.S. in business administration in 1986 and my law degree in 1989. I began my career clerking for judge James Barrett on the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Judicial Circuit. I am a small business owner and have extensive experience in addressing the issues of importance to our state.

How do you plan to help keep control of issues that impact the state in the hands of Wyoming officials instead of the federal government?

I have a proven track record of doing just this. My career has been dedicated to exposing federal overreach, and working with policy makers to reduce the impact of burdensome regulations. One of my primary goals is to rebalance the power between Washington, D.C., and Wyoming, and I believe we have a window of opportunity to do so with the current administration.

What role should state government play in economic development and what will you do to better position Wyoming economically?

The state government's role in economic development is simple. Growing government does not grow the economy. We must get government out of the way to allow the private sector to grow. It is crucial to recognize that 70 percent of the revenue for our state is generated through severance taxes on minerals. We must do a better job of fighting for, protecting, advocating for and supporting these industries. Our diversification efforts should focus on the value-added approach, and look to attract businesses "upstream and downstream" of our legacy industries. Improving our transportation system (rail and highways) is critical.

How do you plan to work with the legislature to ensure small, rural communities have access to the state resources and programs that allow those communities and the people in them to grow and prosper on the same level as Wyoming's larger communities?

I grew up in a small, rural community and recognize that needs and priorities are different. Access to funds can be challenging. SLIB funding and block grants to larger communities can free up more state money for smaller communities to meet more targeted needs. I have extensive experience working with the legislature. I know the process and enjoy a good working relationship with many individual legislators.

How important is infrastructure to the success of a community? How can you ensure that Wyoming's infrastructure is improved in ways that ensure economic growth while also improving quality of life?

Infrastructure is extremely important to the success of a community. Right now, it is crucial that all communities should have access to broadband and Internet services. Covering more of the state with cell service is very important. Establishing a fair and steady stream of income to cities and towns will allow planning and setting of priorities by the community. Given the current state of Wyoming's economy, those priorities will be the services that cannot be provided by the private sector such as streets, roads, water and sewer, to name a few. Construction and maintenance of infrastructure, such as water, sewer, streets and roads, must be a priority.

■ Kenneth R. Casner

Family: Nancy and 2 adult children, Joy and Paul, with three Grandchildren
Occupation: Self employed



MY THANKS TO THE PEOPLE OF WESTON COUNTY



I continue to be grateful to serve you as Weston County Clerk!

I appreciate the many opportunities to connect with citizens and learn your expectations of elected officials.

I believe the true job of a public servant is to know who you work for!



I humbly ask for your vote on August 21st.

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Governor from Page 20

co-owner of the Crossing Cafe within the Town of Elk Mountain, WY.
Education: Born in Wyoming in 1950, age 67.
Experience: 20 years small business. 16 years of running for Legislative office from City Council to County Commissioner to Representatives, and prior election to the Governor's primary in 2002.
What best qualifies you to serve as Governor?
 I'm willing to speak not as a person who wants to govern, but as one common man who wants representation. Kenneth R. Casner still cares for Wyoming, it is my home: In other words your agent or spokesman is what qualifies me. I have ran 14 times now for all the legislative levels leading to Governor's Legislative chair. Keep in mind the other four top positions are also elected by you to hold different positions within the Wyoming Constitution. This gives me a real understanding of why nothing seems to get done. I have done this within my own funding, and I never have taken one dime from any special interests, Political Action Committees, public endorsements, or campaign

contributions. I'm pure grassroots, for to serve is not to buy your way in.
How do you plan to help keep control of issues that impact the state in the hands of Wyoming officials instead of the federal government?
 By reducing Wyoming's hands in taking federal funding, state funding, county Funding and even city funding. The more we reach out as people to these governments, they in turn apply more rules, and voters may think it's free money, but the governments apply demands by legislative laws for payments through the law at all levels in taxation. How do we make up a \$400 to \$500 Million short fall without that logic?
What role should state government play in economic development and what will you do to better position Wyoming economically?
 What is required to make economic development is stabilization of tax structure. Wyoming needs a tax reform right now to reduce that shortfall or replace what is taken from the mineral trust fund budget. The only way to get it done is a service tax, which by the way is

the largest industry in the state. We all require service to live here and we should all pay for service. Example: lawyer retainer \$3,000, no sales tax, now go purchase pens and supplies for the office, sales tax. Keep in mind everybody pays, so setup a service tax trust fund and see what develops overnight and in 10 years. We are paying for ourselves for education, healthcare, elderly and it is stabilization, not boom or bust.
How do you plan to work with the legislature to ensure small, rural communities have access to the state resources and programs that allow those communities and the people in them to grow and prosper on the same level as Wyoming's larger communities?
 Great question, I don't. You on the other hand do Yes, you the people of Wyoming elect a governor to speak as your agent and spokesman. The legislative branches currently do not represent your voices, that is a myth. Is Wyoming school funding adequate? Do Wyoming taxes need reformed? Wyoming People have lost their voices and it is time to speak. You elect

them, make them represent, not govern for that is rule. They currently work for special interest, endorsements, and of course donations and contributions.
How important is infrastructure to the success of a community? How can you ensure that Wyoming's infrastructure is improved in ways that ensure economic growth while also improving quality of life?
 How about the general welfare, healthcare and safety which also address the infrastructure to improve our quality and lifestyles. We have neglected that so much for us all and made no real improvement for at least the past 40 years. I live in the Town of Elk Mountain, population 189 just 1.4 miles off the Interstate 80 corridor. The town is 109 years old and today it is basically at 1939 give or take. One electrical trunk supply line, with no back up, propane supply only, new basic dwelling supply related to gas. Coal no longer used, so I cut 17 cords of wood to heat in the winter and run a heated business. Oh, I will speak to ensure it is has improvement.

Statewide Officials State Treasurer

Leland Christensen (R) Curt Meier (R) Ron Redo (R)

Leland Christensen



What best qualifies you to serve as State Treasurer?
 To represent the people of Wyoming, it's important to have walked in their shoes. I've spent my life raising a family, earning a paycheck and serving in Wyoming. I served 15 years in the 19th Special Forces Airborne as a member of the National Guard and 20 years as a Wyoming Sheriff. I've worked as a logger, operated my own business, served as a county commissioner and chaired the Senate Judiciary Committee. As a commissioner, I managed multi-million dollar budgets. We made smart investments when times were good and made difficult decisions on necessary cuts when times were lean.

How do you plan to help keep control of issues that impact the state in the hands of Wyoming officials instead of the federal government?

I am a firm advocate for the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Keeping critical issues in Wyoming and out of the hands of Washington bureaucrats is vital for our state. In order to do so, Wyoming's five statewide elected officials and the Wyoming legislature must work together to present a united front on such issues as public land management, wildlife management, education and our 2nd Amendment rights. As Treasurer, I will work tirelessly with other state officials to protect Wyoming's control over these important issues.

What role should state government play in economic development and what will you do to better position Wyoming economically?

Economic growth is best achieved through the private sector. That being said, the state can do things such as removing barriers to entry and maintaining low taxes to encourage diversification. In Wyoming, one of the best incentives for business to start up or relocate to the state is our low taxes. It is imperative that we maintain that business-friendly structure. As Treasurer, I will work tirelessly to do just that. By increasing returns on investments, we can close the gap between revenues and spending and end discussions about new taxes that reach further into the pockets of hard-working Wyoming people.

How do you plan to work with the legislature to ensure small, rural communities have access to the state resources and programs that allow those communities and the people in them to grow and prosper on the same level as Wyoming's larger communities?

As a member of the State Board of Land Commissioners and State Loan and Investment Board, I will support investing in Wyoming communities and seek a balanced approach to economic activity on state lands. I will work for all communities, not just our major population centers. A one-size-fits all approach does not

work at any level of government. Therefore, I will listen first then work hard to understand the issues specific to each community and utilize that knowledge both as a member of SLIB and the Board of Land Commissioners.

How important is infrastructure to the success of a community? How can you ensure that Wyoming's infrastructure is improved in ways that ensure economic growth while also improving quality of life?

Wyoming's current funding gap is eating through our savings. Current spending is out-pacing revenues and is unsustainable over the long term. Wyoming families find ways to pay their bills and live within their means. State government must do the same. Wyoming must seek ways to put its money to work overtime so taxpayers don't have to bear the long-term cost of budget shortfalls. As Treasurer, I will work to grow Wyoming's investment returns in order to reduce pressure on the state budget and allow for infrastructure improvements essential to economic growth and improved quality of life in all Wyoming communities.

Curt Meier



Family: I married my wife, Charlene, on the first day of spring in 1982
Occupation: From 1964 to present I've worked for John Meier and Son, a family ag business, and began earning a full-time salary starting in 1975. We added Meier Co. in the mid-70's, a center pivot irrigation business that we ran until 1992. In the mid 80's, we added CH&M Enterprises, a farming entity that is still in operation. We added rental units in 2017, and in 2018 we formed an LLC for investment in a hotel venture.

Education/Experience: I have a Bachelors of Science in Animal Science that I received in 1976 from UW. I was appointed to Wyoming State Board of Education by Governor Sullivan. I've served in the Legislature since 1995, and on numerous committees, including chairmanships of both the Corporations, Political Subdivisions and Elections committee and Transportation and Military affairs committee. I also served eight years on appropriations and 10 years on the State Retirement Board as a legislative liaison.

What best qualifies you to serve as State Treasurer?

I continue to have a successful life in business for over 50 years. The time was right to run for State Treasurer after accomplishing several of my legislative goals. I have worked on the state's retirement system, amendment A for investments, the medium security correction facility, educational funding for at risk students, senate rules that keep track of all money spent or saved in budget and starting of the serious conversation

on budget Transparency.
How do you plan to help keep control of issues that impact the state in the hands of Wyoming officials instead of the federal government?

Keeping the federal government out begins with keeping our own house in order. My goal is to effectively and efficiently invest your state funds, to get a return that is better than average with overall risk that is less than expected. When that is accomplished, barring runaway spending by other elected officials, our house will be in order. We should foster and facilitate growth by getting out of the way. If government is doing its job right, you wouldn't even know it was there.
What role should state government play in economic development and what will you do to better position Wyoming economically?

The State Treasurer has the ability to effect dramatic positive changes to both the economy and balancing the State's budget. The legislature has provided some of the tools as legislative designated investments, and the office will be run to maximize the positive effects of our legislative initiatives. Investing in Wyoming and its businesses as part of a general diversified portfolio is also an option. However, the due diligence for this type of investment would best be handled by local professionals in a shared risk pool with State participation, working within constitutional limitations as always. Deposits in our local banks will also assure the financial health of our lending institutions.

How do you plan to work with the legislature to ensure small, rural communities have access to the state resources and programs that allow those communities and the people in them to grow and prosper on the same level as Wyoming's larger communities?

Throughout my legislative service, I have always known of the challenges facing small cities and towns and poor counties. The state revenue distribution formulas have been influenced by me and other aware legislators to address the differences between the revenue challenged areas and those more fortunate with mineral wealth. My work helping formulate the hardship distributions has always, in part, been written to benefit the poorer cities and counties. I know your problem, and I will continue to address it.

How important is infrastructure to the success of a community? How can you ensure that Wyoming's infrastructure is improved in ways that ensure economic growth while also improving quality of life?

Infrastructure is vital to community success. As Treasurer, I will work to get a significant increase in return on investments, at least two to three percent, because it is essential for economic development, balancing the state's budget, and paying for education as well. The return at the Retirement system was over 14%, and the Treasurer is over 9%. My personal stock

Three Candidates One 4-year Term

account has returned an APR of 17.66 percent since 1989. We have some room for improvement in Wyoming's portfolio, but we must use care and proceed where the data leads.

Ron Redo



Occupation: Retired U.S. Patent Agent
Education/Experience: B.S. in Technical Arts
What best qualifies you to serve as State Treasurer?

I worked over 11 years for the California State Compensation Insurance Fund. The first six years were as an auditor when Ronald Regan was governor. I never met him, but indirectly he found excellent people to train auditors. After that I became a U.S. patent agent. Dealing with patent laws helps one understand Wyoming statutes. In 1989 I worked under the Wyoming State Treasurer in the Worker's Compensation Division. Since that time I have concluded there are serious risks to some of the state funds. If elected State Treasurer, I would improve the security of Wyoming's investments.

How do you plan to help keep control of issues that impact the state in the hands of Wyoming officials instead of the federal government?

As a conservative, I would look at issues with a view of keeping Wyoming interests first. For example, I wouldn't approve a land sale or trade with the federal government if it harmed Wyoming state interests.

What role should state government play in economic development and what will you do to better position Wyoming economically?

Keeping Wyoming business friendly is a key to healthy development. When resources or programs are being evaluated, I would try to find ways to assure the rural communities also get a share of them.

How do you plan to work with the legislature to ensure small, rural communities have access to the state resources and programs that allow those communities and the people in them to grow and prosper on the same level as Wyoming's larger communities?

All communities have different infrastructure needs. I would visit rural communities to better understand what can be improved.

How important is infrastructure to the success of a community? How can you ensure that Wyoming's infrastructure is improved in ways that ensure economic growth while also improving quality of life?

Infrastructure is different in many places. One town may need a new water system, and the next not need one. If one town is getting help with a water treatment plant, the state needs to look at the others that don't need one, then try to help them in some other way.

VOTE TOM VOSS
 NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

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I'd like to keep my seat on the Newcastle City Council for the simple fact that I've learned there is so much to be done.

TOP PRIORITIES I WILL PURSUE WITHIN THE COUNCIL ARE:

- A) To refresh the City's overall image for media and marketing
- B) To create a new industrial park especially for manufacturing
- C) To be pro-active in building a wider economic base
- D) To find new uses for present resources

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Don't forget to register to vote!

1. Go to the Clerk's office in the Weston County Courthouse
2. Take your diver's license or passport and fill out the simple form
3. You can either vote absentee or go to the polls on

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Statewide Officials

State Auditor

Kristi Racines (R)

Nathan Winters (R)

Three Candidates

One 4-year Term

■ Kristi Racines



Family: Husband - Torey, children - Addie, 8, and Theo, 6

Occupation: Chief Fiscal Officer and Director of Human Resources for the Wyoming Supreme Court

Education/Experience: Riverton High School grad, University of Wyoming grad with a BS in Accounting, Licensed as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Prior Employment: Internal Auditor with the Wyoming Supreme Court; Senior Associate with McGee, Hearne, & Paiz, LLP

What best qualifies you to serve as State Auditor?

I hold a degree in accounting from UW and I am a CPA. In private practice, I performed audits of Wyoming businesses, nonprofits, and governmental entities. Currently, I serve as the Chief Fiscal Officer and Director of Human Resources of Wyoming's judicial branch, where I prepare and manage an \$80 million statewide budget and oversee the human resource function for over 300 employees. In addition to financial expertise, Wyoming perspective is critical to this position. I'm a fourth generation native and my family has been in agriculture and oil and gas. An avid sportswoman, I enjoy hunting, fishing, and camping.

How do you plan to help keep control of issues that impact the state in the hands of Wyoming officials instead of the federal government?

As the State Auditor in our constitutional democracy, my first responsibility would be to honor and defend our Constitution. Our elected officials must be the voice of the electors, and serving the will of the people while upholding our Constitution is critical. Any elected official in Wyoming, and in our nation, should always remember that decisions are best made by the body of government that is closest to the impact of the decision. I am committed to keeping decisions that belong in Wyoming, in Wyoming.

What role should state government play in economic development and what will you do to better position Wyoming economically?

We must create an environment in which our children want and are able to stay (or to which they can return!). Our energy and extractive industries have provided us with an unmatched quality of life in terms of both state income and employment — they bring vitality and the core strength for economic health. Wyoming is already home to many successful businesses — we must work to grow and diversify into many sectors, but not without first spurring these existing businesses to expand and thrive. I am committed to making sound and cost-conscious investments in our

communities to foster business and educational opportunities.

How do you plan to work with the legislature to ensure small, rural communities have access to the state resources and programs that allow those communities and the people in them to grow and prosper on the same level as Wyoming's larger communities?

If elected, I would not forget our small communities — they are the heart of Wyoming, period. I am a numbers person and a facts person — and I understand that towns like Newcastle and Upton must leverage local coffers with state funds in order to provide critical infrastructure and spur economic development. On many of these projects, there is no feasible way to make them happen without assistance from the state. If elected, I will make it a priority to reach out to not only your community leaders, but also make sure I have solid understanding of what makes your communities tick.

How important is infrastructure to the success of a community? How can you ensure that Wyoming's infrastructure is improved in ways that ensure economic growth while also improving quality of life?

Infrastructure is a prerequisite to the success of our communities and a precursor to economic development. Without this building block, our quality of life suffers and we decrease the chance of economic or job growth. On the State Loan and Investment Board, I am committed to investing in and maintaining the infrastructure in our small communities. I will show up with open ears and opens eyes to your communities to ensure I am educated on your needs. It is not enough to think of today; we must look at our future - 10, 20, 30 years down the road.

■ Nathan Winters



Family: Nathan, Christie, Liberty (11), Zayden (9), Bryzon (7)

Occupation: Pastor and Legislator

Education/Experience: I have been blessed with the leadership skills, experience and the vision necessary for this office both in my time as a Pastor in Thermopolis and during my time in the Wyoming Legislature on the Management Audit Committee, as House Republican Caucus Chairman, Vice Chairman of Judiciary and on the Minerals, Business and Economic Development Committee, and Agriculture, State and Public Lands and water resource committee. I have a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from West Coast Baptist College in Church Studies and Religious Education. These areas of study provide a cross-training in everything from finances to counseling.

What best qualifies you to serve as State Auditor?

My policy experience and leadership-skill make me the best qualified candidate to do the actual job of the Wyoming State Auditor.

Since 1989, when the auditing function was removed from the office, the State Auditor plays an important leadership role in providing the structural environment that allows the office to thrive and, very importantly, sits on the State Loan and Investment Board, the State Land Board and the Building Commission.

I have the policy experience and conservative values necessary to make the right decisions on these boards.

How do you plan to help keep control of issues that impact the state in the hands of Wyoming officials instead of the federal government?

I will do my part to hold agencies accountable to the people of Wyoming and make sure that they do not see themselves as "deputies" of the federal government.

When it comes to the subject of jurisdiction, anyone involved with the decision-making process should have a fundamental understanding of the historic principles of federalism our founders gave us.

In the Legislature, I sponsored and co-sponsored several bills to push back against the overreach of the Feds, especially regarding wolf and bear predation in my district

What role should state government play in economic development and what will you do to better position Wyoming economically?

The role of state government in economic development is to provide a level "playing-field" in which businesses of all sizes may thrive. Government is also best suited to supply the core infrastructure that allows for growth, but it should not compete with the private sector.

The best way to position us economically is to diversify based upon our strengths by looking to "value-added" development of products from our minerals and mining and agriculture sectors.

How do you plan to work with the legislature to ensure small, rural communities have access to the state resources and programs that allow those communities and the people in them to grow and prosper on the same level as Wyoming's larger communities?

I represent the small communities of Basin, Burlington, Otto, Meeteetse, Thermopolis, Kirby, Shoshoni, and Lysite/Lost Cabin. I know the struggles and issues of these small communities and I will carry that knowledge to the State Loan and Investment Board.

I have been and will continue to be an advocate for the future of small communities across the state.

I will also personally put in the windshield time and be an active member of your community so that I

will have first-hand knowledge of the issues you are facing.

How important is infrastructure to the success of a community? How can you ensure that Wyoming's infrastructure is improved in ways that ensure economic growth while also improving quality of life?

Coming from a small community myself, I know that infrastructure is the backbone of any community. Without adequate water, sewer, roads, electricity and landfill access, a community will wither away.

Quality of Life and Economic growth are inextricably linked. I will work from the perspective of thinking 20 to 40 years instead of 2 to 4 years.

On the State Loan and Investment Board I will look for the opportunities to help small towns whether there are breaks in their water mains or struggles with landfill remediation.

I will be a neighbor!

■ Jeff Dockter



Family: Married, 2 sons, 5 grandchildren with a 6th on the way!

Occupation: Supervisor at the State of Wyoming the Department of Enterprise Technology Services

Education/Experience: I started working for the State of Wyoming in April, 2003, at the Department of Family Services as the program manager for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program and the Weatherization Program. In 2012, I transferred to the Department of Enterprise Technology Services where I have supervised different teams who work to provide innovative and reliable technology solutions to state agencies. I earned my Masters in Public Administration from the University of Wyoming in 2008 and I am a certified project manager.

What best qualifies you to serve as State Auditor?

The issues facing the auditor's office are technology-based and can be solved via technical innovation. I have that expertise. I have audited government contracts and programs to ensure they complied with state and federal requirements. My experience gives me the skills to lead and innovate business processes at the Auditor's office. In a data-driven, connected world, the only way to inform taxpayers is through technological improvement and innovation.

How do you plan to help keep control of issues that impact the state in the hands of Wyoming officials instead of the federal government?

Wyoming statute defines the powers and authority of the auditor. Using that authority, I will work with officials to ensure statutory compliance in all aspects of the job. I will modernize the state's uniform accounting system and ensure use of Generally Accepted Accounting

Principles. I will work with agencies to enhance the accounting system so state and federal transactions are identifiable and agencies can pass federal government audits.

What role should state government play in economic development and what will you do to better position Wyoming economically?

I believe the proper role of state government is to provide accurate and timely information that allows citizens to actively participate in political and economic development conversations. To achieve this goal, the auditor needs to ensure that people have access to Wyoming government fiscal information and that data is in a user friendly and easily accessible format. I further support the auditor's office and the state land board incorporating blockchain and other emerging technologies into existing business processes to reduce paperwork. Doing so will reduce time spent in the review and approval of payments to vendors and enhance the digital security of state-approved financial transactions.

How do you plan to work with the legislature to ensure small, rural communities have access to the state resources and programs that allow those communities and the people in them to grow and prosper on the same level as Wyoming's larger communities?

Through technical innovation. Many decisions today are made without a clear understanding of what the hard data is telling us. Without innovation, leaders will continue to make decisions on gut feelings or intuition. Wyoming's farmers, ranchers, miners, and other businesses do not operate in such a manner; state government and our rural communities should not either. In our data-driven world, the way for the auditor to help rural communities to grow and prosper is by making sure citizens know how and where government is investing in their community. That way, community leaders can make decisions that are best for their citizens and community goals.

How important is infrastructure to the success of a community? How can you ensure that Wyoming's infrastructure is improved in ways that ensure economic growth while also improving quality of life?

Extremely important. As a voting member on the State Lands and Investment Board, I will vote yes on projects that help communities improve antiquated infrastructure. Growing up in a small town, I understand the challenges faced by small rural communities. I know how difficult it is to pay for basic services. I know it is hard to complete new infrastructure projects that attract new businesses, bring in tourists, and promote a healthy economy. Rural communities need larger voices in Wyoming government and I will use the influence of the Auditor's office to give communities that voice.

Statewide Officials

Superintendent of Public Instruction

One Candidate
One 4-year Term

Jillian Balow

Statewide Officials

State Representative - District #1

One Candidate
One 2-year Term

Tyler Lindholm

VOTE

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Wyoming businessman for
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"Together we can strengthen Wyoming's existing energy sector, existing businesses and diversify the business base.

We can co-own a new direction for a more stable Wyoming."

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Statewide Officials

Secretary of State

Two Candidates One 4-year Term

Edward Buchanan (R)

James W. Byrd (D)

Edward Buchanan

Family: Spouse – Amber; 4 children
Occupation: Secretary of State
Education/Experience: BA Political Science UW; MA Public Admin. CU; JD Law UW



What best qualifies you to serve as Secretary of State?

I grew up farming and ranching in Goshen County and have lived here for 49 years. I completed Air Force ROTC at UW and, upon graduation, served four years as an officer in the United States Air Force with space command. I returned to Wyoming and ran for the legislature in 2002. My primary focus was on agriculture and economic development legislation. I was appointed as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, which is the committee with the greatest volume of work assigned. Later, I was selected by my peers as the Majority Floor Leader and then as Speaker of the House. I did not seek re-election in 2012 despite there being no term limits.

I was appointed as Wyoming's 22nd Secretary of State on March 1, 2018. Immediately I began to address several issues that are important and timely for Wyoming.

How do you plan to help keep control of issues that impact the state in the hands of Wyoming officials instead of the federal government?

Two simple ways to start. First, don't participate in programs to get federal money when the regulations attached to the funds are binding for more than two years. Second, I would utilize the attorney general to litigate, as necessary, to push back on federal overreach. I see this all the time and we have to be pro-active in policy-making and then, litigation.

What role should state government play in economic development and what will you do to better position Wyoming economically?

There are several ways the Secretary of State can promote economic development in Wyoming, but I will highlight two of the primary methods. First, we run the office like a business—that means provide 100 percent customer service and keeping our filing fees low. This makes starting a business in Wyoming affordable and predictable which translates to more people, both within Wyoming and without, starting businesses in Wyoming and creating jobs. Second, in May, our office kicked off the Wyoming Invest Now (WIN) program. This is a unique program that allows and encourages Wyoming citizens to invest in small Wyoming companies that are trying to get started in a challenging and difficult credit environment. Unlike most programs for economic development, there is no government money involved and it is lightly regulated only to ensure folks know the risks of what they are investing in. It takes the crowdfunding concept and turns it into a small business development tool.

How do you plan to work with the legislature to ensure small, rural communities have access to the state resources and programs that allow those communities and the people in them to grow and prosper on the same level as Wyoming's larger communities?

Small communities need the same essential services as large communities. I sponsored a hardship funding formula for small, poor communities that gave more emphasis to smaller communities that were revenue-challenged. It accounted for lower sales tax revenues and assessed valuations. I believe more can be done. Being from Goshen County, I am the

only candidate from a rural county that truly understands the challenges unique to small communities. I want to be an "ambassador" for Wyoming — this means that since government is centralized in Cheyenne that I get out to all of the rural areas to see, first-hand, how small communities are doing and what their needs are. I can then use that information to represent them in matters relating to the state loan and investment board to help them meet their infrastructure needs.

How important is infrastructure to the success of a community? How can you ensure that Wyoming's infrastructure is improved in ways that ensure economic growth while also improving quality of life?

Infrastructure is vitally important to the success of a community. The key to balancing growth with quality of life, I believe, is to concentrate on health and safety issues first (sewer, water, medical). This should make the area attractive to business which will bring amenities that are perhaps more recreation-centered. As stated above, I want to be active in visiting with rural communities statewide to see, first-hand, how small communities are doing and what their needs are. I can then use that information to represent them in matters relating to the state loan and investment board to help them meet their infrastructure needs.

James Byrd

Occupation: Small Business Owner, Tech Consulting
Education/Experience: Attended University of Wyoming — Geology/Geophysics, Computer Sci, and Psychology.
5 (2 year) terms in the WY Legislature HD#44
What best qualifies you to serve as Secretary of State?
10 years of oversight while on the

Corporations Committee.
15 years experience Sr. Computer Network/Server security Engr. This make me uniquely qualified to work on replacing the voting machines and developing the next platform for elections in the state of Wyoming.

10 years experience Oil & Gas exploration geophysics. I understand how the Wyoming energy markets work and what it will take to change for the future.

20 years of experience owning small businesses. Businesses that actually help create/support computer networks, and O&G exploration methods.

Grew up in Wyoming with an appreciation of the western culture and Wyoming values.

How do you plan to help keep control of issues that impact the state in the hands of Wyoming officials instead of the federal government?

We already do this in many agencies. It's called primacy. Basically through agreements with the federal government (yes, agreements, not fighting) the state is allowed direct regulatory oversight in many areas. In turn, the state advises the feds of actions and any rules changes that occur for review. This is a very general view of the relationship.

If there is a regulatory problem that cannot be solved at the agency level and the state is holding a position that benefits the people of Wyoming I would not hesitate to direct the Atty. General's office to pursue legal action with damages.

What role should state government play in economic development and what will you do to better position Wyoming economically?

This is a basic part of my platform on economic development and diversification. My plan of changing off of the coal for fuel market to a petrochemical model will require a totally

new type of coal, oil, gas processing system. Venture capital, no matter how good the process looks, will only go so far to fund un-proven technologies. This is what the "public/private" partnership is all about. The state of Wyoming has UW SER and the business council, that in partnership with private equity can develop these processing plants and prove concept. At that point the market forces will supply all the private equity necessary to take Wyoming's energy reserves out of the fuel and into the highly profitable petro-chemical markets.

How do you plan to work with the legislature to ensure small, rural communities have access to the state resources and programs that allow those communities and the people in them to grow and prosper on the same level as Wyoming's larger communities?

I come from 10 years of experience in the legislature. I understand very well the relationship between WSA, WAM and WACO. I have always supported the initiatives from both organizations and the independent ranchers/farmers. I can remind the elected of their responsibility to the rural communities as initiatives come forth. As a member of the SLIB, this will allow me to directly help the small and rural communities who come before the board needing financial assistance with local projects.

How important is infrastructure to the success of a community? How can you ensure that Wyoming's infrastructure is improved in ways that ensure economic growth while also improving quality of life?

Infrastructure is crucial to Wyoming's economic success. Maintaining this through WDOT with proper funding is a number one priority. Again, anytime the SLIB can resolve an infrastructure need I would be supportive.

State Legislature

State Senator - Senate District #1

Three Candidates One 4-year Term

Judy McCullough (R)

Ogden Driskill (R)

Lenard Seeley (R)

Judy McCullough

Family: My late husband Curt and I raised five children. Two sons died of muscular dystrophy. My daughter and her husband live on the ranch and help run it. They have six children.



Occupation: Rancher
Education/Experience: I have a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wyoming. I was the home economics teacher in Hulett. I worked for an accountant in Buffalo. I was the home extension agent in Johnson County. After Curt and I married, I got into ranching and raising kids. After he died, I became the boss and worked the ranch. At the same time I became involved with agricultural issues such as the concentration in the meat packing industry and their control of the once free markets. I was on the ag committee of Powder River Basin Resource Council and the Western Organization of Resource Councils. Later I was a founding member of R-CALF USA and helped start the Independent Cattlemen of Wyoming as an affiliate of R-CALF. It is through those efforts that I testified in D.C. and Cheyenne.

What is the biggest issue facing the state of Wyoming?

Big spending and a crash in the coal, oil and gas industries put Wyoming in a budget crisis. Unless the spending is cut, we will find ourselves with a government taxpayers cannot afford. Wyoming's economic recovery needs help. More laws, more bureaucracies, and more taxpayer money funneled to private businesses is not the answer. Low taxes, great resources and a strong workforce will make Wyoming attractive to companies doing business.

How will you keep your representation local

while serving in Cheyenne?

I plan to remember who elected me to the position, the people of Weston, Crook and Campbell counties who are conservative people. I will listen to their concerns and their issues, not out-of-state organizations and lobbyists who want to use Wyoming laws to benefit themselves and their agenda. I understand that our Founding Fathers gave us a Republic with a written constitution.

What budget trimming measures do you think the state could implement in times of financial downturns?

All government departments and programs have room to cut wasteful spending and can maximize the dollars we have without raising taxes. Production of resources is new money, which becomes the wealth of the state. This includes agriculture, oil and mineral, coal, timber and other resources that Wyoming has in abundance. A state with rich resources that finds itself poor, is a state with poor government.

How will you protect local government control from efforts to turn those decisions over to bureaucrats in Cheyenne?

We all know the federal government has usurped the powers of the state, but the state has also usurped the powers of the counties, leaving the county commissioners with mandates and regulations that tie their hands to govern. I will work to get the state to let the counties have more powers returned to them, especially in the schools. Local control equals better and more accountable government and schools.

What are some ideas you think are valid to increase the revenue for the state?

There are no valid ideas to increase taxes. The state needs low taxes to encourage businesses and companies to develop the rich resources of the state. A strong economy will do more for the state coffers.

Ogden Driskill

Family: Wife: Rosanne Shoop Driskill, Married 1981. Three Grown Children: Lincoln(Ashley) Driskill. Son: Merritt Lincoln Driskill. Andrea (Matt) Wood Daughter: Ellen Wood Son: Gary Wood



Occupation: Rancher, Small Business Owner, Legislator

Education/Experience: Graduated Hulett High School 1977

Graduated Casper College AA Ag Business. Attended University of Wyoming.

What is the biggest issue facing the state of Wyoming?

Budget Issues—Without a balanced budget there is no way to achieve any kind of stability in government or for businesses operating here.

We must get a handle on spending first by living within our means. I will not vote for tax increases.

How will you keep your representation local while serving in Cheyenne?

I am always accessible. My cell phone is on my legislative information and in all local papers as well. I go to multiple meetings of all school boards in my district, county commission meetings, city council meetings, etc. as well as being available on social media. This in addition to attending numerous functions. When called, I generally show up unless there is a conflict. I often text and receive emails while bills are being debated.

What budget trimming measures do you think the state could implement in times financial downturns?

We are at a point that further cutting will need prioritization of necessities and wants. Almost 80 percent of State of Wyoming spending is on Education and Healthcare — areas in which either the federal government in the healthcare area mandates, or in the case of education in which the Wyoming Supreme court mandated the spending, upkeep and construction of schools, their operation and maintains. This leaves 20 percent of the budget sustaining 100 percent of the cuts. Very tough to do without cutting. Highway Maintenance, Game and Fish, Senior Centers, Mental Health etc. I sit on appropriations and will enact cuts as recommended by constituents.

How will you protect local government control from efforts to turn those decisions over to

bureaucrats in Cheyenne?

I have repeatedly introduced legislation to reduce regulatory burdens and keep control as local as possible. I have consistently argued for local school boards to keep control of budget decisions as well as curriculum decisions. I have fought to keep cities and towns in control of what happens within their cities and the same for counties.

What are some ideas you think are valid to increase the revenue for the state?

The best way to increase revenue to the State of Wyoming is to make a fertile environment for business to operate and come to the state. I have put this in the front of my decision-making process.

The Blockchain bills sponsored and co-sponsored by me have created over 200 new corporations in Wyoming, created new jobs and revenue to the state without any cost to taxpayers. A similar thing has happened with food freedom co-sponsored by me a few years ago. Government does not create jobs — it provides an environment in which private business can thrive. This is the bedrock of our country.

Lenard D. Seeley

Family: Married, Teresa, two grown, married children, four grandchildren

Occupation: Rancher
Education/Experience: Graduated from Newcastle High School. Attended Sheridan College and University of Wyoming. Served as Weston County Commissioner 2011-2014.



What is the biggest issue facing the state of Wyoming?

Education system funding.

How will you keep your representation local while serving in Cheyenne?

Talk to local people.

What budget trimming measures do you think the state could implement in times of financial downturns?

Start at the state level. Automatic cuts should be set up and trigger points established ahead of time.

How will you protect local government control from efforts to turn those decisions over to bureaucrats in Cheyenne?

Pay attention and act accordingly.

What are some ideas you think are valid to increase the revenue for the state?

I think we should work on the expense side.

Please note not all candidates responded to our questionnaire.

Despite repeated calls and emails to candidates, their campaign managers and media directors, some running for office apparently did not believe that the opportunity to carry their messages to the people of Weston County was worth their time and effort.

The News Letter Journal regrets those choices. For the absence of information denies us the ability to fully and accurately depict the choices available to you, our readers. We nonetheless believe that a non-answer remains an answer. You should decide what it means.

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State Legislature

State Senator - District #3

Martin Gubbels (R)

Cheri E Steinmetz (R)

Three Candidates

One 4-year Term

Marci Shaver (D)

■ Martin Gubbels

Family: Wife Leslie Gubbels, Step Daughters Hannah Woster and Bailey Woster ages 18, and 16.

Occupation: Owner and Sales Big Sky Marketing Technologies

Education/Experience:

Graduate of Douglas High School Douglas Wyoming 1984, Graduate Carroll College Helena Montana, BA Political Science, BA Business Administration, AA Public Administration May 1988. First job out of college intern to then Congressman Dick Cheney, second job Legislative Liaison Governor Stan Stephens Helena Montana, worked for my father Larry Gubbels at Gubbels Ford and Chrysler Douglas Wyoming 1990-1997, Owner and General Manger Big Sky Ford and Lincoln 1997-2017, Owner and sales Big Sky Marketing Technologies March 2018 to present. President and board of Directors Wyoming Automobile Dealers Association, President and Board of Directors Goshen County Chamber of Commerce, Graduate Leadership Wyoming Class of 2016, Lodging Tax Board Member Converse County, Board of Directors Peak Wellness, Torrington Rotary Club member 21 years, Goshen Rooster Booster Committee 18 years, coach of youth sports both Douglas and Torrington.

What is the biggest issue facing the state of Wyoming?

The budget is the biggest issue with the voters I have talked to. When elected I propose budget cuts across the board before raising any new or existing taxes. We must open our doors for new and existing business growth throughout Senate District 3, decrease state and federal regulations on all business, and make every effort possible to open our doors to new business growth. Make sure existing businesses have the resources they need to remain open and grow. We must expand our markets for all agricultural products, legalize new crops for Wyoming farmers, decrease or abolish needless state and federal regulations in ag. Find and engage any new business to finish any Wyoming agricultural product. These efforts will revitalize and diversify Wyoming's economy which will increase state revenues without raising taxes or spending state revenues.

How will you keep your representation local while serving in Cheyenne?

I will meet with any civic, social, agricultural organization, that lies within Senate District #3. I will meet with you before and after each legislative session, to hear what they think the important issues are and what can be done at the state level. I would like to meet with each town, city, county, school district, and all publicly elected leaders and officials at least two times per year on what they think the most important issues on their agenda that concern state government. I will also publish my cell phone, the

toll-free number on that cell phone, email addresses, social media sites and home address so that you may voice any concerns you may have.

My business Big Sky Marketing Technologies will also allow me to work with any group or organization in Senate District #3 to promote, market or get the word out about what they are doing or planning.

What budget trimming measures do you think the state could implement in times of financial downturns?

It has been shown in state ordered studies that Wyoming State Government grew exponentially during the economic boom years in the past 30 years. We must look at statewide and agency wide budget cuts across the board, state government and its agencies have grown too big in comparison to our population and scope of services. Budget cuts must be mandatory before ever looking at new taxes or increasing any existing tax. I would like to see the State House and Senate come together on issues like the budget. I would like to use my skills of bringing people together to obtain a common goal. If Senate District #3 and the entire state opens its doors to all new and existing businesses large and small our economy will expand and sales tax collections will grow.

How will you protect local government control from efforts to turn those decisions over to bureaucrats in Cheyenne?

It's my goal to shrink state government and work at abolishing needless regulations. I believe, as many of the voters do that, local governments know their needs and issues better than anyone in Cheyenne. The entire state of Wyoming should allow more local control and less state oversight. Shrinking state government and throwing out needless regulations will start that mindset. The legislature and state agencies need to assist in areas of budgets and financial controls before taking on direct oversight of local governments. We need to find better ways of working together to agree on goals and making Wyoming better with less state government.

I would like to see fewer bills introduced especially during budget sessions that legislate morality, religion, or that increase the size and scope of state government.

■ Cheri E. Steinmetz

Family: Corey Steinmetz Husband, Celsie & Mac Sussex Daughter and Son-in-Law, Aria & Ryker Sussex Grandchildren, Rod & Janet Wagner Parents.
Occupation: Small Business Owner, Ag Producer, Insurance Agent
Education/Experience: I was elected in 2014 to the State House as the Representative for Goshen County in



House District 5. Currently I serve as Vice-Chairman of the Travel Recreation and Wildlife Committee, as a member of the Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Committee and as Treasurer for the House Republican Caucus.

I am a fourth generation Wyoming native. My husband Corey and I live north of Lingle and have been fortunate to live in Goshen County for most of our lives. We intentionally raised our family and built our businesses here in Wyoming among family, friends and neighbors. We have a deep appreciation for our independent rural way of life, our small close-knit communities and the blessing of stewarding the water and land.

What is the biggest issue facing the state of Wyoming?

The structural deficit that is built into the budget is unacceptable. We must require transparency, accountability and efficiency. We must make our budgeting process easier to access, understand and utilize. We need to "right-size" government and evaluate our spending priorities and programs. I will not ask Wyoming citizens to offset the overspending of the state by cutting their own personal budget in the form of increased fees and taxes. Businesses looking to call Wyoming home should be the right fit both economically and culturally. We should not recruit or subsidize businesses that will be a drain on our tax structure.

How will you keep your representation local while serving in Cheyenne?

I have a proven track record of being accessible, available and accountable to my district. I plan to continue that for all of the citizens in Senate District 3 which includes Goshen, Niobrara and Weston Counties. I always check in with other local elected officials before I go to Cheyenne for session so that I know what issues they are tracking and how I can help. Make no mistake about it, I work for the people of my district, not bureaucrats in Cheyenne, the Governor or Legislative leadership. As your State Senator, I work for you.

What budget trimming measures do you think the state could implement in times of financial downturns?

The state should not use "rainy day" funds as a slush fund to finance new building projects, programs or subsidize certain industries, especially in times of financial downturns. In tough times, we should be cutting back, not expanding government.

I am currently working on a balanced budget bill that would require more accountability in how we expend savings and for what reason. It is irresponsible to deficit spend at any level of government and an immoral burden to pass on to the citizens of Wyoming and especially to future generations. I am committed to solving Wyoming's structural deficit without increasing taxes.

How will you protect local government control from efforts to turn

those decisions over to bureaucrats in Cheyenne?

I recognize that decisions that are made locally are usually the best. From time to time all levels of government need to be reminded who we all work for, which is the people. The Wyoming Constitution says it best; Article 1, Section 1; Power inherent in the people. "All power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety and happiness; for the advancement of these ends they have at all times an inalienable and indefeasible right to alter, reform or abolish the government in such manner as they may think proper."

What are some ideas you think are valid to increase the revenue for the state?

A reduction in federal regulation. Currently in the Joint Ag Committee we are looking at state land that is being so affected by federal regulation that it cannot be utilized. In one area alone there is estimated to be \$1.6 billion dollars in stranded natural gas.

We should utilize more Wyoming water. Wyoming water is more valuable than gold. We must protect and defend it. Currently in Fontanel Reservoir we are sending thousands of acre feet downstream with no benefit to the State. We should either put it to beneficial use or be compensated for it by the lower basin users.

■ Marci Shaver

Family: I have 2 grown children, my daughter, Misti lives in Tucson with her husband, and my disabled son, Arthur, lives in Torrington. I live only with an Australian Terrier since my husband died a few months ago.

Occupation: Retired

Education/Experience:

As the wife of a career military man, faced with frequent new homes, challenges and problems to solve, and different cultures, both in the USA and abroad, I was always proud to claim The Equality State as home. College courses at various duty stations included management, insurance, music, science and math. My experience as a successful small business owner/manager taught me good money management and how to work with others to meet the needs of a varied population. I'm ready and willing to serve the people of Senate District 3.

What is the biggest issue facing the state of Wyoming?

The changing climate is going to hit our state hard on multiple levels. Farmers are already seeing the impact as summer storms become more severe, destroying crops, while the snow pack is reduced year after year. New insects and diseases are moving north and winters aren't cold enough

to kill pests and disease, so we see more forest and grassland destruction as well as increased fire danger. As the rest of the world moves away from the legacy energy sources that our state has relied on to pay our bills, we must move to new sources of revenue or decide to pay our own way through higher taxes and find new uses for our land that uses less water.

How will you keep your representation local while serving in Cheyenne?

I firmly believe that each Senator represents all the people in his or her district, not just the big donors or people who voted for them, which is a distinctly different attitude from that of our current legislature and federal delegation. I encourage people to let me know what their needs and worries are, and I like the idea of town halls on a regular basis to hear from the people. I welcome different opinions and ideas since I know I don't have all the answers.

What budget trimming measures do you think the state could implement in times of financial downturns?

The reason we have boom/bust cycles is our reliance on the legacy fossil fuel industries. When we finally diversify the economy, a mantra I have heard all my life, we won't have to talk about cutting. But the destruction of our education system has to stop; our kids face a far different future than we did and they need to learn the skills to deal with that world. We do ourselves and them no favors by always making education the first area we chop.

How will you protect local government control from efforts to turn those decisions over to bureaucrats in Cheyenne?

Remember, we are one state, all living under the same constitution, which mandates cooperation among the local governments. Sometimes insistence on independence is detrimental, as various local governments duplicate efforts that could be better served with guidance by well-trained specialists at the state level. Our exceptionally qualified state employees are invested in the future of our state and willingly dedicate their skills to improve life for all of us. They are a valuable asset for local governments.

What are some ideas you think are valid to increase the revenue for the state?

Although unpopular, a state income tax is one valid answer. We insist that fossil fuel extraction pay for the education of our kids, then we slash education funding when prices for those fuels plummet. We welcome senior citizens who retire here to avoid taxes, yet balk at paying for the expensive specialized services they need. Our children flee to places with opportunities we refuse to offer because of our determination to live in the past. We demand all the privileges of civilization but insist that someone else pick up the tab.

The independence so prized by Wyomingites has a price. Are we willing to pay it?



State Legislature

State Representative - District #2

One Candidate

One 2-year Term

Hans Hunt

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House District 2

I look forward to continuing to serve you in the Wyoming State Legislature and would appreciate your vote in the primary election on August 21.



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Experienced Conservative Leadership

■ Hans Hunt

Family: Single
Occupation: Rancher
Education/Experience:

B.S. in Agribusiness from University of Wyoming; four terms in the Wyoming House of Representatives

What is the biggest issue facing the state of Wyoming?

One of the chief issues which must be addressed is how to keep younger people from moving out of state. A good start is increasing efforts in vocational training and hands-on job skills. This has been needed for years, and while we are beginning to see increased interest at both the state and national levels, Wyoming has lost many from its younger generations, not so much from lack of employment opportunity, but from lack of education being directed at employment opportunities which are already plentiful in



Wyoming.

How will you keep your representation local while serving in Cheyenne?

I will always be available during session to answer questions and concerns. Folks can always reach me on my cell phone (746-8899) or on my email at hans.hunt@wyoleg.gov. In addition, I often remain logged in to Facebook while on the floor of the House, and keep the page open in the background on my laptop, so people can communicate with me via Messenger.

What budget trimming measures do you think the state could implement in times of financial downturns??

Having automatic cuts in place is something that needs to be discussed. With help from the Joint Appropriations Committee, the legislature could put in place "trigger" formulas, which would be placed on certain "non-essential" spending items, so that when revenue drops below a certain level each year, certain spending items are automatically frozen, or perhaps

that money is automatically reverted into the General Fund, until revenues return to a viable level.

How will you protect local government control from efforts to turn those decisions over to bureaucrats in Cheyenne?

I have always supported the concept of local control, and many times I have voted against efforts to take local control away from local entities. This is particularly true when it comes to school districts having the ability to make independent decisions that are best for the schools within that district, rather than having terms be dictated to them from the state department of education and the legislature.

What are some ideas you think are valid to increase the revenue for the state?

We should look at reducing the number of tax exemptions, particularly when that money could go to fund cities and counties. This is not to say that taxes should be raised. However, in our efforts to spur economic development, vast amounts of local funding have been lost.

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United States Senator

Seven Candidates One 6-year Term

John Barrasso (R)
Roque "Rocky De La Fuente (R)

Dave Dodson (R)
Charlie Hardy (R)

John Holtz (R)
Anthony L. Van Risseghem (R)

Gary Trauner (D)

■ **John Barrasso**

Family: Married to Bobbi Barrasso and we have three children - Peter, Emma, and Hadley.

Occupation: U.S. Senator, Doctor

Education/Experience:

I have represented Wyoming in the United States Senate since 2007 having previously served in the Wyoming State Senate. During 24 years as an orthopedic surgeon in Casper, I served as President of the Wyoming Medical Society and was named Wyoming Physician of the Year.

The people of Wyoming know me. I'm a husband, father, and someone who cares deeply about the future of our state. I'm conservative. Nothing has prepared me more for serving Wyoming than the years I spent as a medical doctor, a state legislator and volunteer in our state.

How do you plan to support Wyoming while serving in Washington DC?

Providing a pro-growth, pro-American economic climate to create and maintain good paying jobs for Wyoming people is a top priority. The Obama administration took direct aim at Wyoming's economy. It saddled our state and country with new taxes, new mandates, and oppressive federal regulations that burdened Wyoming families and small businesses.

Working closely with the Trump Administration, I successfully fought to cut taxes, so Wyoming people keep more of what they earn, and unleash America's private sector economy. We slashed billions in excessive Obama-era rules and regulations that targeted Wyoming jobs, and we opened new opportunities overseas for Wyoming's natural gas and coal. This is good for our economy, Wyoming jobs, and our national security.

What is the biggest issue facing the federal government that is directly tied to Wyoming?

Obamacare is a terrible law that left patients with higher premiums and less choices for healthcare. I fought against Obamacare and authored alternatives that clear away the mandates and give families a real choice to buy insurance that works for them. I helped lead efforts to repeal the individual mandate tax so that you aren't forced to buy insurance you don't want or can't afford.

What are some ways you can work through your position to give more control back to the states?

I believe in limited government. The Constitution makes clear that the federal government is to provide a common defense and to ensure its citizens rights. Not to interfere with your life.

Where do you think the federal government could trim the budget and why?

We've seen the federal bureaucracy grow too large and too encompassing. We've seen Washington, DC not listening and not working. As a result, too often the federal government issues a one size fits all approach to solve a problem. Time and time again we see this approach fail and our individual rights put at risk.

I believe in a government of, by, and for the people. I believe a smaller government creates more jobs and interferes less with personal freedoms. And I believe when we downsize the federal government, we are safer, more prosperous and live more free.

What qualifies you to serve in Washington D.C.?

My experiences and jobs prepared me to contribute conservative ideas to the broad set of issues and challenges we face. They taught me the important lessons of hard work and community that lead to solutions closest to the people. These jobs taught me to listen first. Most importantly, I learned why it is so critical that we guide our own future and not leave decisions about our lives, our resources, our freedoms to Washington.

■ **Dave Dodson**

Family: Wife (Wendy); Children (Rachel, Hannah, and Caroline)

Occupation: Former CEO

Education: Stanford University (Economics '83, Business '87)

Experience: Father was in the sugar beet business. I worked in oil and gas for a few years, then went out on my own and built a trucking company and an auto parts business. Helped create 20,000 good middle-class jobs across 22 states. Degrees in economics and business.

How do you plan to support Wyoming while serving in Washington DC?

Wyoming families deserve something besides lots of yard signs when deciding who to vote for. That's why I developed Dave Dodson's Plan to Put Wyoming First, where I outline six areas of focus: campaign finance reform, term limits, creating a healthy Wyoming economy, healthcare reform, saving coal, and preserving public lands. In every case I outline specific steps I would take, and possible deadlines for myself.



For example, in building a healthy economy I cite specific things I will do in my role as a US Senator for our beef and agriculture industry to capture more of the value of our products.

What is the biggest issue facing the federal government that is directly tied to Wyoming?

Healthcare reform and protecting public lands. Healthcare costs have tripled since John Barrasso became our senator, they increased 69 percent in the last year, and are projected to go up by \$2,066 next year! Our senator has done nothing to address this emergency, meanwhile in Dave's Plan to Put Wyoming First, I propose eleven steps we can take today to lower our premiums. Meanwhile, our public lands are under threat by policies being advanced by Barrasso, who is set to turn over access to our land to special interests. Once the land is gone, it will never come back.

What are some ways you can work through your position to give more control back to the states?

I am in favor of moving policy to the state level where possible. But I do want to protect our state's wide-open spaces for our great-grandchildren. Our public lands are under attack by John Barrasso and special interests who want to cut us off from our own land by shifting control of Federal lands to our state. Under financial pressures, there can be no guarantee a future state governor or legislature won't make concessions to special interests in return for short term economic gain. The temptation is too great, the role of money in politics too enormous. We must keep public lands in public hands.

Where do you think the federal government could trim the budget and why?

Reagan told us, "Man is not free unless government is limited". Yet our current congress just passed the second highest spending bill in U.S. history (after promising to offset tax cuts to the top 1 percent through spending cuts). As a business person, I know the importance of eliminating "wants" versus "needs." The current projections do not show us ever taking in more money than we spend — they are not even trying. Places to save: Entitlements, unnecessary overseas military missions, and reducing healthcare expense. Places to protect: Social Security.

What qualifies you to serve in Washington D.C.?

I am the only person in this race who has created thousands of good middle-class jobs in industries like trucking, and I grew up in an agriculture family. I operated a business in a highly regulated industry and know the balance between environmental stewardship and government overreach. I operated businesses in 22 states, giving me experience outside of Wyoming which can be used to attract jobs to our state. I'm the only candidate with degrees in business and economics. I'm also a child of rural America. I grew up in a farming and ranching community, hunting and fishing, was an Eagle Scout.

■ **Charlie Hardy**

Occupation: Substitute junior-high and high-school teacher

Education/Experience: M.A. Educational Administration, University of Wyoming; B.A. Philosophy and M.A. Religious Education, St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, Colorado; M.A. Theology, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

How do you plan to support Wyoming while serving in Washington DC?

My priorities for the nation will also directly affect Wyoming: everyone should be entitled to good healthcare and have access to college or career education; a 40-hour workweek with a living wage is the norm; and, we make friends instead of enemies around the world.

What is the biggest issue facing the federal government that is directly tied to Wyoming?

How to get big money out of politics. What we have in Washington, D.C. today is legalized corruption, legalized bribery. And that carries through to our election process. Campaign funding must be brought under control. It is money, not ideas that determines elections today.

What are some ways you can work through your position to give more control back to the states?

This is a multi-faceted question, because some matters should be left in the hands of the federal government. Our air, for example, is not just "our" air and national norms are necessary. I also believe that federal lands should be left in the hands of all our people and not left to the whims of local politicians. On the other hand, regulations that place an undo burden on businesses and people should be brought under control.

Where do you think the federal government could trim the budget and why?

We must reduce our military budget, which totals more than the next eight countries together, including Russia, China, and Saudi Arabia. President Eisenhower warned us about the military-industrial complex. I wholeheartedly support our servicemen, servicewomen and veterans. But they are often not given the best equipment nor decent recompense for the service they are providing our nation. Most of the money

goes to big corporations such as Halliburton. We need a strong defense, but we also need to stop being the policemen of the world.

What qualifies you to serve in Washington D.C.?

I was born in Cheyenne. My family has lived in Wyoming for almost a century. I have dedicated my life to listening to people and accompanying them in their struggles. I have traveled thousands of miles on Wyoming highways, have visited all 50 states and over 30 countries — to listen to the ordinary person. Being an active Catholic priest for 29 years, including the eight years I lived in a cardboard shack in South America, brought me in constant contact with the needs of the ordinary people and in the search for solutions to their problems.

■ **John Holtz**

Party: Republican

Education/Experience: I am an Eagle Scout and a member of the Christian Legal Society since law school. I obtained the first double-digit firm fixed-price contract in the history of the Hughes Aircraft Company; and I was the head of the committee to redesign the fire control system; consisting of the laser range finder, ballistic computer and thermal imaging system of the Army's main battle tank, the M60A3. I was in the Electro Optical and Space Division of the Hughes Aircraft Company.

I was one of the youngest judges in Wyoming history and helped establish the Circuit Court system of today. I was president of my college fraternity and the president of the Alumni Association of the Delta Gamma chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of Wyoming from 1988 to 1992.

I was instrumental in placing the carrying of concealed weapon without a permit for Wyoming residents on the Wyoming Republican platform in 2010.

I will strengthen America's defense and reduce the deficit.

■ **Anthony L. Van Risseghem**

Family: I live with my two ferrets — one is a rescue here in Cheyenne. I have my brother's family, my dad and stepmom with majority of my step family living in Cheyenne.

Occupation: Sales Associate at Home Depot, where I use the skills and knowledge I learned in the water treatment, airplane manufacturing, and construction to help others come up with solutions to their problems and needs.

Education/Experience: Graduated Cheyenne East High in 2003 and attended LCCC for a couple of semesters. I decided college wasn't for me and went into trade skills working with my hands. The Constitution doesn't state needing any formal education or experience to be a US Senator, so people who say I'm not qualified due to not having a degree need to review the Constitution.

How do you plan to support Wyoming while serving in Washington DC?

Taylor Haynes and I both agree with returning federal lands to Wyoming to manage. Open them up for people to use and access. I want get rid of illogical regulations that hurt not just big business but the small businesses as well. Finally standing up for Wyoming against those in Washington that want to ruin our way of life.

What is the biggest issue facing the federal government that is directly tied to Wyoming?

Currently the biggest issues is the soon to be debt crisis of America. More and more local and state governments are facing bankruptcy and the federal government is heading down the same path. By the end of 2019 debt would equal 121 percent of our GDP with an estimation by 2030 of \$33 Trillion in debt of 171 percent of the GDP. This is not sustainable and will hurt every community in the Union. We need to consolidate our departments, trim off wasteful spending, liquidate unused furniture and electronics, move out of large under used office spaces that we pay rent on. This will help cut overhead cost of running government as a starter. Also force the departments to go through and restructure their budgets removing special interest spending and under performing programs.

What are some ways you can work through your position to give more control back to the states?

Start going through and seeing where we can prove government overreach, bring those laws to the floor with a plan of repealing the overreach. If considered unconstitutional then bring it before the Supreme Court. We need to start fighting back for our rights, not just state rights but our own individual rights as citizens. I will stand up in the Senate and protect the rights of states, and most importantly your rights.

Where do you think the federal government could trim the budget and why?

As stated before, there is a lot of special interest spending in all the departments. We need to focus on forcing the departments to cut that spending while cutting underperforming

programs. In Cheyenne's Social Security Office we have about 14 cubicles for staff members to use while talking to the public. Every time I went in there at the most they had three people working in the office. All these cubicles are fully decked out and not being used in office space being rented from a private company. We are wasting money on furniture, equipment and space that isn't being used. That is your money sitting collecting dust.

What qualifies you to serve in Washington D.C.?

"No person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the age of thirty years, and been nine years a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that state for which he shall be chosen." Article I Section 3 United States Constitution. I understand the constitution, the rules of laws and Roberts Rule of Order. I'm willing to stand up to the Washington bureaucrats and refuse special interest money. I understand that I would be the voice of Wyoming and employee of the people of Wyoming.

■ **Gary Trauner**

Family: Wife Terry; two sons — Benjamin (Age 25) and Aaron (Age 18)

Occupation: Businessperson and entrepreneur; Operational and financial executive/manager.

Education/Experience: Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from Colgate University with a major in Mathematical Economics. Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from Stern School of Business at New York University with a concentration in Accounting/Finance.

How do you plan to support Wyoming while serving in Washington DC?

I will put country before party while putting family issues in the forefront. George Washington's biggest concern in his Farewell Address in 1796 was that people would put party before country, corrupting our system. And I will focus on issues that impact the everyday lives of Wyomingites: healthcare, education, access to public lands, reducing our national debt, creating quality jobs that pay a living wage, and stabilizing our energy economy. Focusing on real people instead of corporate profits and doing what's right for Wyomingites and Americans instead of political party is the way to actually serve the people of Wyoming.

What is the biggest issue facing the federal government that is directly tied to Wyoming?

The influence of money in politics, especially dark money. "Big money" skews our policies and laws, resulting in seniors paying more for their drugs on Medicare and Wall Street hedge fund managers paying lower tax rates than Wyoming teachers, miners and ranchers. "Big money" results in widening inequality, lower tax collections, and a ballooning national debt. "Big money" stands in the way of a coherent jobs/energy policy that could smooth out the boom/bust cycle in Wyoming's economy. It is the underpinning for the unresponsiveness of politicians to their constituents and the deep discontent that many feel with our system.

What are some ways you can work through your position to give more control back to the states?

It's important to make sure the federal government does not do what it shouldn't do, but does what it should do well. Unfunded mandates need to be reviewed to make sure states are not unduly burdened financially. Greater coordination/consultation between Congress and state legislators is another way to better understand the responsibilities each level of government has. Finally, reviewing federal regulations for effectiveness and appropriateness is critical to, again, not unduly burdening states.

Where do you think the federal government could trim the budget and why?

The important question is how we balance our budget and spend responsibly. This includes both revenue and spending. Tax cuts for the wealthiest over the past 17 years have increased our national debt by over \$5 Trillion; restoring those unnecessary cuts could nearly balance our annual budget. Social Security and Medicare have their own tax sources — payroll taxes. The largest expense category right now is military spending — it is greater than all other discretionary spending combined. So we will need to review all areas of our budget — military, discretionary and revenue — to make sure we run our government responsibly.

What qualifies you to serve in Washington D.C.?

I have deep experience in business and the private sector: I have started several companies in Wyoming and served as the COO of a regional medical center. I have deep experience in local elected office and community service: Chair of the School Board, Chair of a Water & Sewer District, founding Board member/Executive Director of a large youth sports programs, former Vice Chair of County Pathways Task Force. However, the most important attributes I possess are common threads throughout all of the endeavors mentioned above: leadership ability, honesty, integrity and hard work, which are in short supply in Washington.

Primary Election — Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Polling Places:

1-1, 1-2, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3 — State Forestry Building

2-1 — Osage Fire Department

3-1, 4-1 — Upton Community Center

United States Representative

Five Candidates
One 2-year Term

Liz Cheney (R)

Rod Miller (R)

Blake E. Stanley (R)

Travis Helm (D)

Greg Hunter (D)

■ Liz Cheney



Family: Husband, Phil; Children (5), Kate, Elizabeth, Grace, Philip, Richard
Occupation: U.S. Congresswoman; House Armed Services Committee, House Natural Resources Committee, House Committee on Rules
How do you plan to support Wyoming while serving in Washington DC?

It is critical that our representative in Congress has the knowledge, experience and proven track record to educate people outside Wyoming to gain support for our issues. During my time in Congress I have successfully built and led national coalitions to champion conservative reform. I worked with President Trump to keep my campaign promises, roll back harmful regulations, support our ag and energy industries and our families, and get results in the interest of our great state. At this critical moment, it is essential that we have the strongest voice possible to fight for our farmers, ranchers, workers and families. **What is the biggest issue facing the federal government that is directly tied to Wyoming?**

The foremost responsibility of Congress must be to ensure that we hand a safer, freer and more prosperous nation to future generations. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I led the fight to pass legislation to remedy the readiness

crisis across our Armed Forces. I also worked to ensure that the National Defense Authorization Act provided the resources our military needs to rebuild and repair the damage of the last eight years, including provisions to support F.E. Warren Air Force Base and the Wyoming National Guard, and an overdue pay raise for our brave men and women in uniform.

What are some ways you can work through your position to give more control back to the states?

It is our local citizens who are the best stewards of our resources and lands. My first bill signed into law by President Trump overturned Planning 2.0, a federal power grab that would have expanded the control exercised by environmental groups and bureaucrats over our land. We also used the Congressional Review Act to undo other Obama-era rules, including the Stream Buffer Rule and the OSHA Power Grab Rule. As a member of the House Natural Resources Committee, I will remain vigilant in pursuing every opportunity to reduce federal overreach and return as much authority as possible to our states.

Where do you think the federal government could trim the budget and why?

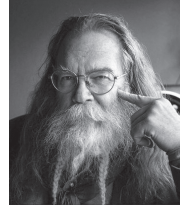
Congress must work to address our looming fiscal crisis. We should also focus on ending wasteful spending in federal agencies. Congress must continue to reduce regulation and support policies that generate economic growth. The Tax Cut and Jobs Act and repeal of Dodd-Frank regulations that hurt our community banks are already working to create more

jobs, increase paychecks, and make the tax code simpler. Since the beginning of this Congress, these reforms have led to more than 2.6 million new jobs and the lowest unemployment rate in 17 years.

What qualifies you to serve in Washington D.C.?

As Wyoming's lone representative in the U.S. House, I have championed conservative reform to create jobs, cut taxes and regulation, expand America's energy, mining and ag industries and restore the strength and power of our nation's standing in the world. As a proud constitutional conservative, I have co-sponsored legislation that would crack down on illegal immigration, preserve the constitutional rights of gun owners across America by expanding concealed carry reciprocity and protect life with bills that expand the Hyde Amendment, defund Planned Parenthood, and ensure Obamacare doesn't provide taxpayer funds for abortion. I would be honored to receive your vote.

■ Rod Miller



Family: Four sons, two grandchildren
Occupation: Retired

Education/Experience: Graduated from Rawlins High School, one year at Casper College, two years at University of Northern Colorado. I spent the first half of my life as a working cowboy and managing the family ranch in Carbon County. I spent ten years as primary staff to Governors

Herschler and Sullivan.
How do you plan to support Wyoming while serving in Washington DC?

By representing Wyoming's people over national interests, and returning to Wyoming at every opportunity during my term...to visit with Wyoming citizens about what is most important to them.

What is the biggest issue facing the federal government that is directly tied to Wyoming?

Our \$21 trillion national debt is the biggest issue facing our nation and any individual state. If we do not act together to reduce it, and to pass balanced budgets, that debt will disrupt our economy for generations.

What are some ways you can work through your position to give more control back to the states?

I take the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution very seriously. I'll resist any unconstitutional legislation that attempts to "nationalize" our civic life. I hold fast to Thomas Jefferson's statement that, "The individual states are the laboratories of democracy."

Where do you think the federal government could trim the budget and why?

Every federal program must be examined for savings if we are to ever reduce our sovereign debt. No federal expenditure should be exempt from scrutiny.

What qualifies you to serve in Washington D.C.?

Ten years in the Governor's Office, including following federal legislation, testimony to Congressional committees and representing Wyoming,

coupled with my deep roots and understanding of Wyoming issues qualify me for this office.

■ Greg Hunter



Family: The people of Wyoming, my girlfriend and her family, my mother, my brothers and all the people that I have known in my life. It does take a village.

Occupation: President/Project Manager
How do you plan to support Wyoming while serving in Washington DC?

I love Wyoming, its residents, public lands, and resources. I'm running for Congress to represent your values and put an end to pay-to-play politics. I support Wyoming Promise.

As U.S. Congressman, I will support maximizing revenues from energy, agriculture, and tourism to fund technological infrastructure, public education, universal health care, and innovation.

I support keeping public lands in public hands and ensuring future generations have access to our abundant and beautiful open spaces. Imagine a "No Trespassing" sign in front of your favorite hiking trail or running path. I will always put Wyoming first.

What is the biggest issue facing the federal government that is directly tied to Wyoming?

Unfortunately the perception that people are divided on party lines so much so that we do not get the business done that the people actually

require to propel Wyoming and America forward. We need to end the idea that Americans and Wyomingites are not striving for the same goals; to give people an equal opportunity in a society that is robust enough to employ people in work that satisfies and sustains people. **What are some ways you can work through your position to give more control back to the states?**

There has been a discussion in Wyoming that the ability to tax locally is required, because each community knows what is best for that locality. The same principle applies at the federal level, as the Congress should set standards and then let states try their own ideas to meet those standards, as long as the state ideas do not violate the Constitution of the USA.

Where do you think the federal government could trim the budget and why?

I believe there is waste in government and not that government is a waste. There are plenty of areas to cut, as well as increase efficiency for citizen services. I would try to start in the criminal justice area, as we have incarcerated and criminalized far too many of our citizens for addiction and mental health issues, limiting their future and costing the taxpayers too much money.

What qualifies you to serve in Washington D.C.?

I spent 30-plus years working for federal agencies and public lands. I have the skills and experience to protect our lands, navigate legislation, and save taxpayer money. I will use your concerns to prioritize policies that serve Wyoming's interests.

County Officials

County Treasurer

Susan Overman

Two Candidates
One 4-year Term

Elizabeth Sanford

■ Susan (Susie) Overman



Family: My husband Craig and I have two grown children, Matt and Kayla. We also have two wonderful grandchildren Hayden and Payton. My dad is Dean Wright, I have two brothers Dan and Barry all of Newcastle, two sisters Lori Anthony of Colorado and Francie Hamilton from Osage, WY.

Occupation: I am currently the Weston County Treasurer.
What qualifies you to hold the elected position you are running for?

I have worked in the Weston County Treasurer's office for 18 years, the last 9 as the Weston County Treasurer. While working as Weston County Treasurer I have learned all of the procedures and requirements as well as the flow of the

office. However you are continuing to learn something new every day.

How will you make county government more transparent for the people it serves?

I would like the people of Weston County to be aware that most of the financial records and property tax records are public information. The people of Weston County are welcome to come into the Weston County Treasurer's office to view any or all of the records in the office. With exception of the auto or sales tax information.

The auto and sales tax information are protected under the Driver's Privacy Protection Act.

What is one budget trimming measure that you could consider if elected to the position you are running for?

I would suggest that a budget (or call it whatever) committee be formed. Where all the entities meet with the committee and go through their individual budgets and analyze what is priority and what may

not be as important. Then move forward from there.

In your opinion, what is the single most important issue in Weston County?

The lack of communication and cooperation internally and between all the entities. These two elements are the key to a good structural foundation.

Through your elected position, how could you encourage the City of Newcastle, the Town of Upton, Osage and the county to work together for the best of the community?

I would like to encourage setting up open scheduled meetings to include everyone including the public. These meetings could be scheduled even in the evenings. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss all of the concerns and issues and the educational opportunities within the county.

■ Elizabeth Sanford

Family: Married to Carl Sanford, Sr. Together we have seven children, two living in

Newcastle with their families. We live 2 miles south of Newcastle.

Occupation: Semi-retired; former budget officer, administrative assistant, bookkeeper.

Education/Experience: Hold a Bachelor of Arts degree from South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. I have worked for CPAs and tax attorneys.

What qualifies you to hold the elected position you are running for?

I did the budget for a 6,000 acre ranch for ten years. This involved doing cash flow projections and actuals, income, expenses, crop planning, livestock management, working with Farm Service Agency, USDA, and banks. I have done accounting, bookkeeping and payroll for 30 businesses, many of them at the same time. Our county accounts would be similar so my skill set is appropriate for the treasurer position.

How will you make county government more transparent for the people it serves?

I will allow access to all county accounts. I will publish everything that I can on the Weston County Treasurer webpage. I will also make documents and bank account balances available to the public in the office. There will be no secrets when it comes to your money.

What is one budget trimming measure that you could consider if elected to the position you are running for?

By cooperating with the other county offices and the current deputy treasurers, money will be saved. Implementing checks and balances within the office to verify accuracy of the figures prior to sharing or passing on information to other county entities would also save money. I will be working with the fiscal year 2018 budget of the current treasurer until July of next year. During this time I will make the next budget more transparent, accurate,

and hopefully smaller. **In your opinion, what is the single most important issue in Weston County?**

Getting revenue back to Weston County for vehicle licensing and registration that is currently going to neighboring counties is an important issue. We are losing thousands of dollars every year that I hope to recapture. I also believe that cooperation and good teamwork within and between the county offices is very important and will be cost saving for the taxpayers.

Through your elected position, how could you encourage the City of Newcastle, the Town of Upton, Osage and the county to work together for the best of the community?

The treasurer's office needs to supply correct, accurate information to all of the above when asked. Transparency in the office of the treasurer is needed immediately. I will set an example of cooperation and hope that will encourage other entities to cooperate as well.

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Candidate for Weston County Clerk

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County Officials

County Commissioner

Four Candidates

Three 4-year Terms

Tony Barton (R)

Marty Ertman (R)

Don Taylor (R)

Nathan Todd (R)

■ Tony Barton



Family: A Magnificent Wife, Sarah. The two best kids in the world (personal opinion): Colt (5) and Zinnia (3)

Occupation: Construction Business Owner and Ag Business Owner.

Education/Experience: BS Business Admin. Finance and Banking, Dickinson State University. I have owned and operated a construction business for 17 years. I deal with budgets, variable revenues, employees, and customers on a daily basis. I try to bring the mindset that county government should be ran like a business with you, the citizens, our customers.

What budget advice would you bring to the commission in times of fiscal concern?

Most importantly, don't panic. Most of us are tied to the agricultural and minerals industry. We know intimately what booms and busts are all about. We know how to tighten our belts when we need to and we know how to live within our means. We are required to pass a balanced budget every year. During this recent downturn, we were able to do just that, while maintaining adequate reserves for any unseen emergencies. All of the employees of Weston County should be commended for their efforts in helping us run effectively on a severely reduced budget. Past commissioners, as well as the current commission have done a great job of being fiscally conservative.

In your opinion, what will you bring to the Weston County Commission that is currently lacking?

Leadership, professionalism, and a vision for the future. County government should never be about politics, nor about short-term solutions. We should strive to do what is best for the citizens, and not what is best for our re-election or popularity. Every decision I make is guided by the maxims of: "How will this decision affect the ability of our children to make a life in this county?" and "Does it retain our heritage, and does it allow us to prosper as a community?"

Will you vote to create a position for a full-time county prosecuting attorney? Why?

Currently, we have a full time county and prosecuting attorney based on the hours that person puts in. The county, as far as I can tell, has not officially designated this position as full-time. By statute, the next time we can do that is June of 2022. We pay a salary of 50,000 per year, which will go to 60,000 per year after the election. Based on compensation, I would argue that this is a part-time position, as most

attorneys start their careers at a higher salary than this. If we are going to officially make this a full-time position, I feel that we need to offer a salary that will allow us to recruit talented people to stand for election.

What is the single most important issue in Weston County?

How do we create opportunity and a future for our children? Look, we live in one of the last great places to enjoy our freedoms and raise our families. What we need to ensure is that they have the opportunity to do the same. Our economy is changing at a rapid pace and the jobs available to us will not be the same jobs needed in 10-20 years. We need to realize that and plan for it. Our technology infrastructure needs to evolve, what we teach in school needs to continue to evolve. We need to create a climate that allows the next generation of people and businesses to thrive in our community.

How will you make county government more transparent for the people it serves?

In the last four years, we have made great strides in not only making county government more transparent, but also easier to interface with. We are finishing up on digitizing all our records. They will soon be available online and in a searchable format. We have started to accept credit cards. Our current clerk brought these great ideas to us and we had the vision to go forward with it. We try to hold one or two meetings in Upton per year. I have been on a quest to make our budget more straight forward and user friendly. One of my goals next term is to make our expenses and revenues available online to you, the public.

■ Marty Ertman



Family: Ted and KC Ertman

Occupation: Small retail business owner. Former sports referee. Current county commissioner

Education/Experience: Newcastle High School 1983; University of Wyoming BS Animal Science 1988; County Commissioner for 8 years.

What budget advice would you bring to the commission in times of fiscal concern?

Maintain a healthy cash reserve to sustain the county through a downturn and develop a depreciation reserve strategy to replace equipment in a timely fashion. Stick to budgeted line items for expenditures. It's too easy to overspend because a line item has "money in it" creating a lack of transparency.

In your opinion, what will you bring to the Weston County Commission that is currently lacking?

I have been a commissioner for eight years, I will continue to bring to the board decisions based on research and community involvement.

Will you vote to create a position for a full-time county prosecuting attorney? Why?

According to WY 18-3-301, the elected position is 'county and prosecuting attorney.' The decision to make that position 'full-time,' thereby allowing for a private practice. If the elected attorney feels they need a deputy to help to fulfill duties, then the board of commissioners can adjust the budget to allow for that position. However, the decision of whether or not to have a full-time deputy attorney is made by the elected county attorney, not the board of county commissioners.

What is the single most important issue in Weston County?

County government is dynamic. Each day can bring a new 'most important issue.' Focusing on only one can leave other issues on the back burner allowing them to fester, forcing a reactive solution instead of a proactive solution

How will you make county government more transparent for the people it serves?

It is my hope that we can go back to having the entire minutes published instead of the current policy of 'abbreviated' minutes. I would also like to see our 'budget workshops' become official meetings so minutes would be taken and published.

■ Don Taylor



Family: Engaged to Ruth Minzel, 2 Step-sons

Occupation: Equipment Operator (NARM)

Education/Experience: I was head of field safety for a large energy company in the Bakken oil fields of North Dakota working with government agencies like OSHA, IMSHA, and EPA. Responsible for serving large contracts with, Hess, Marathon Oil, Conoco Phillips, overseeing 165 safety employees daily. I am certified in Cause mapping which is a detailed way to find solutions to large problems. I dealt with tense and dangerous situations as a site lead and administrator in Iraq and Afghanistan as a contractor and with the Army.

What budget advice would you bring to the commission in times of fiscal concern?

Cutting budgets may be needed, but I think that you have to prioritize those cuts,

making sure to put needs ahead of wants. Think outside the box for ways to do more with less, and be open to others' ideas and solutions if they are appropriate. You have to invest in the community for the community to thrive. You can't spend nothing and expect gain or growth. Children are the future of this community, and investing in them is never a bad investment. It will pay high dividends in the long run. Don't be penny-wise and dollar foolish.

In your opinion, what will you bring to the Weston County Commission that is currently lacking?

The most important thing I bring to the commission is a fresh perspective. NO matter your experience, over time comes complacency. If elected I will not make everyone happy, it simply is unrealistic. I believe all elected officials should have term limits to avoid complacency. They should be compensated, but proportionally and realistically. I will use my experiences to bring some cohesion to the commission as well as help start better communications with the rest of Weston County and city officials. I will look at the bigger picture so that our community can prosper and grow.

Will you vote to create a position for a full-time county prosecuting attorney? Why?

I believe our County Attorney should be doing a lot more in this area. If prosecution doesn't fall under his job description, then I would suggest our current elected officials and the current county attorney have seriously dropped the ball. I would look at time management to see exactly what takes up his time. I understand that our county attorney has to also deal with our county legal issues and commissioners issues. If it's determined that he simply can't find the time due to workload, then after a thorough review of job descriptions and time management, I would be in support of a prosecutor that will focus on justice for victims and their families and safety and security for our community. People will not move to an area where drugs and crimes go unpunished!

What is the single most important issue in Weston County?

This community needs to start growing again. Without growth we are dying and there is no community! Weston County needs a niche, a reason to start a business, a reason to move here. We live in one of the most beautiful areas in our world! We need to exploit that! We need to increase tourism. We must stop with the mindset that it's a small town, keep it that way. You can be a small town and still prosper. Look at the rest of the small towns around us! We need to reinvest in our community and find ways to

improve our infrastructure. We have a lot to offer and a lot to be proud of, let's showcase our niche! Start finding ways we can instead of saying we can't or we will slowly continue to lose population, revenue and businesses.

How will you make county government more transparent for the people it serves?

The key is being honest and open on issues that are on the table. We have current elected officials that are not completely honest about issues or how they vote on issues that directly affect us as a community. We serve the community and I think that it's important to put issues out to the community openly and honestly without agendas or personal gain and hear their voice and opinions. If you're honest about your positions and stand by your convictions as an elected official you will be respected and the community will understand the issues completely. Not all will agree but they will not wonder if their voice was heard. I will be using the social media outlets and our community newspapers to get the issues out to the people we serve. I'll be available and once contacted make time to return a call.

■ Nathan Todd



Family: Wife, Chelsie; Daughter, Finnley, Sawyer, and Paycee; Parents, Alan and Becky Todd

Occupation: Utran, LLC (Business Manager); Todd Family LLP (Partner)

Education/Experience: 1995 graduate Upton High School; 99 graduate University of Wyoming (Business Degree); Upton city councilman. I was born in Newcastle and am a fourth generation Weston County resident.

What budget advice would you bring to the commission in times of fiscal concern?

According to the Wyoming County Commissioners Association 2017 county snapshot, Weston County ranked #21 against all 23 counties in state sales tax revenue and 20th in population. The natural state of the county is almost always in fiscal concern; we simply don't have the resources and the revenues to not run on a very conservative budget year in and year out. Smart economics however will continue to provide an enjoyable and safe place to reside for Weston County residents.

In your opinion, what will you bring to the Weston County Commission that is currently lacking?

I would like to have a positive impact helping to bring some cohesion to the commissioners table. Strong leadership

and the knowledge that our best leaders are in the trenches with everyone else in times of need is a quality I can bring to the table. As a town councilman I have expressed the needs for transparency and made myself available to listen to the concerns of the people whom I live next to in my community. Elected, I will continue this with the residents of Weston County. As a public servant, I take the time and am interested in listening to anyone with a concern or comment.

Will you vote to create a position for a full-time county prosecuting attorney? Why?

I am certainly interested in looking at the needs of the county attorney's office. If the county needs aren't being fully met due to the civil work requirements of the attorney's office, hiring special counsel to work criminal cases would make good sense. However it could be disastrous if the position was created without the agreement of the elected county attorney. All criminal cases would have a natural flow through that office first and foremost. The costs and benefits of such options should always be weighed when there are opportunities to make positive changes to benefit our quality of life in Weston County. We have a responsibility to keep Weston County a safe place and if it's broke we need to be proactive in fixing it.

What is the single most important issue in Weston County?

We have a great community full of valuable people and resources. We need to ensure we take care of our county employees, roads and buildings, while maintaining a responsible budget so we can continue funding all other aspects of county government to ensure the benefits we have as citizens in Weston County continue in a positive direction. Sensible use of our dollars means we can have better input into the things all residents of Weston County enjoy, from our libraries, county fair, emergency personnel, health services, senior assistance and all other county funded entities.

How will you make county government more transparent for the people it serves?

I believe whole heartedly in the open meeting laws of the State of Wyoming. If you can't discuss the issues in front of the public then they shouldn't be discussed in a private setting. Very few things deserve executive session and the less it happens the more transparent the commissioners will be to the public. I also support any opportunity to keep the commissioners easily available to contact with concerns from the public and the opportunity to feel welcome to speak at meetings if someone wants to be heard.

VOTE

Elect Nathan Todd for County Commissioner

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Please Note

Not all candidates responded to our questionnaire.

Despite repeated calls and emails to candidates, their campaign managers and media directors, some running for office apparently did not believe that the opportunity to carry their messages to the people of Weston County was worth their time and effort.

The News Letter Journal regrets those choices. For the absence of information denies us the ability to fully and accurately depict the choices available to you, our readers. We nonetheless believe that a non-answer remains an answer. You should decide what it means.

County Officials

County Attorney

Alex Berger

■ Alex Berger



Family: My wife and daughter, my mother, my step sister, and my wife's parents all live in Gillette. My father lives in Blue Grass, Iowa.

Occupation: Attorney
Education/Experience:

I have bachelor's degrees, with high honors, in History and Philosophy from Illinois State University and a law degree, with high honors, from Indiana University. I worked for over ten years in title insurance in Iowa and Illinois with my father's company, three years in criminal defense, two years in Wyoming focusing on oil, gas, and land law with The RT Cox Law Firm, and two years in family law in Campbell, Crook, and Weston Counties as the managing partner of my law firm, Berger & Brown. I also served as a deputy Weston County attorney in 2017.

What qualifies you to hold the elected position you are running for?

I am an attorney, business man, and founder of a Northeast Wyoming law firm. Every month I must make payroll and therefore understand the impor-

ance of keeping a budget. As a deputy Weston County Attorney, I learned what it takes to run the office. Over the past few years, I have built good working relationships with the district and circuit court judges, law enforcement, and the juvenile justice system in Weston County. I am motivated and committed to make the changes necessary to restore the public's faith in the Weston County justice system.

How will you make county government more transparent for the people it serves?

The public should be able to know what their elected county attorney is doing for them. To ensure that access and transparency, I will implement a new file-tracking system. We will be able to report the precise number and type of new charges filed, convictions, and dismissals/acquittals each week. The office will tell the commissioners exactly how many cases are pending, information the public and elected officials need to know. And I plan to have weekly open office hours for the citizens to come in and hold me accountable.

What is one budget trimming measure that you could consider if elected to the position you are running for?

As a business owner, I know

that keeping overhead down can mean keeping the lights on. My experience with the county attorney's current budgeting has shown me there is a lot of room for improvement when it comes to costs/overhead. My private practice saves an incredible amount of money using software and technology. I will bring my private sector experience to streamline office policies and cut down on paper, copying, postage, phone, and internet costs, and I will revisit staffing expenses.

In your opinion, what is the single most important issue in Weston County?

The children of Weston County need better protection through the justice system. I have witnessed major concerns/issues from the school districts and the department of family services go unaddressed. The county attorney must work with law enforcement and state agencies to make sure children are free from abuse and neglect. Particularly where there are drugs and alcohol involved, a rapid-response and swift action plan for keeping kids safe is essential. If not, it is only a matter of time before there is tragedy.

Through your elected position, how could you encourage the City of Newcastle, the

Town of Upton, Osage and the county to work together for the best of the community?

The county and the municipalities of Weston County can work together through forming a unified law-enforcement front. The County Attorney is in a unique position to provide coordination and guidance to all law enforcement agencies of the county. I would work to create protocols for law enforcement so that arrests, detentions, search warrants, mental health interventions, and juvenile matters are handled the same everywhere and by everyone in law enforcement. This would promote easier communication and would foster cooperation on other fronts.

■ William Curley

What qualifies you to hold the elected position you are running for?



I am qualified for the office of Weston County & Prosecuting Attorney by membership in the Wyoming State Bar, by residency in Weston County, and by legal training, legal education and legal expe-

rience. I was admitted to the Bar in Wyoming in 1987. I have resided in Weston County since 2007. As an attorney I have worked in private practice, as a state public defender for Weston and Crook Counties, and as a deputy and as an elected county and prosecuting attorney.

How will you make county government more transparent for the people it serves?

As county attorney I'll continue to advise the commissioners and other county officials that the agencies of Wyoming exist to conduct public business and that executive sessions not open to the public, while allowed under certain limited circumstances, are disfavored and should be kept to a minimum. Additionally, I support the county clerk's efforts to digitize the public records of the county and make them electronically available to the public.

What is one budget trimming measure that you could consider if elected to the position you are running for?

I would work to reduce the staggering amount of paper-work needed to process even "simple" court cases. This can be accomplished by increased utilization of electronic documents, with savings looked

for from the reduced costs of paper, ink and storage space required for the maintenance of paper records.

In your opinion, what is the single most important issue in Weston County?

The single most important issue facing Weston County is the drug (methamphetamine and opioids) epidemic sweeping our country and our county at the same time. It injures and destroys lives, families, children, the ability to get educated, to mature, to hold a job, and to be productive and responsible citizens.

Through your elected position, how could you encourage the City of Newcastle, the Town of Upton, Osage and the county to work together for the best of the community?

The best way any elected county officer can encourage cooperation between Newcastle, the county, Upton and Osage is for the representatives and leaders of each community to informally meet regularly, meet often, meet face-to-face and talk. That is the way citizens have always learned to appreciate the needs and wants of others and expressed their own concerns to other people. There is no magic to it: you have to talk.

County Officials

County Clerk

Becky Hadlock

■ Becky Hadlock



Family: I have been married to my husband

Tracy, for 10 years. I have five amazing kids, John, Christina, Leah, Alana and Thomas. My parents are John & Denise Thompson of Upton and I have one brother, Shane.

Occupation: Employee of RT Communications
Education/Experience:

1997 Graduate of Upton High School, Employee of Weston County Road & Bridge/Homeland Security for 20 years.

What qualifies you to hold the elected position you are running for?

For 20 years I helped obtain many grants for several different agencies I worked with and balanced the county's largest budget. I helped start many different projects for Weston County such as CODE-RED and enhanced 911, just to name a few. I was the secretary for the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) for several years. I have worked on payroll, but the greatest quality that I have is that I love working

and interacting with the public.
How will you make county government more transparent for the people it serves?

I will try to make the community more aware of what is going on. I will make sure the agendas are always up-to-date on the county website. I will also try to get the way county minutes are reported so the minutes are reported in their entirety.

What is one budget trimming measure that you could consider if elected to the position you are running for?

With the resignation of the County Administrator, I would like the county to not fill this vacated position. The county has operated for years without this position. The money saved could be put back into employee raises. If the county commissioners feel there is a need to fill this position, I would like to see the salary comparable to the rest of the county employees.

In your opinion, what is the single most important issue in Weston County?

Lost revenue.

Through your elected position, how could you encourage the City of Newcastle, the Town of Upton, Osage and the county to work together for the best of the commu-

nity?

These municipalities need to form a committee to try to come up with ideas to bring events and possibly businesses to Weston County!

■ Jill Sellers



Family: Husband, Shane; two sons, Joshua

(13) and Caleb (9). Daughter of Jack & Jackie Duty; niece of Jerry & Judy Anderson; granddaughter of Durward & Evelyn Zingery.

Occupation: Weston County Clerk

Education/Experience: Masters and Bachelors of Arts in International Policy, with a minor in Government Studies
What qualifies you to hold the elected position you are running for?

I lead by example and perform all the Clerk's responsibilities to a high standard. I am committed to public service, and I am proud to lead a professional and friendly staff to serve the people of Weston County.

In my two years as the Clerk, I have learned the details of the position. My multitasking skills

are an excellent fit to balance the variety of demands and responsibilities. I manage all of the requirements on time and according to statute. I rely on my 20+ years of leadership and management experience with multi-million-dollar budgets, projects, assets, contracts, and personnel to track tasks and deadlines.

How will you make county government more transparent for the people it serves?

I have already implemented transparency measures over the past two years and will continue to do so. I started with the website and routinely update it with current information, to ensure that it's a reliable source of information. This was a no-cost step toward transparency and public accessibility. In 2018, I restructured the budget. Now, citizens can see every revenue, reserve and expenditure account in the budget. I have also received positive feedback on my Clerk Facebook page, so I will continue with informational posts on county business. All of these are done at no cost.

What is one budget trimming measure that you could consider if elected to the position you are running for?

I have introduced several

measures. I audited the communications bills, eliminated unnecessary phone lines and email addresses, and reduced those bills. I recently proposed a print management service that would save \$800 per month. In 2017, I competed the property insurance policy, which could have saved the county \$20,000 per year. I continue to advocate moving toward a more digital, "paperless" work process to save money, especially given recent increases in paper costs due to tariffs. All it requires is modifying work procedures to create a digital filing system, instead of paper, where possible. This is also a no-cost opportunity.

In your opinion, what is the single most important issue in Weston County?

In Weston County government, team work! Your Elected Officials and Departments should work together as a single government entity. We must cooperate to best use time, assets, and taxpayer dollars and to ensure that government is maintained closest to the people it serves.

In Weston County, the economy. We need to invest in infrastructure; create sustainable jobs and good housing; maintain existing businesses;

establish new ones; and grow the tax base, all of which would reduce the individual tax burden. We need to effectively work with State and Federal entities on funding for the programs they require in our county.

Through your elected position, how could you encourage the City of Newcastle, the Town of Upton, Osage and the county to work together for the best of the community?

As the County Clerk, I regularly facilitate cooperation between these entities on a variety of subjects: Elections, Airport Operations, Service and Rental Agreements, Consensus Grants, and other shared interests. I recently established a new liaison to continue the Prevention Management program. Other workshop meetings have also occurred over the past year. I would ask each entity for suggestions on subjects, then we could prioritize a list. I would schedule regular meetings to breakdown communication barriers, foster strong relationships, share ideas, and develop action plans to access programs and funding in order to provide the best overall service to the citizens.

Two Candidates

One 4-year Term

Jill Sellers

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Elizabeth Sanford

for

Weston County Treasurer

About me:

- Wants **cooperation** in the courthouse
- Wants **transparency** of county funds
- 4 year degree -- South Dakota State Univ.
- Over 10 years ranch budget experience
- Balanced cash flows over one million
- Worked for tax attorneys and CPAs
- Managed over 30 small business accounts
- Lives south of Newcastle

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Polling Places:

1-1, 1-2, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3 — State Forestry Building

2-1 — Osage Fire Department

3-1, 4-1 — Upton Community Center



County Officials

County Sheriff

Two Candidates One 4-year Term

Bryan Colvard

Nicholas Wieburg

■ Bryan E. Colvard

Family: Wife Cary, Sons Dustin and Clayton.
Occupation: Sheriff
Education/Experience: Over 20 years in law enforcement, over 1700 hours of certified law enforcement training.



What qualifies you to hold the elected position you are running for?
I served as your Sheriff for the last eight years, Undersheriff before that and over ten years in the Department of Corrections.
How will you make county government more transparent for the people it serves?
I have a policy that I have lived my life by "We are human beings and are capable of

making mistakes the key is the ability to admit that a mistake was made, own it, learn from it and don't make it again" I believe "transparency" starts there.
What is one budget trimming measure that you could consider if elected to the position you are running for?
Over the last four years we at the Sheriff's Office have diligently cut spending,

streamlining our operation, and with the help of other county officials participate in audits to look at and implement better ways to stretch the dollar and will continue to do so.
In your opinion, what is the single most important issue in Weston County?
I think there are several very important issues facing Weston County. As far as the most important, I would say

it depends on who you talk to and who is affected by the issue. They all are important. I believe the upcoming election will or could resolve some of the bigger issues. As citizens we need to participate in government! Bring ideas to the table and ways they can be implemented.
Through your elected position, how could you encourage the City of Newcastle, the Town of

Upton, Osage and the county to work together for the best of the community?
I would encourage more interaction and discussion between them, have real discussions, instead of reacting to rumor. There are several issues that face our towns and Weston County that I think could be addressed much more effectively if they could discuss them face to face.

County Officials

County Coroner

One Candidate One 4-year Term

Cynthia Crabtree

■ Cynthia Crabtree

Family: Partner, Rod McMeekin, two sons, Brandon and Sean Crabtree, and seven grandchildren.
Occupation: Current Weston County Coroner
Education/Experience: Thirty-two years in EMS, business degree, and

three and one-half years as the current Coroner.
What qualifies you to hold the elected position you are running for?
Experience and desire to serve the Weston County citizens.
How will you make county government more transparent for the people it serves?
Open door policy. Treating the citizens with

respect and honesty to make their loss a priority.
What is one budget trimming measure that you could consider if elected to the position you are running for?
My budget was trimmed to help the county officials save on spending.
In your opinion, what is the single most important issue in Weston County?

Continuing to help Weston County be better by investigation of my cases.
Through your elected position, how could you encourage the City of Newcastle, the Town of Upton, Osage and the county to work together for the best of the community?
Becoming more of a unit — not three separate units — Unity.

County Officials

Clerk of District Court

One Candidate One 4-year Term

Gidget Macke

■ Gidget Macke

Family: Husband, Andy Macke, and two daughters, Kaitlin Macke and Brooklin Macke
Occupation: Weston County Clerk of District Court
Education/Experience: I worked as the Deputy Clerk of District Court from 2002 to 2015 and became the Clerk of District Court from 2015 to present.

What qualifies you to hold the elected position you are running for?
I started my work career in 1985, as a dispatcher at the Newcastle Police Department. After seven years, I started working for Don Hansen and Jim Peck, who became the Weston County Attorney and Newcastle City Attorney.
In 2002 when Leona Cool retired as Clerk of District Court, I became Sandra Walford's Deputy Clerk. When

Sandra Walford retired in 2015, I ran for and became the Clerk of District Court.
How will you make county government more transparent for the people it serves?
I work hard to follow guidelines, laws and statutes while keeping my office as transparent as possible. If reelected, I will continue these same standards.
What is one budget trimming

measure that you could consider if elected to the position you are running for?
Over the last four years, I have implemented several budget trimming measures including scanning and e-mailing documents, revamping the filing system, and using other electronics when possible to save both time and money. If reelected, I will continue these budget trimming measures.
In your opinion, what is the single

most important issue in Weston County?
Budgeting and communication.
Through your elected position, how could you encourage the City of Newcastle, the Town of Upton, Osage and the county to work together for the best of the community?
By simply communicating and listening to other department heads and elected officials to work together to make Weston County the best it can be.

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County Officials
County Assessor

One Candidate
One 4-year Term

Tina Conklin

■ **Tina Conklin**



Family: My husband is Jeff Conklin. We have two grown children, Brian & Tara. Daughter-in-law, Harla, and grandchildren, Garrett, Kaitlyn, Payge and Taylor
Occupation: Weston County Assessor
What qualifies you to hold the elected position you are running for?
I have worked in the Assessor's

office for several years; starting as the deputy in 1994 then as Assessor since 2005; have a title insurance background and Paralegal course specializing in land records; over 700 hours of education through IAAO and the Wyoming Department of Revenue; and permanent certification as a property tax appraiser. The Assessor and employees of that office must meet mandatory education requirements per Wyoming Department of Revenue rules and regulations.
How will you make county government more transparent for the people it serves?

Over the past few years, changes have already been made to make government more transparent. Weston County has a website that makes information available and benefits the public. The county's website has saved the Assessor's office time that used to be spent on the phone; that time can be put to better use in conducting other duties of the office. Answers to many general questions, forms, links to other websites and surface ownership maps are a few of the items that can be found on the Assessor's page of the website. In the coming years, we will continue to look for ways to

utilize technology to better serve the public.
What is one budget trimming measure that you could consider if elected to the position you are running for?
I don't foresee a significant change in the Assessor's office budget. Our department already deals with cost increases in postage, office equipment and supplies, fuel and repairs for the field vehicle, etc. and absorbs those increases into our budget. We will continue to be prudent in our expenses.
In your opinion, what is the single

most important issue in Weston County?
Weston County's budget
Through your elected position, how could you encourage the City of Newcastle, the Town of Upton, Osage and the county to work together for the best of the community?
The Assessor's office works well with the city offices in Upton and Newcastle. They are very knowledgeable and helpful. Attending city council meetings and county commissioner meetings would be beneficial for all of the citizens of Weston County.



Town of Upton Officials
City Council

One Candidate
Two 4-year Terms

■ **Dennis Stirmel**



Family: Wife Tracey Stirmel, Son Matthew, Daughter Hannah
Occupation: Track Inspector for BNSF Railway
Education/Experience: Graduated Delavan, Wisconsin High School in 1989; Graduated UTI Glendale Heights, Illinois in 1990; Local chairman 2015 to present of Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Lodge 2852; Upton Town Council 2017 to present.
What role do you think the Upton Town Council plays in economic development for the community?
The town council plays a large role in the economic development of the community. From zoning to utilities and available local resources, we can help new development grow.

What budget advice would you bring to the council in times of fiscal concern?
Being new to the council I have learned many things over the last year. Looking closely and staying on budget helps maintain our fiscal responsibility to the town in all times.
What makes you interested in serving on the city council?
When we moved here in 2015 I saw Upton as a place I want to raise my family and retire. By serving on the council I want to continue providing a community people want to move to to raise families.
How will you make city government more transparent for the people it serves?
Transparency works both ways. When someone has a concern, they are welcome to attend the meetings and have their voices heard. By attending the meetings everyone is able to see exactly what is discussed.

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Managing billions of dollars of other peoples' money is a great responsibility, and I never took that lightly when running my investment firm. **I kept photos on my desk of the teachers and welders for whom we managed pensions and retirement funds. I never forgot whose money we were taking care of and I cared for those investments as if they were my own.** I worked my hardest each and every day to deliver the highest returns for them because losing was not an option.

As governor, I'll fight for the hard-working families of Wyoming just as I did for the hardworking Americans that depended on my firm. I will watch our state budget like a hawk, and make sure that every tax dollar is spent wisely. **And I will put your interests first, not the special interests that have so much power over today's politicians.**

I will ask myself if the teacher in Casper would approve \$500,000 for a new University of Wyoming slogan

I will ask myself if my friends in the coal mines in Gillette would spend \$35,000 for a magician to entertain at a teacher's seminar.

I will ask myself if the nurse in Evanston would pay \$15,000 for a documentary on the Dutch Hop Dance.

The people of Wyoming deserve better.

When I started this campaign, I made a promise to each of you to care, listen, and work hard for you each and every day. I have continued to make that same promise as I've traveled the state meeting with thousands of you face to face. **I am a man of my word, and I plan to keep that promise if honored to serve as your next governor.”**



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School board candidates needed

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Filing for Weston County School District No. 1 and Weston County School District No. 7 board seats opened on Aug. 8 and County Clerk Jill Sellers reported that only one person has filed since that date.
A total of four seats are up for election in the Newcastle district and three seats in the Upton district. All are at-large positions with four-year terms.
Sellers reported that Patrick Williams, for Weston County School District No. 7, is the only candidate to file as of Aug. 13.
Candidates have until Aug. 28 to file at the Weston County clerk's office at 1 W. Main Street, Newcastle.

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