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Sextorting among matters on DCI radar

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Wyoming Department of Criminal Investigation Special Agent and Newcastle High School alumnus Ryan Hieb will host an informative gathering on Oct. 4 at 6 p.m. in

the Crouch Auditorium for parents and community members to discuss new state statutes on possession and distribution of nude images between minors — or sexting, according to information from Principal Tracy Ragland. “Ryan is going to be here for

freshman impact and will present on the topic to the freshmen. As part of his program, he has designed a separate program for parents,” Ragland said. “Since Ryan is an alumnus, he is very passionate about his work and will be very open and forthcoming with his former high school.”

Hieb said he tends to cover the same topic with the students and with parents, only the parents get a more in-depth presentation. “I do a more in-depth presentation with the parents and discuss applications to watch for and things to watch for within those apps,” Hieb said.

“I do not allow any students to be present for the parent presentation.” Hieb derives his expertise on child pornography from his experience with the Wyoming Department of Criminal Investigation on the — See **Presentation**, Page 2

School board pursues partnership

■ Agreement would split duties of athletic trainer between hospital and schools

Shane Sellers
NLJ Reporter

In separate moves taken eight days apart, Weston County Health Services and Weston County School District #1 closed in on a partnering agreement to hire an athletic trainer to split duties between WCHS facilities and Newcastle schools through the end of the hospital’s current fiscal year.

The school board went first on Sept. 12, voting to earmark \$20,000 to \$30,000 to satisfy the district’s portion of the trainer’s salary. The school trustees made the move to enhance health and safety services provided to students engaged in co-curricular activities and physical education classes. The hospital board followed with a limited-scope hiring authorization on Sept. 20.

According to district superintendent Brad LaCroix, the hospital and the school district have been exploring feasibility of the joint-hire agreement “for several months.”

The practice of engaging a trainer is not new to the school district.

“North Platte (Physical Therapy) did it for a while, then last year we had to hire an individual contractor,” said LaCroix, adding that the district was looking for an enhanced servicing capability in its next athletic trainer.

“We like the joint venue (partnering with WCHS) because of the resources available,” LaCroix explained. “Most trainers are aligned with clinics or hospitals,” he reported, emphasizing the importance of having

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Homecoming royalty



A big week got even bigger for Newcastle High School seniors Kolby Piscioti and Paige Liggett on Monday afternoon when they were crowned 2018 Homecoming Queen and King. The duo are also part of the staff of the *Newc High News*. Newcastle High School has a school newspaper again, and its first issue is inside this edition of the *News Letter Journal*. (Photo courtesy of Jennifer Steveson)

Bill introduced to create residency requirement

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Rep. Tyler Lindholm, R-Sundance, recently introduced a bill to the Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions committee that will create a residency requirement for all county elected officials.

The bill was sparked, according to Lindholm, by the Weston County election for county attorney, although he acknowledged that Weston County is not the first county to have an issue with residency of an elected official.

“My original intent was to make the bill effective immediately, but after seeing the vote, it was clear that Weston County wanted Alex Berger,” Lindholm said.

Gillette attorney Alex Berger, who challenged incumbent William Curley, won the Republican nomination for Weston County attorney in the primary election. Berger’s name appeared on the ballot only after Fourth District Judge John G. Fenn granted him a writ of mandamus allowing him to have his name on the ballot.

“In the case of Berger, he will be

good for his entire first term,” Lindholm said of his legislation. “That gives him four years to decide if he is going to move to Weston County or not.”

Lindholm’s bill would require any candidate for county office to have one year of residency in the county.

“I am not going after just the county attorney. This will be for all county offices including the clerk, sheriff and commissioners,” Lindholm said.

The committee voted to advance his bill at their meeting in Thermopolis on Sept. 19, and it will be considered by the legislature in 2019.

ONEOK readies to break ground

Jen Kocher
NLJ Correspondent

Construction on the ONEOK Elk Creek pipeline that was projected to begin later this month could potentially be delayed as engineers continue to work their way north up into Wyoming. Pipeline has already been laid in Kansas and Colorado as the project gets underway in Goshen County and slowly makes it way north toward Weston County.

According to ONEOK corporate spokesperson Stephanie Higgins,

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Path may not get completed

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

S&S Builders of Gillette has until the end of September to finish the bike path that extends from The Hop on Main Street east to the port of entry path and from Newcastle Elementary School to Gray Addition or the project may not be completed, according to city engineer Mike Moore.

On Sept. 17, Moore reported that the grant for the project expires on Sept. 30, meaning whatever part of the path is not completed by that date will not have funding, unless the city opts to fund the remainder of

the path. Moore noted that an extension would be needed to continue with grant funding, and that the city does not have an extension on the grant.

As previously reported, bids for the project, which were originally let for the 2017 construction season, came in \$130,000 higher than the \$254,000 budgeted. The budgeted amount included grant and match monies, as well as funding from the Wyoming Department of Transportation’s Transportation Alternative Program.

The city went back to the drawing board, delaying the project until the 2018 season

and rebid the project earlier this year. The bike path was modified to trim the project costs back, allowing the bike path to be completed.

Now, according to Moore, the revised project may not be completed.

“They are making good progress, but they have until the end of the month to finish,” Moore said, noting that as of Sept. 17 that meant just a week and a half of available time was left.

“They (the contractors) will most likely finish The Hop section and then they will move



Crews with S&S Builders of Gillette continue to work on the partially completed bike path in Newcastle, but may not make their deadline. (Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ)

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Cloudy
Hi 58, Lo 33



Friday
AM Showers
Hi 45, Lo 35



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 60, Lo 39



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 59, Lo 41



Monday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 66, Lo 42



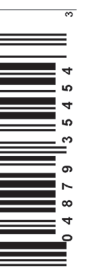
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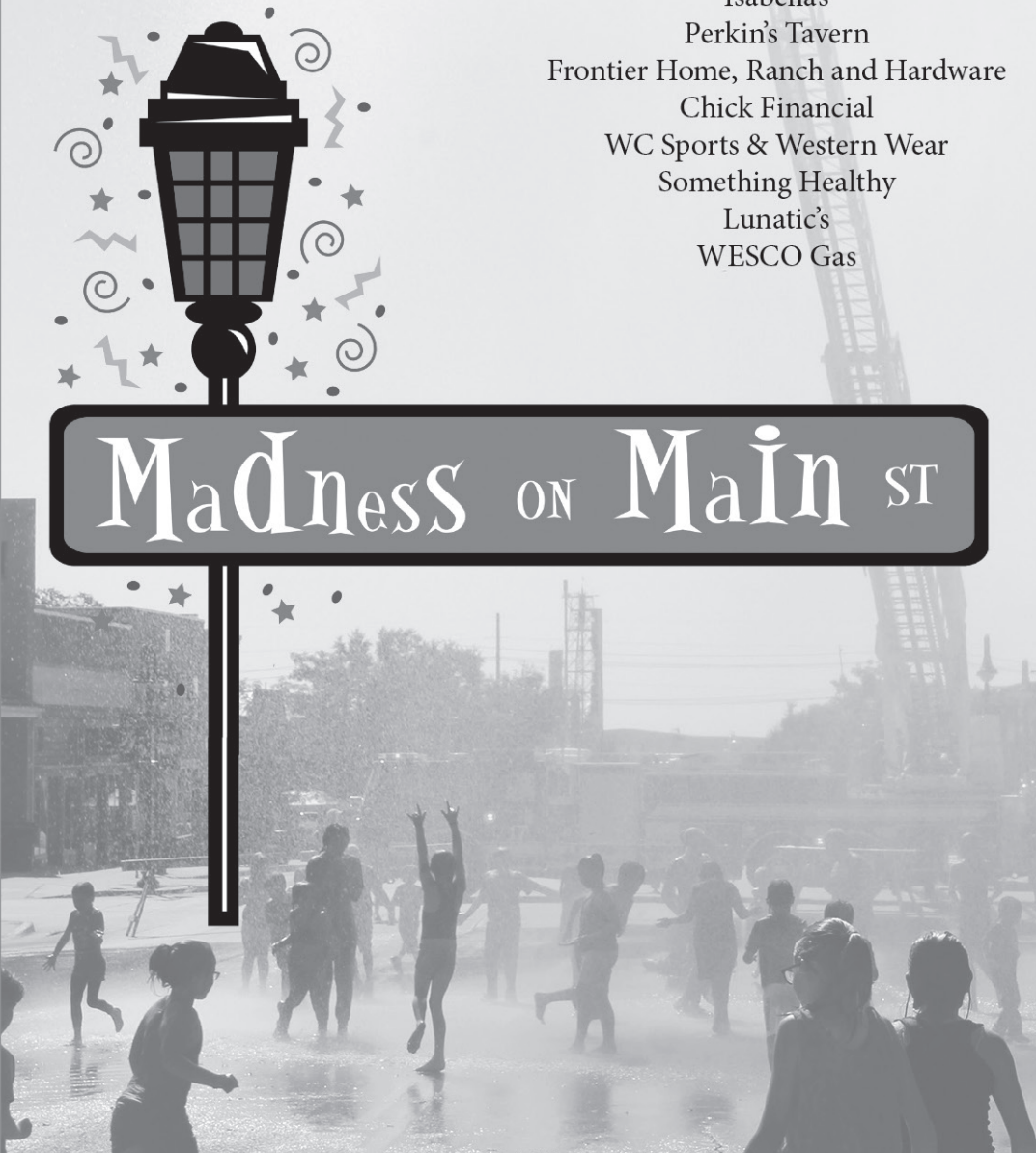


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computer crime team, where he has served since July 2014.

According to Hieb, in recent years the amount of self-produced child exploitation images being shared online has increased significantly. The result has been an increase in these images being shared among juveniles and adults.

"In recent years, there have also been significant increases in sextortion type cases, where juveniles are targeted by offenders and threatened in order to produce more images or videos," Hieb said. "The presentation will cover internet safety and protecting yourself online. The presentation covers the new law put in

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— Ryan Hieb,
Wyoming Department of
Criminal Investigation

place in July 2017.”

That new state law concerns dissemination or possession of a nude image of a minor by a

minor.

"The presentation will also discuss the idea of a digital footprint, issues concerning social media, myths surrounding the popular social media application Snapchat and examples of cases which have happened here in Wyoming," Hieb said.

He noted that the computer crime team investigates many of the cases he will speak of.

"The presentations are important to educate both students and parents that these kinds of crimes do happen in Wyoming," Hieb said. "It is also important for students and parents to learn how online activities can have a lasting impact on individuals throughout their life."

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a trainer who can deliver immediate, quality injury care when students need it.

From the hospital's standpoint, hiring an athletic trainer was not anticipated, and no provision was made for it in the current budget. Accordingly, hospital CEO Maureen Cadwell and the WCHS Board of Trustees approached the opportunity with guarded optimism.

Weighing growth opportunities — an athletic trainer on staff could expand therapy services and increase hospital revenues — against fiscal restraint, the board voted Thursday to authorize the temporary hire of an athletic trainer, then decide during the budgeting process if the position would be made permanent in the next fiscal year.

The hospital board's decision appeared influenced by the financial report CEO Maureen Cadwell delivered earlier in the evening. According to Cadwell, hospital services are trending upwards, in fact exceeding budget projections in some categories. However, Accounts Receivable are down, and the current financial report showed a \$776,000 negative cash flow.

Cadwell put the cash shortage somewhat in perspective, explaining that monies spent retired some bills, purchased equipment, and covered staff training costs. Though Cadwell expressed confidence that AR would improve, she recommended the board be prepared to cash a \$517,000 certificate of deposit to maintain the hospital's cash on hand. The board unanimously authorized that the CD may be cashed if needed.

Faced with having to cash in one of four half-million-dollar CDs to remain solvent, the WCHS board was skittish. Dialogue surrounding the hire of an athletic trainer focused on finding the balance between delivering service, leveraging opportunity, and paying the bills. The word most often heard during discussion was, "money maker."

Trustee Georgenna Materi captured the mood of the room when she remarked ahead of the vote, "Having an athletic trainer is one of the many services we just need to offer, but where do we draw the line?"

Ultimately, the hospital board was reluctant to take on more salary in the face of thin revenue projections. Against \$70,000 in salary and benefits, CEO Cadwell estimated the new position might bring the hospital only \$57,000 in new earnings, a margin too narrow to convince trustees to add a full-time trainer to the hospital staff.

It is unclear how the hospital board's wait and see approach will impact the partnering arrangement between the hospital and the Newcastle school district. Both sides have reported that a qualified athletic trainer has been identified. Concern was very real — at least from the hospital board — that the candidate might refuse a temporary assignment, leaving the hospital and the school district unsupported

School Shorts

Notes from the Sept. 12 Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees Meeting

- Trustees voted to eliminate mini-grants and summer credit reimbursements, and to re-direct the \$4,500 associated with those programs to the district's share of an athletic trainer's salary. In the past mini-grants have paid for reading materials and classroom projects. Re-direction of the summer credit re-imbursement eliminates some career enhancement training opportunities for teachers.
- Elementary school principal Brandi Holmes reported that DIBELS testing was completed for grades K-5, noting that scores were not quite as high as the 87 percent achieved by the sixth-grade class, but she and her teachers were "pleased with the trend," which indicates clear decline in the number of students needing intensive support. The trend remains solid for students needing only core support to sustain their reading proficiency, with all grades registering at or above 71 percent.
- Trustees voted to authorize purchase of a Simlog Heavy Equipment Training Simulator from Colorado-based X-Cal Corp. Simlog is a PC-based simulation that takes students from the classroom to the virtual work-site as they develop operating skills and safety-conscious habits. The package installed at Newcastle High School will include forklift, backhoe, and over the road simulation. X-Cal was a sole-source offering, chosen by WCSD #1 because the simulator is a superior product that is widely used in secondary education programs throughout Wyoming. Delivery is expected in October. The \$43,592 price tag includes installation and set-up assistance.

in the short-term, and perhaps for a long time into the future.

While it appears that neither the WCHS or WCSD boards have interest in registering a lost opportunity, and while both entities appear to be working faithfully to bring an athletic trainer to Weston County, the immediate alarm is critical for the school district.

Superintendent Brad LaCroix reported that, absent an athletic trainer the district is vulnerable to compliance and liability issues. Additionally, school board trustees were determined that all student activities become safer, not just athletics. Specifically, the board seeks a trainer to provide both injury and non-injury services, especially conditioning, impact training and injury prevention services.

In reply, LaCroix echoed that the district is most likely to find a trainer by teaming with Weston County Health Services. Pointing to research conducted in support of the partnering agreement, LaCroix said, "Not many trainers are eager to work for a school only."

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Opinion

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Our View

Just Do It... with teamwork

Our page one story about the attempt to hire an athletic trainer signals good news for Weston County. The hospital and school district boards have been pursuing the hire for months. While the deal is not done, it is close, and you can chalk that up to teamwork. We think it's re-assuring to know teamwork is alive and well in Newcastle; we see teamwork so rarely. This is not the forum for listing all the near-miss losses that poor communication and failure to play well with others has cost our community. Suffice it to say we'd be better off if we thought beyond selfish need, listening more often and more compassionately to what is good and necessary for the common good. We think the hospital and school district leadership, Maureen Cadwell and Brad LaCroix, have listened and communicated well in their attempt to bring a well-credentialed athletic trainer to the hospital staff. The move would be a plus for all school students, not just athletes, and the hospital board of trustees believes an athletic trainer on-staff would boost the hospital's physical therapy department. So, what's the hold-up? The short answer is money. The accurate response is reluctance to take a risk with money. It's hard to find fault with the hospital, embroiled as it is in paying for a multi-million-dollar renovation. Costs are high and revenues are improving, but need for fiscal responsibility looms large. It's equally difficult to point fingers at the school district. The board sacrificed some classroom grants and the teacher summer credit reimbursement program to help free-up its share of the trainer's salary. The school district needs a trainer to keep its students and athletes safe and healthy. The hospital needs to pay its bills. Provide service or exercise fiscal responsibility? That's a tough choice to make. Because, how do you say "No" to kids? We believe the hiring of an athletic trainer is imminent. Our optimism is fueled by our belief in the teamwork that has characterized the prospective partnership from its beginning. The players are strong, the cause is just, and both entities will tell you the hire is a service that just needs to happen. Let's see if the good teamwork continues by advancing — as it should — to a fruitful negotiation phase, one that finds, raises, or receives the money needed to offer the trainer candidate a permanent staff position.

When memories are made

Homecoming is a long lived tradition, and I would venture to say that there is not a whole lot that contends with the memories made in the moments of the week. School spirit is at an all-time high, the halls are festively decorated and there is a great competitive comradery between the classes. Each day of the week offers a new opportunity for students and staff alike to don a new persona as they dress up in the theme of the day. As the everyday expectations of academics and sports/extracurricular activities remain high, students, staff and parents alike embrace the spirit of the week. As a teacher and a parent of students who experienced this celebration of education, I continue to completely enjoy this week. Granted, it is a challenge to keep students focused on their classroom responsibilities, and I know how difficult it is to keep your athletes' concentration on their respective competitions for the week, but you can't help but revel in how much these kids love this time of year. As I walked into work on Monday morning, I was more than impressed with the work that had been put in over the weekend to decorate the hallways. From seniors to freshmen, it was obvious that students and class advisors had gone an extra mile to make the week a festive one. This year, the schedule of fun activities for the kids is so full that coronation

of Homecoming King and Queen had no option but to happen on Monday afternoon. With King Kolby Piscioti and Queen Paige Liggett crowned, the week of merriment began. Monday night was the Powder Buff football game between the senior and junior girls, coached by their respective male classmates. For those of you who missed it, I am sorry. The competition was lighthearted and I'm pretty sure every picture I took showed the girls grinning from ear to ear. At the same time, there was a real determination on their faces to give it all they had. It was a close one, but the senior girls pulled out the win. On Tuesday, the senior and junior boys get their opportunity to try their hand at playing volleyball in the annual Powder Buff matchup. As a seasoned official for this matchup, it always presents a fast-paced and entertaining evening of fun. What I will always love about Homecoming, despite the distractions it presents, is that it brings the student body together. It doesn't matter what clique you run with or whether you are an athlete or not, every kid who walks the halls is encouraged and celebrated as a Dogie. I've taken thousands of pictures, both as a parent and as a photographer for the paper, and there is nothing better than capturing Newcastle students celebrating the week and making memories that will last long after they leave NHS.



Sonja Karp Karpe Dogie

Deadline for Letters is noon on Friday

Letters to the Editor

The two sides disagree on the best solution

Dear Editor, Regarding Jerry Baird's last letter ("Way of life endangered by Trump and climate," September 13, 2018, page 3). I am sorry Jerry is embarrassed by our president. I did not like our last president either, but I still believed in our country. One of the major things Trump has been doing has been to reverse many of Obama's illegal executive



orders. I think the missiles were much more effective than Obama's red line for sending a message to Iraq. Regarding the climate, have you ever noticed when record temperatures are given on TV they are often from the 30's or even older. Was there any problem with CO2 at that time? There was a time when Greenland was green with grass and grapes were grown. The climate may be warming, but the responsibility does not lie solely with humanity. There are no cities in Death Valley because we have so many better

places to build. Remember we are still emerging from an ice age.

—Don Thorson

Hope we can be saved from the perfect storm

Dear Editor, We have recently witnessed a perfect political storm that produced a profound change. If a substantial majority of the electorate had been happy with the way things were there would have been no big change. But, we finally got tired of being lied to and disparaged by the regular, mainline politicians from both parties. Professional politicians of both

parties don't even bother to hide their pilloining our cash and credit from us anymore. It is an intolerable insult up with which we will not put any longer. It is very unfortunate for both he and us that our default President knows so little about the job he is trying to fill. It is also so very unfortunate for the rest of the world, both east and west because we were an integral part of the world economic infrastructure. There does exist a small bipartisan group of current and ex-politicians who are trying to find a way to straighten this mess out. Not an easy task at best, impossible at worst. At least there is some hope.

—Jerry Baird

A small world and three very big boys

One of the most interesting people in eastern Wyoming is Patsy Bixby Parkin of Wheatland. Not only is she a wonderful historian; she and her three sons should be in the Guinness Book of World Records. Some 40 years ago, Patsy gave birth to the heaviest triplets ever born in the entire world. Well, here is how she recalls it: "I was just notified that Dave, Dan, and Donny hold the record for the heaviest triplet birth in the U.S. — 23 pounds, 4 ounces. As soon as they verify my records, the boys could be listed in Guinness Book of Records! Considering they were a total surprise and were born full-term in a normal birth, they really are a miracle — now they'll be famous! "I know you're probably tired of hearing about my kids, but this past weekend my son Donny pulled his girls around the yard in the little yellow Yamaha cart my dad put together for my kids 40 years ago. My good friend — well, everyone's good friend — Charlie Coleman wrote a poem for us when the boys were born and we used it on this tractor and cart when we had the kids in the fair parade. It said, 'As every poker player knows, and every player's wife, when you have a pair, then draw 3 of a kind, you have got a full house.' "Well, my quest for the Guinness record for the biggest triplets might not make it. I spent all afternoon trying to figure out the complicated final application and when I finally hit the submit button, my Internet connection went down (again). Also, they want the signature of the attending physician who has been dead for several years. My sons are

now 40, after all, but still weighed more at birth than the current record holders — which makes it even more amazing. So they may never show up in Guinness, but you and I will always know the truth about how special they are." And speaking of three of a kind, Gov. Matt Mead recently made a trip to San Diego and ran into three Wyoming natives in the oddest of places. Matt Mead has a Wyoming connection wherever he goes. He was invited to visit the Aircraft Carrier Stennis in August. He drove to Denver and flew on Southwest Airlines. The captain of the plane invited him to the cockpit to look around. He was from Star Valley. Later on the Navy carrier, Mead was able to take off and land, which was an amazing experience. He went from 0-160 mph in less than two seconds. Lots of G-forces. He was only able to stay on the carrier for one night. The sailor in charge of steering the giant ship was a small woman, who really knew her stuff, according to Mead. His pilot on that plane was a Naval Academy graduate from Jackson Hole. On his Southwest flight back to Denver, the copilot of the plane was from Cody. Those Wyomingites are everywhere! And that includes Hollywood, too. Dave Lerner operates a fine Internet Company in Cheyenne called Wyoming Network.com. He recently shared with me some good news about his son Steve Lerner, a very talented screenwriter, who works in Hollywood.

The team that created the super successful cable TV show 'The Americans' has announced they are doing a pilot for a new TV show called Breckman Rodeo based on Steve Lerner's scripts and characters. A news story in the showbiz bible *Variety* recently detailed that the team of Joe Weisberg and Joel Fields (who created *The Americans*) has teamed with Lerner for the new TV series. The new show is about a high school rodeo team in Cheyenne. "It will center on a character named Ashley, described as a rodeo-as-hell sparkplug who refused to stay within the lines that have been drawn for her, and her boyfriend Brant, a rodeo prodigy, torn between a content quiet life and the rocky climb to superstardom. Ashley, Brant and their friends will have to reconcile the traditional values of their sport and their upbringing with the changing realities of the 21st century," according to the story in *Variety*. Young Lerner concluded: "Growing up in Wyoming, I loved going to the rodeo. I'm excited to bring the stories and people of my hometown to the screen." Sounds like a great show about Wyoming and the West. It will join *Longmire* and *Yellowstone* as recent shows based on our part of the country. *Bill Sniffin is a retired newspaper publisher who has penned a number of books about Wyoming. He appeared for author's receptions at both the Weston County Library and News Letter Journal in December. Check out additional columns written by Bill at www.billsniffin.com. and find volumes from his coffee table book series, which have sold over 30,000 copies, for sale at the News Letter Journal.*



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Obituaries

PATRICIA ELLEN PARSONS
May 30, 1962–Sept. 16, 2018

Funeral services for Patricia Parsons, 56-year-old Buffalo, Wyo., woman who passed away Sept. 16, 2018, were held Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Harness Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo, with Doug Brothers and Pat Huber officiating. A private family interment will be held at a later date.

Patricia Ellen Johansen was born on May 30, 1962, in Middlefield, Ohio. She was the youngest of four children. She spent most of her youth between Aurora, Ohio, and Tuscan, Ariz. Growing up she became very interested in cars and racing. She attended trade school for electronics in Ohio.

In 1980 she came to Wyoming to visit her favorite aunt in Newcastle. Falling in



Patricia Parsons

love with the area, she made her home there. Shortly after coming to Wyoming she met Everett Parsons and they were married Dec. 18, 1984. They continued to make their home in Newcastle where she became a very devoted mother and worked a few jobs.

In 1992 the family relocated to Buffalo where their daughter, Nicole, and son, Levi, attended school. While living in Buffalo she worked for various companies including Ouray's Printing, Sanjel, Buckingham Lumber, and most recently O'Reilly's Auto Parts.

She would challenge her husband for the title of biggest gearhead in the family. She was able to fix almost anything auto related. She was very outgoing and always willing to help anyone.

She loved to spend her free time in the mountains camping and riding four-wheelers. Her most prized treasures are her two beautiful grandkids.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Everett Parsons of Buffalo; her daughter, Nicole Parsons of Buffalo; her

son, Levi Parsons and his wife Tiffany of Arvada, Colo.; two grandchildren, Trey and Lillian Parsons; one sister, Carol Overbeck and her husband Mike of Trinity, Texas; and two brothers, Donald Johansen and his wife Nancy, and Mark Johansen of Ravenna, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Geraldine and Charles Scott.

Donations in Patty's memory may be made to the St. Francis Animal Shelter, or to the family to help defray final expenses in care of the Harness Funeral Home at 351 N. Adams in Buffalo.

Online condolences may be made at www.harnessfuneralhome.com.

ESTHER MOORE
Jan. 29, 1934–Sept. 22, 2018

Esther Moore passed away Sept. 22, 2018 at the Weston County Manor. Services will be in Osage at the Kitty Moats School on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 1 p.m.

A full obituary will be in next week's News Letter Journal.

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September 27 Ecclesiastes 12:1-14	October 1 Exodus 18:1-27
September 28 2 Kings 22:1-20	October 2 Exodus 23:1-13
September 29 2 Kings 23:21-30	October 3 Deuteronomy 15:1-18
September 30 Job 28:1-28	Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

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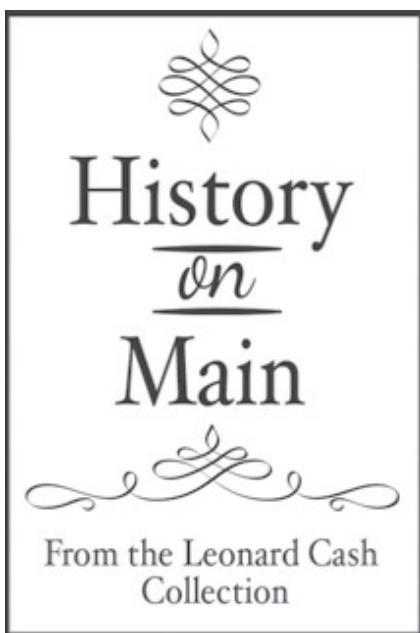


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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

Hospital on the hill Weston County Memorial Hospital - part III



By Bri Brasher
with Leonard Cash
NLJ Reporter

Leonard Cash continued retelling the history of the hospital on the hill for this week's installment of the History on Main Series, starting again in the mid 1950s. The Weston County Memorial Hospital was up and running in 1949 under the direction of the hospital's board and run by the Daughters of the Divine Redeemer.

Cash said the Catholic order started in Hungary in 1912 before coming to the United States, and it was based in Pennsylvania. His research from TribLive, western Pennsylvania's 24-hour local news source, said the nuns served in Catholic schools and churches and also in the hospital setting, such as the Daughters of the Divine Redeemer who served the Newcastle community at the Weston County Memorial Hospital. Cash's TribLive research also added additional information to the opening of the hospital.

The source wrote of the Sisters, "On October 3, 1950, the Sisters completed the first anniversary of their administration of the hospital. Records reveal that in the first year 878 patients had been admitted; 149 surgical cases had been taken care of and 192 babies had been born there. The Sisters feel that they will double these numbers in the second year. By reason of a lack of accommodations many patients had been refused admission and had been sent to South Dakota.

At this time the hospital is staffed by nine nurses: one X-ray technician; one registered anesthetist, and one a registered laboratory technician. By this time the hospital is fully recognized on the registered lists of the A.M.A. and the American College of Surgeons. At the present time an organized effort is in progress by interested Protestants and Catholics to erect a suitable convent for the Sisters on the hospital grounds."

After influential and positive beginnings at the Weston County Memorial Hospital, the sisters endured a much different ending to their time in Newcastle. The first of the group to leave the area was Sister Margaret, as reported in a June 16, 1955, article of the News Letter Journal. Sister Margaret was the first superintendent of the hospital, a position she served in for six years. The News Letter



Cash provided pictures of the completed Weston County Memorial Hospital. The photo above depicts what the property looked like in its capacity as a hospital and the photo below shows the building's main interior corridor. Next week's issue will feature pictures of the current Mondell Heights Retirement Community. (Submitted Photo)

Journal wrote that she left Weston County for St. Louis University in Missouri, and Sister Philomene was to fill the position.

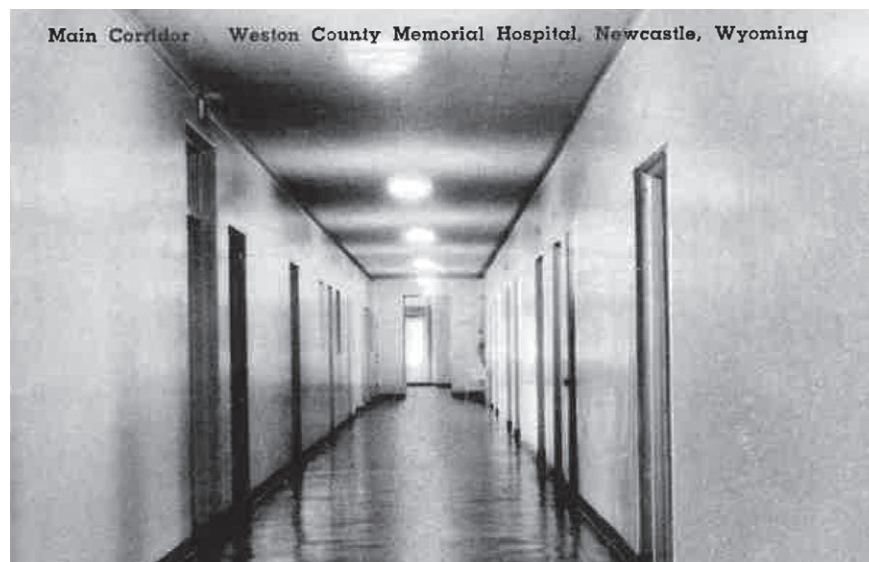
Details on the sisters were scarce in the news for the next several years, so Cash assumes operations were running smoothly. The hospital also received grant money in December of 1955. The News Letter Journal reported that "the Ford Foundation in a surprise move Monday gave away \$200 million to 3,500 privately-supported hospitals throughout the nation to help them improve and extend services to the public." As a state, Wyoming received \$206,300, and Weston County Memorial Hospital was granted \$15,000. The money was to be used at the discretion of each hospital's governing body for any program or improvement. The only stipulation set by the Ford Foundation was that the money could not be used for costs to support services currently in place.

Additional improvements came to the hospital on the hill in November of 1956 when the facility's parking area was completed through donation. Then on Jan. 17, 1957, the News Letter Journal said that a neon sign was installed at the hospital after a year of planning by the hospital board. The paper reported that the blue sign was 28 feet long by 5 feet high, and the white letters spelling out "Weston County Memorial Hospital" were 16 inches high.

The sisters made the press again in March of 1958 when the News Letter Journal ran an article introducing contention between the sisters and the hospital board over their contract. The article said that "the Daughters were incorporated in Wyoming in 1957 and because of this incorporation in the state, a new contract with signatures of the Wyoming corporation officers became necessary. The Sisters said that they could not operate the hospital under the terms of the old contract so various changes were presented in the contract."

The sisters gave the board a 60-day notice, stating that they were not willing to compromise on the two main changes to the contract. The sisters declared that they wanted "sole authority to refuse and deny, for sufficient cause, any physician or surgeon the right to practice in the county hospital," while board wanted mutual authority, according to the News Letter Journal.

The article also stated that the other contention dealt with the agreement for repairs. The sisters said they were willing to pay \$2,000 per year



and any additional costs would be deferred to the board. The old contract said the sisters were to maintain the hospital's interior. At this time, the hospital board began looking into other groups in the area to run the hospital.

After much negotiation and controversy, the hospital board submitted a new contract to the sisters, as reported by the News Letter Journal on May 1, 1959. The sisters responded on May 8, 1958, with an article the press titled "Sisters 'Cannot Accept' Contract." The article stated that "the Daughters of the Divine Redeemer notified the Weston County hospital board on Thursday, May 1, that they 'could not accept' the contract submitted to them by the board on April 28. However, a temporary arrangement has been made between the Sisters and the hospital board for the Sisters to continue the operation of the hospital for another 60 days, commencing from May 4. May 4 was the date when the Sister's original contract would have terminated under the notice given on March 5."

"I remember the town was split to about half. There were a lot of hard feelings over it," said Cash. "Half of the town wanted to keep the sisters and about half wanted a change. In fact, one of the doctors in town left because of it."

The conversation continued in the News Letter Journal on May 22, 1958, with the article "Sisters Explain Their Position At the Hospital." The update stated that the while the sisters' legal obligation to the hospital was through, they believed that the 60-day period of continued operation was their moral obligation. The article also said that "if, at the end of 60 days there is no one to replace the Sisters, the hospital will be closed. The Sisters, from that date, have been allowed a two week period in which to complete their necessary business."

On June 12, 1959, the News Letter Journal reported that the hospital board had notified the sisters of its decision. The board hired Hospital Administrator Roger VanderBloom and other personnel. The News Letter Journal article said the sisters provided written assurance that they would work with new personnel for two weeks in an effort to make the transition as smooth as possible. The transition was to be official as of July 1, 1958, and the hospital was to be run as a county hospital under the management of VanderBloom. The conversation was still not over, however. On June 26, 1958, an article was published explaining much of the legal battle going on with the hospital's change in management, because there was discontent over the board's decisions in the community. Religious discontent on both sides of the argument, as well as doctors willingness to work for the new party, was cited. There was also talk of VanderBloom's lack of qualifications.

The issue was so heated that the News Letter Journal said even the judge wouldn't rule on the case, though he did say that the change in contracts was not illegal. Despite the continued conversation on the matter, the sisters held fast that they would not renew their contract, a decision that went all the way up to the Catholic authorities.

"You can tell the hate and discontent and the love for the sisters," said Cash, after reviewing the News Letter Journal articles compiled in his records.

Then on Sept. 12, 1958, it was announced that Dr. E. J. Guilfoyle was leaving Newcastle for a position with the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver. Cash mentioned that a doctor left Newcastle due to the scandal with the Sisters, and Dr. Guilfoyle and his family had been serving Newcastle for the past

Senior Happenings

WC Senior Services

September 28	
Rolls	9 a.m.
Blood Pressure Check	9:30 a.m.
Bridge Ladies	1 p.m.
September 29	
NRA Banquet	5:30 p.m.
October 1	
United Blood Services Drive	
Osteo Exercise	9 a.m.
October 2	
Dominoes	1 p.m.
October 3	
Senior Day @ SHOPKO	
Osteo Exercise	9 a.m.
Toe Nail Clinic	9 - 11 a.m.
Lions Club at Noon	
Mondell Heights Here For Lunch	
Marathon Bridge	
Creative Handcrafts After Lunch	
October 4	
Tops #218	7 - 10 a.m.
Trip to Tin Lizzie	
Dominoes	1 p.m.

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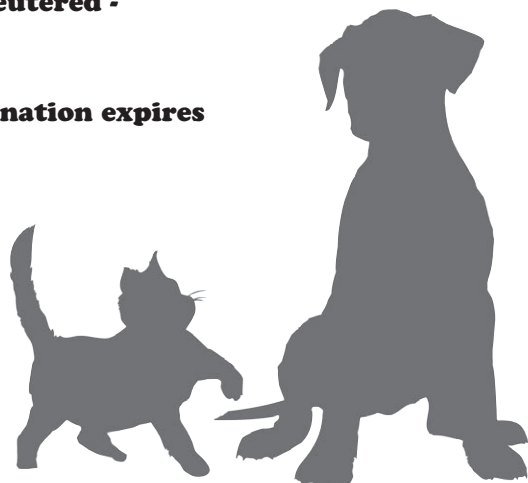
September 28	
Greedy	10:30 a.m.
Out to Lunch	12 p.m.
Parade	2 p.m.
Movie	6 p.m.
September 29	
Quizball	11 a.m.
Happy Hour	3 p.m.
Bingo	6 p.m.
September 30	
Riddles	11 a.m.
Church	2 p.m.
October 1	
Wii	10:30 a.m.
Crazy Cart	3 p.m.
Tai Chi	4 p.m.
Bingo	6 p.m.
October 2	
Ceramics	10 a.m.
Keepsake Krafters	2 p.m.
October 3	
Crossword	10:30 a.m.
Bingo	2 p.m.
October 4	
Kickball	10:30 a.m.
Al and the Gang	2 p.m.
Tai Chi	4 p.m.
Dominoes	6:15 p.m.

decade. He is quoted in the News Letter Journal as saying, "Recent events have convinced me that the philosophy of the majority in this community regarding health matters is diametrically opposed to my own thinking and experience in such matters. For this reason, my family and I have decided that we should enter another field of endeavor. Although it means leaving an association with three of the finest doctors I have ever met as well as a pleasant practice of medicine with many good patients and friends, we feel that it is best for all concerned if we make the move."

While the sisters moved on, the Weston County Memorial Hospital continued in Newcastle under new leadership. Many improvements were made to the hospital over the next several years. Cash will continue to detail the timeline of the hospital on the hill in the weeks to come.

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Sign will honor Bradleys for gift to children's center

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Lola and Jack Bradley will be recognized for their donation to the children of Weston County with a sign to be erected at Centennial Park. The sign, which is a gift from Lola's family for her 97th birthday, will recognize the couple for their gift.

On Sept. 4, the Bradleys' daughter, Lolly Martin, asked the Newcastle City Council for permission to place a 6-foot-tall sign honoring her parents in the park. She said that her parents had once gifted the land to the children's center before the property was traded to the city and became a park.

"It must have been in the '80s; the Weston County Children's Center was in the basement of the Methodist Church," Martin recalled.

Martin explained that the children's center provided services to the county that could not be received elsewhere and as the center's preschool and child care services outgrew the basement, it began working on grants to fund construction of a building.

"There was a need for what they provided in the community, but they had outgrown the church," Martin said. "So they started working on grants for a new location."

Martin said that she was on the children's center board at the time and her parents thought the center met a community need.

"So they decided to give some land to the children's center so they had a place to put up a building and use their grants and expand," Martin said. "It is in the deed from my parents that the land was to be for the benefit of the children of Weston County."

Martin noted that the city



Lola and Jack Bradley donated the land that is now Centennial Park to the Weston County Children's Center in the 1980s for the "benefit of Weston County children." (Submitted photo)

“
In 1988 when the children's center was being built, it was closing in on the 100-year anniversary of the state and my mother wanted to recognize the state by calling it Centennial Park.”

— Lolly Martin,
daughter of
Lola and Jack Bradley

of Newcastle was not fond of the location of the Bradleys' gift, so it traded property at 104 Stampede St., which is where the center has been ever since.

"The city traded land with the children's center, and now we have a wonderful children's center that is the head of Region 3 and represents Weston and Crook counties," Martin said. "They offer so much to the community – like

physical therapy, occupational therapy, hearing and speech clinics, day care and preschool."

Larry Price, the city engineer in the 1980s, originally suggested that the park be named after the Bradleys, but Lola favored honoring Wyoming.

"In 1988 when the children's center was being built, it was closing in on the 100-year anniversary of the state and my mother wanted to recognize the state by calling it Centennial Park," Martin said.

She noted that the park has since been called Larry Price Park and the Red White and Blue Park, but that the park will always officially be named Centennial Park, thanks to her mother.

The sign that will be erected in honor of her parents, Jack who is deceased, and Lola's 97th birthday will state, "Land Donated by Jack and Lola Bradley, Honoring Wyoming's Centennial 1890 to 1990." The sign has been a desire of the family's for several years, according to Martin, and will make the best birthday present for her mother.

Path

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to the grade school section," Moore said.

He added that he had directed the contractors to focus on the grade school section, on school grounds, and from there move south toward Gray Addition.

"They will get as much done as they can. The goal is that they hopefully get to Gray Addition, and they are working towards that goal," Moore said.

Moore said that as the project gets closer to the Sept. 30 deadline, he will inform council members of the progress and gauge their interest on completing the project with city's money.

"The cost of the section after that date will be the city's full responsibility; there will be no grant monies," Moore said.

He noted that the city had previously had one grant extension.

"Once the grant ends without extension, we (the city) cannot get any more money from the grant," Moore said. "I hope they work fast."

Moore later told the News Letter Journal that the status of the bike path project is in no way the fault of S&S Builders.

"The date on the grant is sooner than the contract end," Moore said, noting that the contract gives the contractors until the end of November to complete the project.

Moore credited delays between opening the bid, awarding the bid and sending the notification of award for the project to the overall delay in the project.

"It is nothing on the fault of the contractors.

Pipeline

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work was projected to begin in mid-October though currently that date remains fluid due to the intangible unknowns along the way. Once started, residents can expect work to begin in the southern portion of the county and head south into Niobrara County.

"With a project this size, construction start locations and schedule can be fluid and can change regularly in the planning phase of a project before ultimately "starting," Higgins said. "This does not mean that we aren't going to start construction in your area as we previously stated, but it may be a couple of weeks before we

know for sure."

The 900-mile, 20-inch diameter pipeline with capacity to transport up to 240,000 barrels per day of unfractionated NGLs runs from eastern Montana to Bushton, Kansas, cutting across five counties in Wyoming, including Weston, Crook, Niobrara, Goshen and Laramie. The new line parallels ONEOK's existing Bakken NGL Pipeline as well as the majority of the Overland Pass Pipeline.

Construction of the pipeline involves a three-step process. The first step includes surveying the route and staking the pipeline and clearing and

grading the route for construction and digging trenches.

Then the pipe will be laid along the right of way, also known as "stringing," after which sections will be welded, X-rayed, coated and inspected before being lowered into the trench.

Lastly, the trenches will be backfilled to cover the pipe, and through the process of hydrostatic testing, the pipeline will be filled with water and pressure tested to validate the integrity of design and pipe strength.

For more information on the project, see www.oneok.com/elkcreekpipeline.

City Beats

Notes from the Sept. 17
Newcastle City Council Meeting

- Newcastle Motors submitted the sole bid for lots one, two and three of Washington Park lot 1; the council awarded the bid to Newcastle Motors for \$151,000.

- The council approved on third reading an ordinance amending the zoning map for lots one, two and three of Washington Park lot 1 from R1 to C1.

- Commander Stan Dixon of the VFW Post 2516 told the council that the organization was shut down for three weeks for reasons it did not want to disclose. Those issues are taken care of, he said, and the organization has completely reorganized.

- Police Chief Jim Owens reported that the two officers who received conditional employment offers had accepted and the force would be fully staffed at eight.

They have met all of our schedules," Moore said. "The delay came down to the decision and notification process. We had two schedules and various alternatives to pick from based on the available budget. We then had to get the state to concur before we could award the bid."

Moore noted that the completion of the pre project notification and decision process took over a month.

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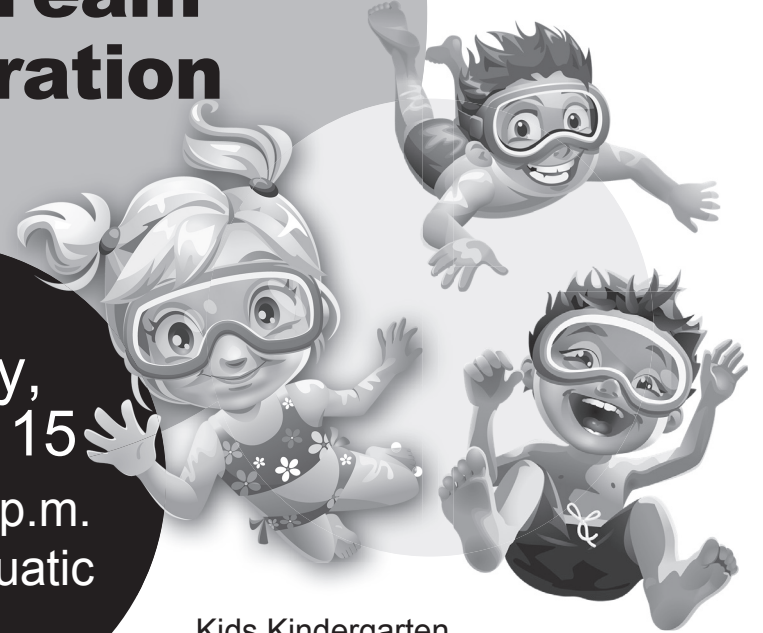
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 10/01/18 JV St. Thomas More H 4PM
 10/05/18 V Thermopolis Bobcats H 6PM
 10/08/18 JV Torrington Trailblazers A 5PM

NHS Volleyball
 9/28/18 V9 Sundance Bulldogs H 3/4/5PM
 10/05/18 V9 Wheatland Bulldogs A 3PM
 10/06/18 V9 Torrington Trailblazers 11/12/1

NHS Girls Swimming
 9/29/18 V9 Douglas Invitational A 9AM
 10/06/18 V9 Buffalo Invitational A TBA

NHS Cross Country
 9/27/18 V9 Sturgis A 1PM
 10/05/18 VJ Gillette A 1PM

When it rains, it pours

Sonja Karp
 NLJ Sports Reporter

Summer faded into fall last Friday night, and Dogie fans felt the dreariness of the changing of the seasons as adversity rained down on their beloved team in Moorcroft.

On the first series of the contest, senior quarterback Sawyer Roberson suffered an ankle sprain which put him on the sidelines for the duration of the game.

Roberson had got his team started by picking up a couple of first downs before he suffered the injury. Upon his departure, the team was able to continue to drive the ball down the field, getting as close as the four yard line before penalties backed them up and kept them from getting into the end zone.

“We were able to move the ball, but losing Sawyer changed things for us,” head coach Matt Conzelman admitted. “We had to put guys in there that hadn’t been taking the reps like he had during the week. Reflecting on it this weekend, I came to the conclusion that when it rains, it pours. This was just more adversity thrown our way, and that we had to face.”

Following the missed scoring opportunity by the Dogies, the Wolves took advantage of their offensive possession and made a couple of really big

Dogie Football
Dogies v. Moorcroft 9/21/18: 7-26
Team: 136 yards rushing, 86 yards passing
Individual:
 Sawyer Roberson: 1-2 pass completions for 7 yards, 3 carries for 12 yards, 1 tackle
 Payton Parks: 2-3 pass completions for 30 yards, 5 carries for 20 yards, 1 punt return for 0 yards, 5 tackles
 Conagher Testerman: 0-1 pass completions, 9 carries for 76 yards, 1 reception for 19 yards, 5 tackles
 Slade Roberson: 1 TD pass, 4-7 pass completions for 49 yards, 1 carry for -8 yards, 1 tackle
 Aaron Fullerton: 1 reception for 8 yards, 0-1 PTA, 3 tackles
 Isaiah Covey: 6 tackles
 Isaac Prell: 4 carries for 10 yards, 2 kick returns for 90 yards, 1 tackle
 Kyle Haslam: 1 TD, 3 receptions for 42 yards, 1 kick return for 18 yards, 1 interception, 1 tackle
 Christon Santos: 10 carries for 26 yards, 1 reception for 7 yards, 4 tackles
 Bradyn Frye: 1 reception for 10 yards, 1 tackle
 Dayton Williams: 8 tackles
 Skylar Jenkins: 1 tackle
 Kale Corley: 12 tackles
 Brandon Donner: 1 kick return for 15 yards, 1 tackle
 Erick Wolfe: 1 tackle
 Keyan Mefford 1 tackle
 Aiden Chick: 1 tackle

plays to move the ball down the field quickly.

Though the Dogie defense was able to hold them off for a while, Moorcroft succeeded in punching in two touchdowns during the second quarter so it was 12-0 in favor of the Wolves as the teams headed into the locker room for the halftime break.

“We were still in the game, even though we were down. We just needed to get a couple of stops,” Conzelman

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Christian Santos takes advantage of excellent blocking by the offensive line to gain some yardage against Wheatland in the first home game of the season. (Photo by Sonja Karp/NLJ)

Dogies put up good times

Sonja Karp
 NLJ Sports Reporter

With the conference meet looming ever closer, head cross country coach Kathy Beehler is feeling good about where her runners are, but acknowledges there is still work to be done in the short time remaining in the season.

Last week, her team competed twice — in Hot Springs on Tuesday and again at Hart Ranch on Friday. In both competitions, Beehler was pleased with the way her athletes competed but admitted she would like to see bigger time drops.

“Though it looks like the course in Hot Springs is pretty challenging, it’s not as hilly as Belle and Custer,” she began. “We won both the varsity and the JV men’s races, and we competed well. Our times were better, but I think we didn’t quite give it all we’ve got.”

In the varsity division, the Dogies had a new leader with freshmen Avery Chick crossing the finish line first for his team in fifth place with a time of 19:16.50. Carson Bock was hot on his heels in eighth place, Zach Purviance in 10th, Jacob Rhoades in 12th, Peyton Purviance in 19th, Collin Dudzinski in 20th and Matthew Drake in 25th. The finish combined to give the team 29 points, besting second place Douglas, SD by 21.

Coach Beehler divided the ladies into both the varsity and JV divisions, so there were not enough runners to score as a team. However, as individuals they also had a good showing. In varsity, Hailey McGuire once again led the charge finishing 7th in 24:17.50. She was followed by Alaina Laurence in 10th and Shelby Stith in 12th.

Lara Lopez took second in the JV race and posted the fastest time overall for the Dogies by clocking

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Lineup changes yield positive results

Sonja Karp
 NLJ Sports Reporter

Last week started off a little rough for the Newcastle Lady Dogie volleyball team, but by the time they wrapped up their third match of the week, they had turned things around and picked up their first conference win of the season.

Head coach Ashley Reed’s team played progressively better as the week went on. However, their first contest of the week in Torrington on Tuesday did not go well.

“I’m not sure what happened, but we just stopped talking and stopped doing pretty much everything right,” Reed frowned. “Often times, we will have one set where things are a little shaky, but then we’ll pull it out and compete. On Tuesday, things just went from bad to worse.”

In three quick sets, the ladies succumbed to the Lady Trailblazers 16-25, 12-25 and 8-25. As a result of the team’s performance, Reed decided to change up her lineup for the remaining two contests of the week.

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Grace Coy worked the net against the Lady Bulldogs Saturday night. The junior middle blocker/hitter was on fire, helping her team pick up their first conference win of the season. (Photo by Sonja Karp/NLJ)

Dogie Volleyball

NEWCASTLE @ THERMOPOLIS

9/14/18: 15-25, 19-25, 15-25

Individual stats:

Lauren Steveson: 8-8 serves, 1 kill, 1 stuff block, 9 digs
 Madi Pearson: 7-9 serves, 3 aces, 4 kills, 16 digs
 Grace Coy: 2-2 serves, 15 kills, 3 kills, 3 digs
 Johnna Dawson: 8-8 serves, 2 aces, 32 digs
 Shelby Davis: 2 kills, 2 stuff blocks, 4 digs
 Claire Beastron: 10-10 serves, 1 ace, 2 kills, 9 digs
 Christina Hadlock: 3 kills, 9 digs
 Isabel Frank: 5-5 serves, 3 digs
 Honesty Olson: 4-5 serves, 3 digs



NEWCASTLE V.

BUFFALO 9/15/18: 20-25, 23-25, 17-25

Individual stats:

Lauren Steveson: 6-7 serves, 2 aces, 3 kills, 1 stuff block, 1 set assist, 4 digs
 Madi Pearson: 6-8 serves, 1 kill, 4 set assists, 4 digs
 Grace Coy: 3 kills, 1 block assist, 2 digs
 Johnna Dawson: 5-5 serves, 1 ace
 Shelby Davis: 5-6 serves, 1 ace, 1 kill, 1 block assist, 2 digs
 Claire Beastron: 6-7 serves, 1 kill, 9 digs
 Isabel Frank: 5-8 serves, 4 set assists, 5 digs
 Christina Hadlock: 1 kill, 1 block assist, 1 set assist, 2 digs
 Honesty Olson: 1-2 serves, 2 set assists

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in at 23:57.22, and Avery Alicehouse claimed the 13th spot.

“Lara competed very well in JV,” Beehler exclaimed. “She ran by herself and she didn’t have to think about where she should be. She just ran. I thought that was great for her to see how it should work, and now we have to get all of them to think like that when they are running together in varsity.”

On Friday, the team was in Rapid for another full day of competition, and given the relatively flat nature of the course, Beehler was expecting to see some fast times. When the results came in, her expectations were met by nearly all who raced.

“I thought we ran well again and I compared our times with PRs set so far this season, and pretty much everyone got one,” she grinned. “Then I compared them with our times from Rapid last year, and it was nice to see there was improvement there as well.”

PJ Martin, despite not having felt well for the past couple of weeks, was four seconds faster than his current PR and 33 seconds faster than he was last year at this time.

Freshman Tristan Troftgruben finished first for the Dogies in 40th place. In doing so he became the second Dogie to break into the 17s, and bested his season PR by 37 seconds with his 17:55.8 finish. Chick improved his best time by 45 seconds and broke into the 18s, Drake had a 2:00 improvement and Travis Scribner dropped an astonishing four minutes.

Dogie Cross Country		
Newcastle @ Hot Springs Invite 9/18/18 Women's Team Results: 1. Lead-Deadwood 15 Varsity Individual Results: 7. Hailey McGuire 24:17.50 10. Alaina Laurence 25:00.99 12. Shelby Stith 25:12.32 JV Team Results: 1. Belle Fourche 16 2. Douglas, SD 44 JV Individual Results: 2. Lara Lopez 23:57.22 13. Avery Alicehouse 27:24.11 Men's Team Results: 1. Newcastle 29 2. Douglas, SD 50 3. Little Wound 61 4. Bennett County 84 Varsity Individual Results 5. Avery Chick 19:16.50 8. Carson Bock 19:32.96 10. Zach Purviance 19:45.59 12. Jacob Rhoades 19:54.98 19. Peyton Purviance 20:50.28 20. Collin Dudzinski 20:55.34 25. Matthew Drake 21:38.69 JV Team Results: 1. Newcastle 19 2. Pine Ridge 72 3. Little Wound 72 4. Belle Fourche 72 Individual Results: 1. Max Makousky 20:21.84	2. Gunnar Wainscott 20:30.46 3. Gabriel Rose 20:38.13 4. Reid Holmes 20:44.12 11. Bridger Alicehouse 21:29.49 12. Conrad Prell 21:32.57 13. Gavin Gray 21:28.80 15. Michael Tomlinson 21:59.96 32. KeOndre Cummings 26:00.04 Newcastle @ Rapid City Invite 9/21/18 Women's Varsity Team Results: 1. Rapid City Central 1 2. Hill City 101 3. Laramie 105 4. Rapid City Stevens 113 5. Custer 128 6. Bismarck 128 7. Pierre 166 8. Thunder Basin 174 9. St. Thomas More 198 10. Sturgis 203 11. Scottsbluff 268 JV Individual Results: 13. Hailey McGuire 23:07.4 23. Lara Lopez 23:43.8 25. Alaina Laurence 23:47.3 Men's Team Results: 1. Bismarck 56 2. Legacy 59 3. Laramie 78 4. Rapid City Stevens 132 5. Sturgis 182	6. Thunder Basin 203 7. Scottsbluff 218 8. Custer 225 9. Newcastle 232 10. St. Thomas More 235 11. Pierre 297 12. Rapid City Christian 300 13. Douglas, SD 309 14. Mandan 319 15. Rapid City Central 350 16. Wall 467 Varsity Individual Results 40. Tristan Troftgruben 17:55.8 48. PJ Martin 18:16.3 54. Avery Chick 18:32.4 58. Zach Purviance 18:42.50 61. Carson Bock 18:46 71. Jacob Rhoades 19:02.1 77. Peyton Purviance 19:09.3 JV Individual Results 30. Matthew Drake 19:49.50 43. Reid Holmes 20:11 44. Gabriel Rose 20:12.6 45. Gunnar Wainscott 20:13.6 46. Collin Dudzinski 20:14.2 59. Max Makousky 20:43.2 60. Conrad Prell 20:46.5 72. Bridger Alicehouse 21:05.8 74. Gavin Gray 21:08.8 79. Michael Tomlinson 21:30.7 112. Travis Scribner 24:34.9 122. KeOndre Cummings 28:31.4

Rhoades, Peyton Purviance and Gavin Gray each shaved two and a half minutes off their PRs, while Reid Holmes, Dudzinski and Bock had one minute time drops.

“We’re on track for where we should be heading into Conference, but there’s still more potential that needs to be tapped,” Beehler declared. “We’re still trying to get bunched together better, and we need to get some more guys into the 17s. So far, it’s just Dylan [Talley] and Tristan who have made it, but Avery, PJ, Zach and Carson all have the ability to get there.”

The Lady Dogies were down two runners so it was just McGuire, Lopez and Laurence

representing Newcastle in the JV race. The three finished in that order in 13th, 23rd and 25th place. Like their male counterparts, each took time off their race and all finished under 24 minutes.

“We have two more weeks to get ready for Conference and State, and I think all of our kids have a little more in the tank,” Beehler nodded. “The workouts we do now will help us in two weeks, so what we do starting this week is super important to bank for those meets.”

This Thursday, the squad heads to Sturgis for a competition there, where Beehler expects to see improvements and time drops again.

Volleyball from Page 8.....

The team was tasked with taking on the powerhouse Douglas Lady Bearcats at their place on Friday, and despite facing a much more daunting opponent, the Lady Dogies played decidedly better than they had in Torrington.

This was the first time they had competed with the new lineup and Reed thought they performed pretty well considering the squad only had a couple of practices with the system.

Douglas brings multiple threats to the court including middle blocker/hitters who are 6’4” and 6’1” respectively and alternate manning the net. Reed described Coy, the team’s tallest player, as looking like a “tiny little being” standing across the net from those players.

“I thought we did pretty well and our blocking looked awesome on Friday,” Reed declared. “We struggled to adjust to their offense though because we haven’t played anyone yet who can hit the ball straight down. We are used to backing it up on defense so it took a while for us to get used to moving forward for those hits.”

Their height also wreaked havoc with the Dogies when it came to their own offensive attacks as evidenced by the kill to error percentage of spike attempts, which was -17 percent for Newcastle.

“We were hitting into the block,” Reed nodded. “We have a tendency to set close to the net and with them being able to reach three feet over it, it really doesn’t work out well for us because there’s really no way to go around the block.”

The fire power and defensive presence of the Lady Cats resulted in a Newcastle loss in three straight sets 11-25, 14-25, and 6-25.

In their only home game of the week, the Lady Dogies met up with the Wheatland Lady Bulldogs for the fourth time this season on Saturday. Heading into the competition, Newcastle held a 2-1 advantage and advanced to 3-1 by the end of the day.

“The girls came out ready to play in the first set. They were pretty pumped and played pretty

good,” Reed grinned. “We definitely seemed to click a little bit better with the new rotation than we did on Friday, so that was great to see.”

Newcastle made short work of their opponent in the first set, winning 25-13, and continued in the same vein taking the second 25-18. Wheatland rebounded in the pivotal third set, defeating the home team 25-17, but the Lady Dogies returned to their winning ways in the fourth set, pulling out the 25-23 win to claim victory.

Reed admitted that adding a W to their conference record was a great way to end the week, but also expressed concern at her team’s serving percentage.

“Our serving is atrocious,” she exclaimed. “We are serving at right around 75 percent on the season right now, and it is tough to win matches with those kinds of numbers.”

Percentage wise, the team’s serving in Tuesday’s contest was a dismal 78 percent, Friday’s was 85 percent and Saturday’s was 82 percent. Given that serving is really the only part of the game where one has complete control of the outcome, anything below 90 percent is not what a team wants to see if they expect to be successful.

The ladies have all week to try to address their serving woes, as they only have one contest to prepare for on Friday afternoon against the Lady Bulldogs of Sundance. They will also have to use that time to prepare for playing without starting setter and outside hitter Madi Pearson, who will be gone for the contest.

“We have a couple options of how to handle her absence. We will be playing around with a 5-1 and a 6-2 to see which works better for the team,” Reed explained. “Our game this week is the perfect opportunity to experiment, given there is nothing on the line playing Sundance.”

Due to the Homecoming football game kicking off at 7 p.m. on Friday, the freshmen squad will play at 3, the JV at 4 p.m. and the varsity 5 p.m.

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claimed. “That we were able to move the ball was a definite positive, but we needed a good defensive stance to get back in the game.”

The Wolves had possession of the ball as action got back underway, but the Dogies were unable to get the stops they needed and allowed their opponent to march all the way down the field for their third touchdown of the evening.

The Dogies were finally able to answer back offensively in the fourth quarter on a pass from freshman quarterback Slade Roberson to senior Kyle Haslam to cut the lead to 18-6.

With time running short, the Dogies attempted an onside kick, but were not able to gain possession, and the Wolves used the resulting short yardage position on the field to score once more. Moorcroft added a safety to their tally to take the 26-6 win over Newcastle.

“We just weren’t clicking like we needed to be, and execution is still an issue,” Conzelman sighed. “At the end of the game, I told the guys that if they want to feel adversity, we are in it right now. So we can sit there and feel sorry for ourselves, or we can work harder to improve. That’s our main focus this week.”

Conzelman noted that his team was definitely disappointed with the loss, because they had gone into the contest feeling pretty optimistic given how well practices had gone all week.

“It was really a shot to the gut, but we don’t have much time to dwell on it because we have a good Lusk team coming to town this Friday,” Conzelman nodded. “They are a physical and run-heavy team, so we definitely have to get some things going this week.”

The Homecoming matchup is scheduled to kick off at 7 p.m. on Friday at Schoonmaker Field.



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Hannah Gross accomplished her goal of qualifying for the state meet in every individual event last Saturday as she clinched a spot in the 100 Meter Breaststroke. Here she swims the butterfly leg of the 200 IM last weekend where she posted a 4A qualifying time. (Photo by Sonja Karp/NLJ)

Exhaustion hampers Dogie swimmers

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Lady Dogie swim team had their first overnight competitions this week, and the two experiences were about as polar opposite as it gets.

On Thursday, the squad traveled to Buffalo for a whirlwind of a dual, and then crossed the mountain for the Worland Invitational featuring nine teams. Adding to the challenge of the weekend was the fact that the ladies were two swimmers down due to Becca Henkle and Kassidee Jeppesen being sidelined with illness.

“In Buffalo, it was a really fast meet, and missing both Becca and Kassidee combined to make the experience a little overwhelming,” head coach Doug Scribner began. “Adding to that, this was also the first time we’ve been in that kind of format, and we were also just really tired.”

The result of all of these factors was that the team did not see the kinds of improvements they had been making over the last few weeks.

In fact, where last week the squad improved in all but two events, this week they only improved in two.

“It was a tired weekend for the girls, and we just never really even got into the meet on Friday,” Scribner sighed. “We started and then we were done without ever really getting going. The girls were competitive, but they were continually having to chase themselves with quick turnarounds between events. That is difficult to do both mentally and physically.”

When the dual ended, Scribner advised his swimmers to shift their focus to the Worland Invitational the next

Newcastle @ Buffalo Dual 9/21/18		Dogie Girls Swimming	
Team Results:	1. Buffalo 138	100 Backstroke:	Paige Liggett
2. Newcastle 25	Event Results:	6. Autumn Mills	200 IM:
200 Medley Relay: 2:38.27	3. Hannah Gross, Gracie Emmitt, Emily Beastrom, Madi Townsend	100 Breast Stroke	9. Madi Townsend 2:50.09
200 Free:	5. Paige Liggett 3:37.43	2. Hannah Gross 1:20.68	50 Free
200 IM:	3. Autumn Mills 3:09.37	3AQ	28. Autumn Mills 32.35
50 Free	4. Madi Townsend 30.09	6. Madi Townsend 1:37	40. Gracie Emmitt 37.35
6. Emily Beastrom 33.28	8. Abbey Lacey 39.86	7. Paige Liggett 1:54.38	100 Butterfly
100 Butterfly	1. Hannah Gross 1:10.12	400 Free Relay: 6:00.01	18. Emily Beastrom 1:52.09
1. Hannah Gross 1:10.12	4AQ	4. Autumn Mills, Madi Townsend, Paige Liggett, Emily Beastrom	100 Free:
2. Douglas 175	7. Riverlins 133	2. Hannah Gross 56.33 4AQ	31. Paige Liggett 1:35.64
3. Gracie Emmitt 1:35.20	8. Newcastle 109	200 Free Relay: 2:27.47	13. Autumn Mills, Gracie Emmitt, Emily Beastrom, Abbey Lacey
4. Abbey Lacey 1:46.38	9. Rawlins 98	100 Backstroke:	1. Hannah Gross 1:03.66
200 Free Relay: 2:23.68	15. Autumn Mills, Hannah Gross, Gracie Emmitt, Paige Liggett	12. Madi Townsend 1:17.01	100 Breast Stroke
3. Emily Beastrom, Hannah Gross, Gracie Emmitt, Paige Liggett		27. Paige Liggett 1:49.43	28. Emily Beastrom 1:49.45
		8. Newcastle 109	32. Gracie Emmitt 2:15.44
		200 Medley Relay: 2:43.72	400 Free Relay: 5:10.03
		15. Autumn Mills, Hannah Gross, Emily Beastrom,	15. Madi Townsend, Hannah Gross, Gracie Emmitt, Paige Liggett

day, and because everyone was tired the team retired to their hotel for a good night’s sleep in order to be ready for their next competition.

“It was a very different environment from one day to the next, because we went from only two teams to nine,” Scribner explained. “The girls were able to get into the meet a little bit better on Saturday, and their swims were better. They were racing and competing, but they were still a little tired.”

On Saturday, Hannah Gross punched her final ticket to the State Meet as she swam the breaststroke for the first time this season and qualified in 3A time.

Relays were going to be the focus this week. However, due to the absence of Henkle and Jeppesen, Scribner’s plan was foiled. As such, he reverted back to the practice of having swimmers compete in the event of their choice and one in which they wished to improve.

Despite having only seven members of the team vying for

finishes, the ladies were able to get the better of Rawlins, a team of 13, at the invitational.

The Lady Dogies go to Douglas for their invitational this Saturday, and Scribner expects to have his squad back to full capacity. Traditionally, Douglas has been a tired week where it’s difficult to get the girls focused. It’s an early morning leave time on Saturday morning and to compound that, it is Homecoming.

“Typically we swim pretty well in Worland, so I’m not sure what to expect this weekend. All I know is that we will get in the water and swimming will take place,” Scribner laughed. “It was Douglas where the idea of letting the girls swim an IM in the 400 Free relay came from because I had a couple of girls who were just struggling to get into the meet. I dangled that carrot in front of them to get them to compete hard in their events leading up to it and that gave them something to look forward to, so I may have to do that again this week.”



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In 2013, the Newcastle High School Hall of Fame was created with the induction of its first seven members. The Hall was the brain-child of 2018 inductee Debb Proctor and her late-husband, Marv, who encouraged the creation of the Hall of Fame to honor former NHS students who made significant contributions to society following their high school graduation. The Hall also honors non-NHS graduates who have contributed greatly to the schools and students of Weston County School District #1, and a year ago membership in the Hall of Fame was expanded to include “Legacy Families” that have carried on the Dogie Spirit through multiple generations. This year, 10 honorees will join the 31 members inducted in previous years.



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Marjorie “Marge” Rita (Rawhouser) Elliott

Nov. 29, 1920–May 19, 2017

The paths we walk in life and those who teach and shape us on our journey remain in our memories long after they have passed on.

Marge Elliott was born at home on the Canyon Springs Prairie, Four Corners, Wyo. She had four siblings and they attended country school on the prairie. To attend Newcastle High School in town, Marge worked for her room and board for her Aunt

Gertrude and Uncle Lee Bettis. She graduated from NHS in 1938. Marge attended Black Hills Teachers College for one year and obtained her teaching certificate.

Marge’s lifelong passion was teaching, and the next 44 years of her life were spent doing what she loved — being a teacher. Her first teaching assignment was at the Boyd Country School on the prairie where she earned \$70 a month teaching eight months for District No. 5. After five years of teaching rural school she taught in town at the “school on the hill.”

Marge married Eugene Elliott at age 24, on Jan. 1, 1944, and they were married for 54 years until Gene’s passing in 1997. The couple had three children, Terry, Judy, and Kim. Marge also had a special bond with her niece, Becky, and considered her another daughter.

Marge’s next teaching assignment was at Gertrude Burns Elementary in Newcastle. In 1962, she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from BHTC by attending summer school and also through extension and night classes.

Marge spent many summers tutoring and helping students, who needed some extra time grasping concepts, achieve success. Her reward system of banana split parties became a hit, and each summer class numbers grew larger, triggering banana split mania.

The majority of Marge’s teaching career was spent teaching fourth grade side by side with her longtime neighbor and friend, Inez (Elliott) Tysdal. The two teachers both considered the time period during which they taught as the era of the “Golden Age of Teaching,” noting it to be a time when the basics were stressed, children were expected to mind, and parents supported teachers. They shared ideas and helped one another achieve success in their profession, thus shaping many young lives. They loved teaching and both said they couldn’t have



had a better job. The duo taught multiple generations of families, and Marge taught three generations of the Dale Cool family.

When retirement came, Marge and Inez found a way to continue supporting education. As part of a retired group of school personnel who met regularly, they began discussing how to generate funds to offer college scholarships for local students interested in the field of education. At their Christmas 1990 gathering in Marge’s home, the idea was born to gather stories from the county’s pioneers, including those with memories of the cyclone that went through Canyon Springs Prairie on July 8, 1922. They would preserve history and bind them into booklets to sell, using the interest from the funds to provide scholarships. Marge and Inez were instrumental in seeing this idea to fruition. Marge did most of the interviewing while Inez put the stories into her computer. The authors of the stories were given a chance to proof them before publication for accuracy. Some members of the group were skeptical the books would sell, so Marge paid \$500 to have the first book published. From 1991–1998, four books titled “Fading Memories Afterglow” were published, and two more titled “Early Day Memories” and “Ride a Wagon to the Moon” followed. The books were priced from \$4 to \$9.

According to an April 2, 1998, News Letter Journal article, Inez recalled that some of the books had to be reprinted, with more than 800 copies of each sold. The first scholarship was \$500, and it was raised to \$700 the next year, and eventually the award given was upped to \$1,000, awarded to either an Upton or Newcastle graduate.

Prior to 2012, the group turned the proceeds from the book series, around \$21,000, over to the Weston County School District No. 1 Education Endowment fund for management for continued scholarships. During the 2012 interview Marge and Inez swapped stories from former students they bumped into who fondly recalled their classroom and teaching days.

Marge was dedicated to education and encouraged many young people, as well as her own family, to pursue higher education, and she was deeply proud of her children and grandchildren for achieving their degrees.

Marge continued to receive cards and letters from former students who credited her for influencing their lives, sharing how they became teachers as well, right up until the time of her death. She treasured each note, hanging them in her room at Mondell

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Induction Ceremony

Thursday, Sept. 27 • 6PM
Weston County Senior Center



Wyoming Refining Company is proud to have made a sizeable donation to finance the creation of the NHS Hall of Fame, and gladly continues to provide generous contributions to help ensure this new tradition will continue for many years to come.



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Heights. Marge's family also received notes after her passing. Former student Marty Ertman recalled her fourth-grade teacher, Mrs. Elliott, being a wonderful storyteller and even with the passing of 43 years she wrote that she could still hear her voice and see her expressions while reciting "Casey at Bat." Ertman wrote, "My highlight of the year (besides winning the spelling contest and getting a 'real' silver dollar as a prize) was Mrs. Elliott's rendition of 'Casey at Bat.'" She had it memorized and would recite it every chance she got. And we loved it. She was able to breathe so much life into each and every word. We would all sit at the edge of our seats as if we, too, were in the crowd anxiously awaiting the Mighty Casey. Her voice would crescendo to mimic the noise of the crowd and drop to a whisper to build the thrill of moment. With each recital, I just knew Casey would hit that dang ball out of the park. I am still waiting..."

Marge's memorial funds were designated by her family to the Retired School Personnel fund for future scholarship awards.

Inez and Marge were fortunate to live long lives and see how the small seed that the Retired School Personnel group planted more than 25 years ago has helped many college students achieve their dreams and still continues to do so. The lifelong passion and dedication to their profession, as well as their legacy and part in the "Fading Memories Afterglow" book series which continues to shape young minds with an interest in education, has earned both Inez and Marge a place in Weston County history, and induction into the Newcastle High School Hall of Fame.

Jerry Groner

Jerry was born in Sundance, Wyo., to Cecil and Violet Groner on May 14, 1940. He spent his life growing up in Newcastle, Wyo. He graduated from Newcastle High School in 1959. He spent a year in Idaho working in the saw mill owned by his uncle and cousins. His life was an adventure, working as a mechanic, truck driver, dispatcher, oil field and he started a golf repair on the side.

He married his high school sweetheart, Maxine McIntosh, on Nov. 26, 1960. They had two children, Gary Lee, and 12 years later a daughter, Shauna.

His spare time was refereeing basketball games and running the "down marker" at football games with his friend Gene Egge, now deceased.



His love for people and especially children were important to him.

He looked forward to the fifth grade Mallo Days, and was a counselor and night watchman. He made many friends, he loved playing pranks while at camp.

His friends and family are very important to him, he loves his five grandchildren, Bailey, Spencer, Ryleigh, Kelby and Karissa and blessed with two great grandchildren, Declynn and Lachlan.



Don Jording & The Jording Family

Don Jording has spent the last 48 years of his life in Newcastle, Wyo. He became vice president at First State Bank Newcastle April 1, 1970, and retired at age 77 from banking in 2005. From his family there have been five Newcastle High School graduates and two Weston County School District #1 teachers. Six members of Don's family graduated from the University of Wyoming, leading to his and Betty's participation in attending UW sporting events, starting from the time their children were in college until the present. Both Don and Betty had a strong commitment to the community through banking, education, and their family.

Don was born June 7, 1928, in Chapin, Ill. After graduating in 1950 with an agriculture degree from the University of Illinois, he married Betty Young in 1951. Their daughter, Beth, was born July 1952, and the family moved to Riverton, Wyo., in December 1952. Their son, Mike, was born in 1953, and the family moved to Wheatland, Wyo., in November of 1954 where Don worked for Farmers Home Administration and Betty taught at Wheatland High School. Don became vice president of Stock Growers Bank of Wheatland in 1966. Beth graduated from Wheatland High School in the spring of 1970 and attended the University of Wyoming. Following a 16-year career teaching in Wheatland, Betty started teaching at Newcastle High School in the fall of 1971. Mike graduated from Newcastle High School in 1972 and attended the University of Wyoming.

Mike Jording and family moved to Newcastle in the spring of 1989. Don and Betty enjoyed following their grandsons, Joe and Alex, through their NHS sporting and academic achievements. Joe graduated in 2002, his wife Larissa (Cooper) in 2003, Alex in 2005, and his wife Hanna (Jennings) in 2006. Don and Betty helped with their grandson's high school education, while

Mike's wife, Peggy, attained her teaching degree from Black Hills State University in Spearfish.

Don and Betty enjoyed traveling, and their highlights were entertaining each of their five grandchildren (Christy, Jami, Emily, Joe, and Alex) with cruises or special trips for high school graduation gifts. Don continues to love traveling with Beth and her husband Jim Meteere, as well as across Wyoming with Mike and Peggy.

After 46 years, Betty retired from teaching high school business classes and began a career of educating adults through Eastern Wyoming College. During her years in education, she established FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) in Wheatland and the state of Wyoming. Don supported her teaching career without question and continues to support Newcastle school groups in memory of Betty after she passed away in 2014.

Don enjoys time with his friends, having coffee, walking, golfing, playing bridge and tending his garden and sharing its produce.

Recently Don celebrated his 90th birthday, spending a week with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Keystone, Colo.

Debb Proctor

Had anyone told Debb Proctor that she would grow up to be an English teacher, she would have said they were crazy. As a high school student in Lead, South Dakota, Debb envisioned going off to school to become a psychiatrist and studying the mysteries of the mind. Instead, she found herself signing up for education courses at Black Hills State College where she graduated with a bachelor's of science degree in secondary education in 1974, where she'd spend the next several decades helping to build young minds.



Upon graduation, Debb returned to her hometown where she'd spend the next four years teaching at her former high school. At the advice of a mentor, she strayed from her roots to take a teaching job at a Crawford, Nebraska, high school, where she taught from 1979 to 1984, when she accepted the job in Newcastle.

Here she would go on to receive her master's in curriculum and instruction and would spend the next 34 years, until retiring last May.

In her long prestigious career, Debb has racked up a long list of accomplishments and awards, including Who's Who Among

Americas' Teachers (1989, 1994, 2000, 2009), District Excellence in Education (1993-1996) and Wyoming Lifelong Learning Association Outstanding Adult Educator in 2008, among many others.

She also helped put Newcastle High School's yearbook on the map with several awards, including Yearbook State Champions in 1993, 1994, 1996, 2003.

Along with her beloved former students, she enjoyed a long life with her late husband Marvin, with whom she raised four children, including Jennifer Heinen Steveson, Shannon Proctor, her adopted daughter Michelle Patik Sweet, and late son Mark Proctor.

In retirement, she's looking forward to spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and attending as many Newcastle sports games and activities as possible.



Lanny Reimer

Lanny Reimer was among the group of Newcastle kids that enjoyed kindergarten and grades 1-4 in the 'old school on the hill,' moved to Gertrude Burns for fifth grade, then the old junior high for seventh and eighth grades, and graduated from Newcastle High School in 1967. He enjoyed Boy Scouting activities and a work opportunity at the Newcastle Drug with the Kirkpatrick family and Don Porter during high school. He received invaluable inspiration from his mentors, Bill Fassbender and Willis Franz, M.D. during that time frame.

Interest in science and the healing arts guided studies of pharmacy at the University of Wyoming and medicine at the University of Colorado, followed by postgraduate residency training in Family Practice in Sacramento, Calif. He and Connie Voss were friends in high school and college and they ultimately married during their Laramie years.

Lanny wanted to be involved in all aspects of medicine with obstetrics including surgical obstetrics, so practice in a rural location was desirable. He and Connie also wanted to be near their families, so Weston County seemed like a good choice for a practice location. Lanny and Connie returned to Newcastle in 1979 and enjoyed introducing family centered maternity care and Lamaze childbirth education to the patients in the county, as well as establishing the Upton Medical Clinic. Working with Willis Franz for several years was a rewarding and educational experience for Lanny. He also enjoyed serving on the school and hospital boards with other devoted community leaders. Lanny has enjoyed the interaction

with his wonderful patients and their families and his excellent medical coworkers in Weston County now for 40 years.

Lanny and Connie's four children, Crystal, Christopher, Carol, and Michael, also graduated from Newcastle High School.

Genevieve Irene (Koski) Judd Roan

Sept. 28, 1914–Nov. 4, 2017

There are very few people who live to be 100. Gen Roan not only lived to be a centenarian, but actively contributed to her community, church and country for nearly all of those years.

Gen (Koski) Roan spent a lifetime caring for others in her profession as a nurse, however she was probably best known for her volunteer spirit and patriotic soul. Her life was centered on God, family and country, and that legacy continues on in the many lives she touched with her heart and hands in her 103-year life.

Gen was born Sept. 28, 1914, at home near Horton, Wyo. She was the third born child of seven siblings. The Koski family lived on a farm near Four Corners, Wyo., and Gen attended Rockwell school for one year. After their home burned down, the family lived with their grandparents for a short time before moving to Newcastle in March of 1921. Gen attended school and graduated from Newcastle High School in 1934. She worked in private homes from the seventh grade until she graduated. After graduation, she entered nurse's training at the St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Deadwood, S.D., graduating as a registered nurse in June 1937. Gen worked for six months as night supervisor at the Deadwood Hospital before moving to Wheatland, Wyo.

While nursing in Wheatland, she met Jarvis H. Judd, whom she married in Custer, S.D., on Aug. 16, 1938. To this union, five children were born. In 1946, tragedy struck the young family when Jarvis was killed in a motorcycle accident.

In June of 1947, Gen packed up her children ranging in age from 7 years to 18 months old and moved back to Newcastle. She worked in a privately owned hospital in Newcastle until the new hospital was completed in 1949. Gen married Ralph Roan on Feb. 16, 1950, and to this union, one son was born.

Gen continued to work in the nursing field until she retired in 1979. Gen and Ralph enjoyed retirement and gardening until he passed away in 1985.

Gen was instrumental in the planning of Newcastle's first All School Reunion when she took it upon herself to contact the earliest living graduates, which in 1980 were the classes of 1905 to 1934. Gen made many scrapbooks of past reunions and remained dedicated to the All School Reunion during her lifetime, serving as class representative for the 1930-1937 classes and even sent notices out for the last All School Reunion July 3-5, 2015.

Gen was dedicated to the activities and education of her children, and felt it was

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— Thank You, Dick & Bonnie Rich

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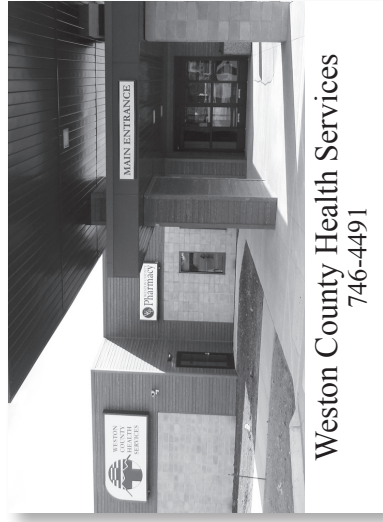
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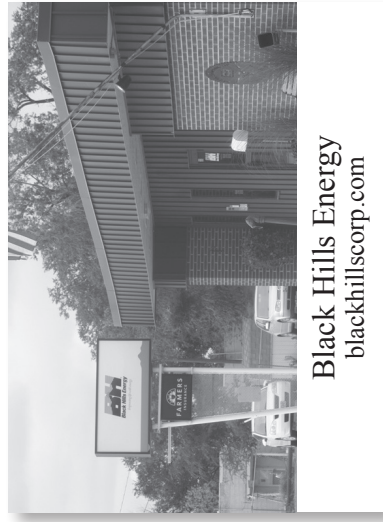


Standing from left to right: Kolby Pisciotto, Beau Gregory, Derek Lewis, Head Coach Matt Conzelman, #88 Jae Lee, #7 Aaron Fullerton, #10 Payton Parks, #42 Brandon Donner, #70 Leo Orban, #63 Dayton Williams, #60 Sawyer Roberson, #72 Kilian Gorman, #9 Conagher Testerman, #57 Breckin Berry, #54 Isiah Covey, #15 Keyan Mefford, #71 Kaden Curren, #61 Tanner Johnson, #80 Hayden Overman, Dave Christiansen, Mason Pisciotto, Makenzie Wagoner, Christopher Fullerton. Kneeling from left to right: #5 Aiden Chick, #14 Dayton McFarlin, #85 Garrett Locke, #33 Dylan Drost, #25 Nick Jingleski, #41 Isaac Prell, #75 Kale Corley, #21 Christian Santos, #20 Bradlyn Frye, #86 Kyle Haslam, #30 Erick Wolfe, #12 Slade Roberson, #1 Luca Brooks, #49 Hezekiah Phillips. Not pictured: #4 Chauncey Jenerou, #56 Braden Jenkins, #66 Skylar Jenkins. (Photo courtesy of Skull Creek Studio, Emily Harringer)

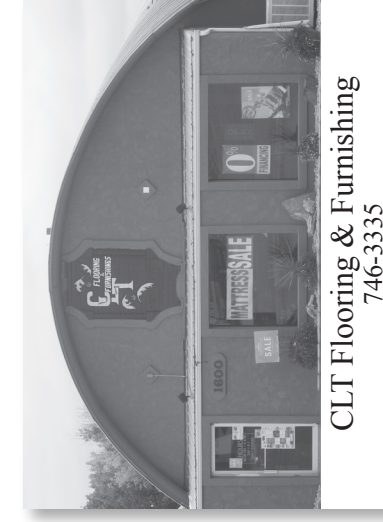
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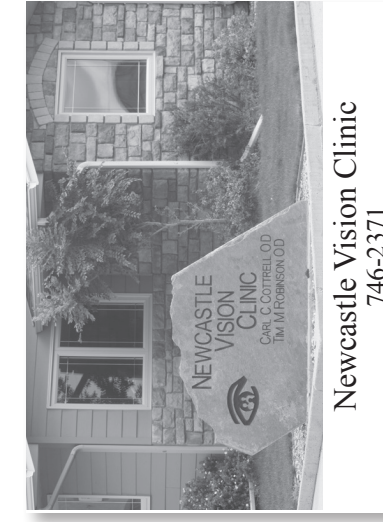
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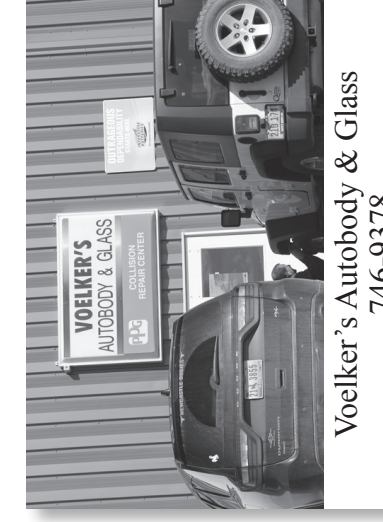
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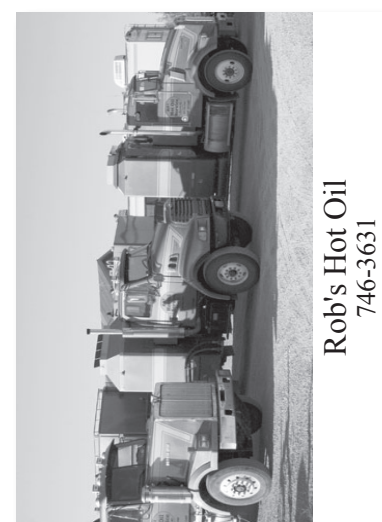
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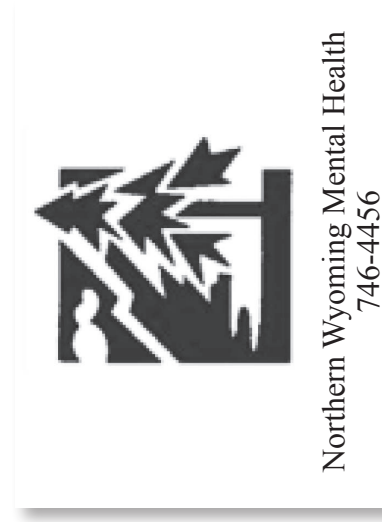
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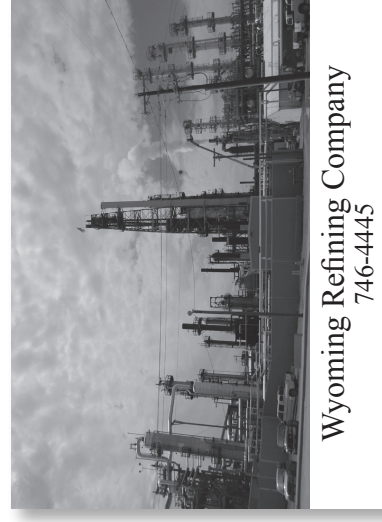
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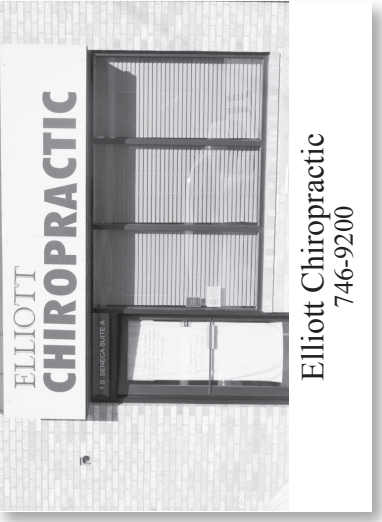
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Newcastle City Council Minutes

**NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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 Roger Hespe, Don Steveson, Michael Alexander, Steve Ladwig and Todd Quigley. Councilman Tom Voss was 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: Don Steveson moved, seconded Roger Hespe to approve the agenda as amended adding Dick and Bonnie Rich reference the car show, and Tasha Townsend reference the fall festival. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Steve Ladwig moved, seconded Michael Alexander, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, September 4, 2018 and the minutes of the Executive Session of Tuesday, September 4, 2018 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: none
CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: Mr. Andy McKay was presented to receive his recognition for the organization and efforts with the Newcastle Farmer's Market.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—IN WRITING: Don

Steveson moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to approve the transfer of \$70,000.00 from one Weston County Consensus Grant project to another, to provide a match for closure of the landfill in Osage. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—VERBAL:

1. Mr. Wes Birkley was present to discuss the Weston County Travel Commission. He handed out the bylaws and budget materials. After some discussion reference the advertising, revenue, and so forth, Mayor Piana asked what was expected from the City Council. Mr. Birkley invited the Mayor and Council to attend a meeting with the Travel Commission and others from the lodging industry to a meeting on September 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Newcastle Lodge meeting room. Mayor Piana acknowledged the invitation and then referred the matter to committee for review.

2. Mr. Stan Dixon, Commander of the local chapter of VFW and others were present to inform the Council of their recent reorganization. He indicated there were over 1300 members in the area and pledged to serve them and the community as a veteran's service organization. They had been suspended by the State VFW and were now reinstated with their reorganization. The Mayor and Council were invited to attend their events.

3. Jessica Bettorf, Community Recreation Director presented a report on recent activities such as the Back to School Safety Bash, local bike races, a women's self-defense course and other activities.

4. Bruce Perkins was present to request a catering permit for a benefit for James Bond and Tim Carr at the Weston County Senior Center on October 12, 2018. Roger Hespe moved, seconded Michael Alexander to approve this request. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Dick and Bonnie Rich were present to thank the City Council and City crew for the continued support of the annual car show at Dow Park.

6. Tasha Townsend and Martha Bickford were present to thank the Council for their support of the Fall Festival and the Madness on Main Street events. Both were reported as successful.

BID OPENING: as advertised at 7:15 p.m. for the sale of City Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 1 of the Washington Park Resubdivision. There was one (1) bid on behalf of Newcastle Motors Ltd. in the amount of One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$151,000.00) A bid bond was enclosed in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no cents. The bid met the minimum required amount. Roger Hespe

moved, seconded Don Steveson to accept the bid as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS: none
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

1. City Police Chief reported calls for service were down for the same period last year. Chief Owens reported both officers who were offered jobs had accepted, Officer Lehr to start October 1, 2018 and Officer Moran to start October 15, 2018. Both officers are certified, Officer Lehr in Wyoming and Officer Moran out of state. Chief Owens requested a conditional offer of employment to Deb Mills as a dispatcher, starting wage \$13.77 per hour, starting date October 1, 2018, one year probation and conditional on background check and psychological evaluation. Michael Alexander moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to approve this recommendation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. City Attorney Jim Peck presented Ordinance #4, Series 2018 on third and final reading. The heading reads: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DISTRICT ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Roger Hespe moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to pass Ordinance #4, Series 2018 on third and final reading. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James had received notification form Wyoming Community Gas about the annual distribution in the amount of \$4860.83. Identification of the project is due by December 31, 2108. Copies will be distributed to the Council.

4. City Engineer Mike Moore reported on four upcoming events; Home Coming parade on September 28 at 1:00 p.m., the reenactment of the Battle of Lightning Creek on October 27 at 2:45 p.m., the Trunk or Treat on October 31 at 4:30 p.m., and the Lighted Christmas Parade on November 24 at 5:45 p.m. Simon Contractors completed the additional paving on South summit. S&S Builders is working on the bike path section by the Hop and the school section inside the school fence. The crews are re-roofing the concession stand at the ball field and the matter of the second sign at the Newcastle Lodge is before the Planning & Zoning Board for review.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: none
NEW BUSINESS: none

Steve Ladwig moved, seconded Todd Quigley, to pay the claims against the City dated September 17, 2108. **MOTION CARRIED.** Roger Hespe moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to adjourn this meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 8:04 p.m. Meeting stands adjourned.

Claims: BCN Telecom, long distance, \$162.33; Black Hills Energy, electric service,

\$28.00; Black Hills Plumbing & Supply, install expansion tank, \$315.35; Bobcat of Gillette, parts, \$197.35; Cambria Supply, supplies/materials, \$1038.53; CNS Surety, notary and bond, \$100.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, bottled water, \$52.00; Deckers Food Center, housekeeping supplies, \$333.08; Derek's Field Service, machinery repair, \$6519.00; Eastern Wyoming Equipment Co., parts, \$2572.37; Emergency Apparatus Maintenance, FD pump tests, \$4304.00; Emergency Safety Supply, LLC, extrication gloves, \$136.03; Energy Laboratories, Inc., water sample testing, \$1069.00; Fired Up Rescue, uniform emblems, \$257.26; Fisher Sand & Gravel, base course, \$1105.51; Foremost Promotions, FD small footballs, \$570.17; Guy Fullerton, reimburse duplicate dog tag, \$18.00; Hillyard/Sioux Falls, PD housekeeping supplies, \$111.14; Jeffery Lush, PD interviewing, \$450.00; Mastercard, PD expenses, \$2489.37; Newcastle Police Dept., reimburse petty cash—postage, \$14.64; Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept., reimburse expenses, \$237.50; News Letter Journal, office supplies/legals/minutes, \$3060.74; NORCO, Inc., welding cylinder rental, \$25.26; North American Truck & Trailer, parts, \$312.57; Office Shop Leasing, office copier lease, \$71.45; One Call of Wyoming, August 2018 locates, \$45.00; James P. Owens, reimburse training mileage, \$194.02; Powder River Energy Corp., electric service, \$920.59; Rapid Delivery, Inc., parts delivery, \$15.24; Respond First Aid Systems, first aid supplies, \$52.82; Genell Rothleutner, PD cleaning, \$200.00; RT Communications, Inc., 12/ City share-phones, \$328.54; Shopko Stores Operating Co., LLC, PD housekeeping, \$94.49; Short Stop Fuel Mart, fuel purchases, \$9968.12; Simon Contracting, Stampede paving, \$197,197.96; Melissa Stubbs, reimburse training mileage, \$207.10; Tru-Green Chemlawn, FD lawn fertilizer, \$108.75; Two Way Radio Service, Inc., FD radio repair, \$291.00; Valli Information Systems, website maintenance, \$150.00; Becky Vodopich, office cleaning, \$360.50; Wade Regan Trucking, haul cardboard, \$2000.00; WEBT, employee life insurance, \$98.00; Weston County Treasurer, youth services expenses, \$870.36; Weston County Gazette, PD vehicle ads, \$403.00; Wireless Advanced Communications, PD video repair, \$208.00; Woody's Food Center, housekeeping supplies, \$41.59; Wyoming Dept. of Transportation, P6 citation, \$29.45; Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy, PD classes/training, \$600.00; Wyoming Water Quality, conference registration, \$340.00.

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

(Publish September 27, 2018)

Probate Notice

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JEAN M. PETERSON,
DECEASED.**
PROBATE NO. PR-8145

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 29th day of August, 2018, the estate of the above-named decedent was admitted to probate by the above-named court, and Diana Hazeekamp was appointed personal representative thereof.

Notice is further given, all persons indebted to the decedent or to her estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at HUGHES LAW OFFICE, P.O. Box 456, Sundance, WY 82729.

Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers in the office of the Clerk of Court, 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY 82701 on or before three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred. DATED this 6th day of September, 2018.

DIANA HAZEKAMP
Personal Representative

(Publish September 13, 20 and 27, 2018)

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Weston County Solid Waste Board is requesting proposals from Consulting Engineering Firms for the siting and design of a Landfill in Weston County Wyoming. Interested firms can get a copy of RFP at Weston County Solid Waste District, Box 158, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701 or contact them at 307-746-8094. RFP will be due by 5:00 PM DST October 17, 2018.

(Publish September 27 and October 4, 2018)

Utility Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE or Company) for authority to pass on to its electric customers an Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) increase of \$0.0001 per kilowatt hour (kWh), effective for service rendered on September 1, 2018. BHE states the proposed increase is primarily due to an increase in kWh sales and an increase in transmission related costs due to revised rates on the Common Use System. The Commission's approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing and further order of the Commission.

The average residential customer using approximately 713 kWh per month may expect a monthly gas bill increase of \$0.07, or 0.08%, excluding taxes. Actual bills will vary with usage.

The proposed rate increase results in a projected dollar-for-dollar increase in BHE's annual revenues of approximately \$16,755, using projected sales volumes. The increase does not change the Company's authorized rate of return.

BHE's Application is on file at the Commission's offices, located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming or at the Company's offices in Newcastle, Wyoming. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours or online at: <http://psc.state.wy.us/>.

Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before October 11, 2018. A proposed intervention or request for hearing must set forth the grounds under which they are made and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please mention Docket No. 20002-107-EP-18 (Record No. 15052) in your communications.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications-impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Dated: September 11, 2018.

(Publish September 20 and 27, 2018)

Blotter

September 16, 2018

Lost property reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Missing dog reported. Domestic problem reported. Shoplifting reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Suspicious activity reported. Traffic hazard reported. Commercial alarm reported.

September 17

VIN inspection reported. Extra patrol requested. Assist other agency. VIN inspection requested. Theft reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Traffic hazard reported. Missing dog reported. Ministerial assistance requested. Suspicious activity reported. Missing dog reported.

September 18

Suspicious activity reported. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. 911 misdial. Warrant arrest. Traffic complaint. Warrant arrest. Vandalism reported. Report of a dog at large. Arrest Warrant issued. Arrest Warrant issued. Noise complaint.

September 19

Suspicious activity reported. Juvenile problem reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Drunk driver reported. Parking complaint. Assist

other agency. Suspicious activity reported. Welfare check requested. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

September 20

Animal problem reported. Ministerial assistance requested. Welfare check requested. Phone scam reported. Minor accident reported. Citation issued. 911 hang up. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. VIN inspection requested. School bus red light runner reported.

September 21

Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

Assist other agency. Ministerial assistance requested. Drunk driver reported. Juvenile problem reported. Traffic hazard reported. Traffic stop, No action.

September 22

Open door discovered. Open door discovered. Message delivery requested. Open door discovered. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Motorist assist. Civil standby requested. Hit and Run accident reported. Report of a dog at large. 911 misdial. Suspicious activity reported. Suspicious activity reported.



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Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given: That default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage executed by Kristin L. Overman, in favor of the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, dated May 15, 1995, filed for record on May 16, 1995, in Book 214, of Photo Page 62, Document No. 596310, records of Weston County, Wyoming;

That pursuant to the provisions of said mortgage and the promissory notes and assumption agreement(s) (hereinafter the notes) secured thereby, the United States of America has declared and does hereby declare the entire debt secured by said mortgage due and payable;

That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof and that the premises secured by said mortgage and hereinafter described were and are used and occupied as one parcel;

That there is due and claimed to be due on the date of this notice upon the notes secured by said mortgage, including interest and all sub-divisions granted to the date hereof, the sum of \$46,701.86; and

That pursuant to the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the provisions of Wyoming Statutes 34-4-101, et seq., the said mortgage will be foreclosed and the lands described therein and as follows, to wit:

Lot Eleven (11) in Block One (1) of Black Hills View Addition to the City of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming, according to the recorded plat thereof.

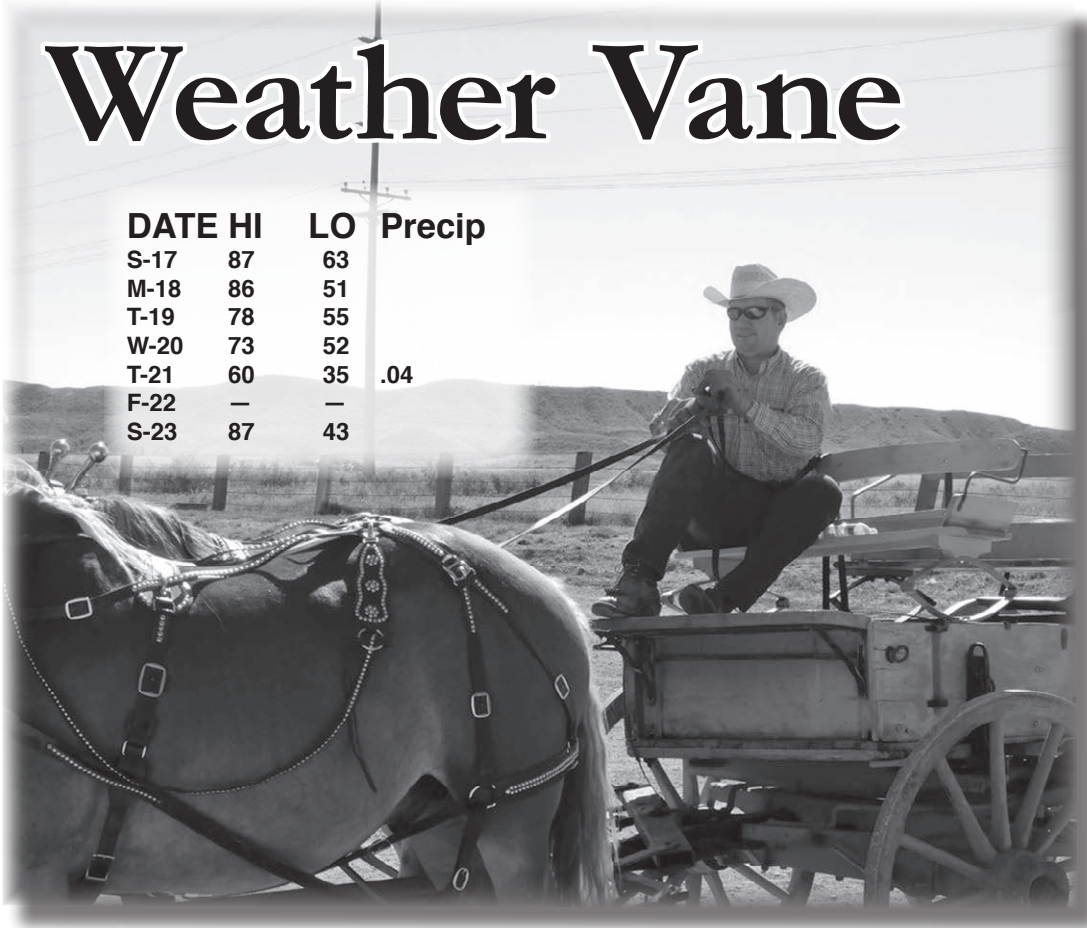
will be sold by the Sheriff of Weston County, Wyoming, at public auction, to the highest bidder on the 16th day of October, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the front door of the Weston County Courthouse in Newcastle, Wyoming, to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage, taxes on said premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law, subject to redemption as provided by law. The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale and any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid. Dated: August 22, 2018.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
By: Janice Blare,
Acting Housing Program Director
Rural Development
acting on behalf of the Rural Housing Service,
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office located at:
100 East B St., Room 1005
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Bid Notice

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

The Wyoming Department of Transportation will receive sealed bids in the Office of the Procurement Services Manager, 5300 Bishop Blvd., Building No. 6189, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82009-3340, until 11:00 A.M., Mountain Time on October 30, 2018, at which time they will be publicly opened and read for FURNISHING JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE AT THE NEWCASTLE OFFICE BUILDING. A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Inspection will be held at 11:00 A.M., Mountain Time on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at the Newcastle Office Building located 600 S. Seneca, Newcastle, Wyoming. Only bids received on Wyoming Department of Transportation bid forms will be considered. Bid forms and further information may be obtained, without charge, by going to <http://www.publicpurchase.com>, logging in and clicking on Bid No. 18-265AC. You must be registered with Public Purchase to log in and view bids. If you are not registered, click on the "free registration" button and follow the registration instructions. The registration process takes up to 24 hours, so signing up right away is recommended.

BY: HANS F. HEHR, CPPB
PROCUREMENT SERVICES MANAGER

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Election Notice

LEGAL NOTICE WESTON COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT

ELECTION PROCLAMATION

On November 6, 2018 the Weston County Natural Resource District will hold their supervisor election for the purpose of electing two (2) supervisor positions. There are one rural supervisor positions for four-year terms and one at-large supervisor position for four year term available. The polling location will be at the USDA Service Center Building at 1225 Washington Boulevard, Newcastle, Wyoming. The polling hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Absentee ballots are available at the District office and will be accepted until 3 p.m. on November 6th.

- Vote for no more than two (2) candidates
- Emily Hartinger
 - Greg Stumpff
 - Jerry Varner
 - Kara Lenardson
 - Tom Streeter
 - Tucker Hamilton
 - Write In _____

A meeting of the Weston County Natural Resource District will be held on November 6, 2018 for the purpose of canvassing the supervisor election results. The meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the USDA Service Center Building in Newcastle.

(Publish September 20 and 27, 2018)

Meeting Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Weston County Predator Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on October 8, 2018 at the Upton Community Center at 6:30 p.m.

(Publish September 27, 2018)

Deadline for Legals is noon on Friday

City Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 4, SERIES 2018

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DISTRICT ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Newcastle is the owner of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 1 of the Washington Park Resubdivision, Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming (the "Lots"); and WHEREAS, the Lots are zoned R-2 (Single and Two Family Residential District); and WHEREAS the City of Newcastle has determined that C-1 (General Commercial District) zoning would best provide for the sale and development of the Lots and not be incompatible with the zoning of other properties adjacent to the Lots; and

WHEREAS, after having published notice on July 26, 2018 in the Newcastle News Letter Journal, a newspaper of general circulation in Newcastle, Wyoming, the City of Newcastle held a public hearing to take public comment regarding changing the zoning of the Lots from R-2 to C-1; and

WHEREAS, at the aforementioned hearing no objections to said zone change were received either verbally or in writing; and

WHEREAS, the Newcastle Planning and Zoning Commission supports the aforementioned zone change; and

WHEREAS, the Governmental Body of the City of Newcastle finds that the aforementioned zone change is appropriate because such change: (i) will best provide for the sale and development of the Lots as permitted under Wyoming Statute Section 15-1-112; (ii) will not have a negative effect on adjoining properties; and (iii) is consistent with the overall intent and purpose of the City's zoning regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING, that:

Section 1: The zoning of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 1 of the Washington Park Resubdivision, Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming shall be, and hereby is, changed from R-2 (Single and Two Family Residential District) to C-1 (General Commercial District).

Section 2: The District Zoning Map of the City of Newcastle shall be altered and amended so that it reflects the zone change(s) provided for in this Ordinance.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall become effective after passage and upon publication as provided by law.

Passed on first reading: August 20, 2018
Passed on second reading: September 4, 2018

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on third reading this 17th day of September, 2018.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE:
Debra J. Piana, Mayor
ATTEST:
Gregory H. James, City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish September 27, 2018)

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE STAMPEDE STREET ASPHALT OVERLAY 2018 PROJECT AT NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

Notice is hereby given that work by Simon Contractors, PO Box 2469, Gillette, WY 82717, for the Stampede Street Asphalt Overlay 2018 project for the City of Newcastle has been accepted and the final settlement for payment is to be made per WS 16-6-116 in consideration of any outstanding financial obligations. Concerned parties may contact the City Engineer, City of Newcastle, 10 West Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701. Full amount due will be paid on Oct 31, 2018. The date of first Publication is September 20, 2018.

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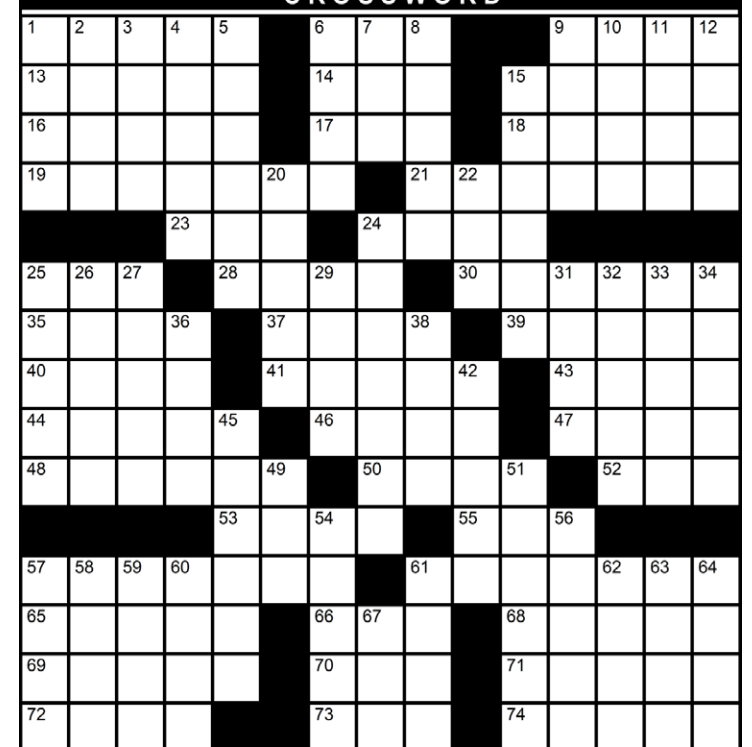
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19. *Carpool ____ with James Corden
21. *Fallon is on when?
23. Crime scene evidence
24. Sounds of amazement
25. Tokyo, once
28. Strong hold
30. *Host of "Good night, and good luck" fame
35. Roll call document
37. End of prayer
39. Bowl unsuitable for water
40. Shakespeare's king
41. Cocoyam, pl.
43. What egoist and egotist have in common, pl.
44. Encourage
46. Madam, to a cowboy
47. Pleasant gentle accent
48. Intellectual
50. Not us
52. Lusitania's last call
53. Sherlock Holmes' assignment
55. Waikiki garland
57. *Letterman's successor
61. Do like in "A River Runs Through It"
65. To a bartender: "The ____"
66. Argonaut's propeller
68. Empower
69. Of a particular gray shade
70. By way of
71. Theatrical characters
72. Displeasure display
73. Australian runner
74. Editor's "Let it stand" marks

54. *Appliance on Rachael Ray' Show set
56. "____ me, then who?"
57. Pointy part of a tooth
58. Nobel Peace Prize capital
59. Hula feast

60. Quilter's stuffing
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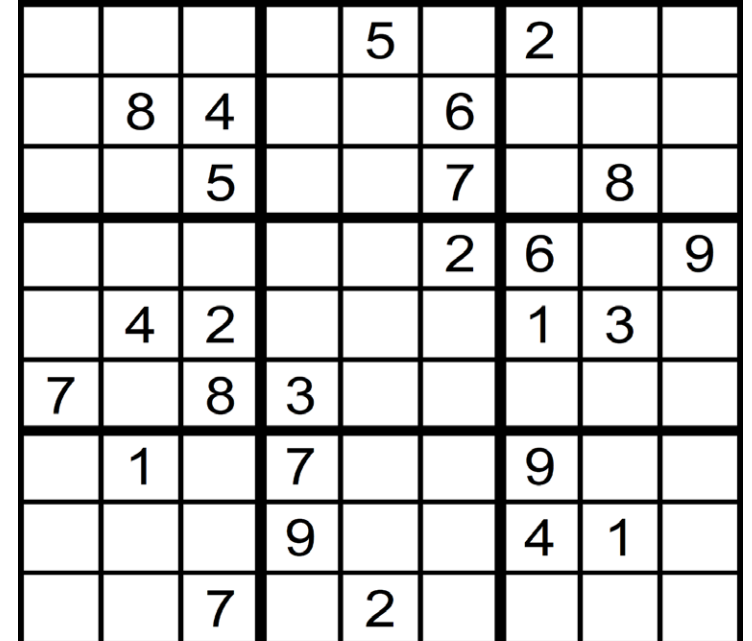
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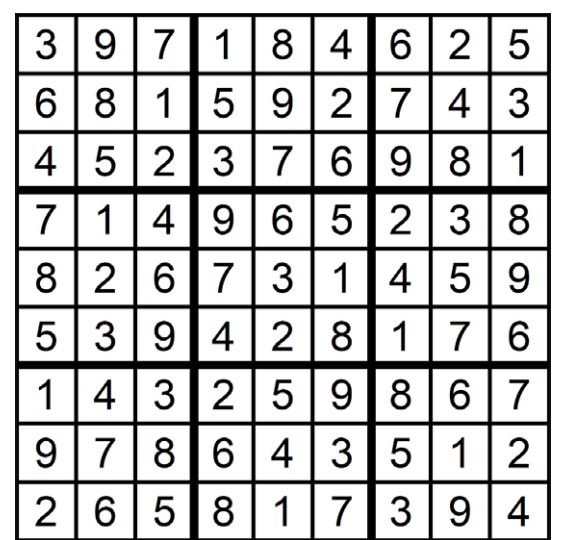
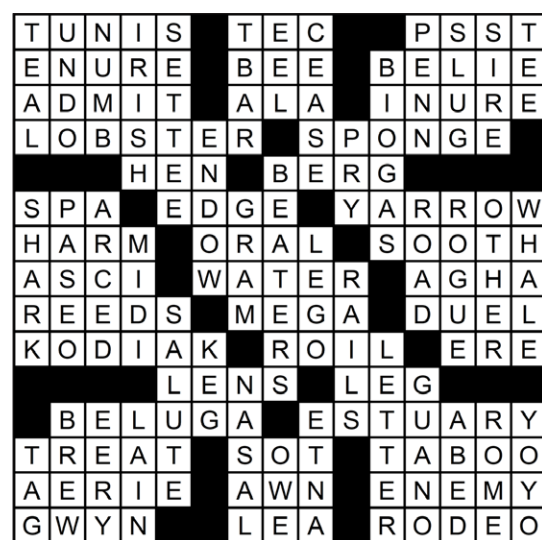
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Hall of Fame

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important to always be there for them.

She served as room mother, assistant Girl Scout leader and Cub Scout den mother. She also gave flag presentations at the local schools so children could learn proper flag etiquette, organized many of the patriotic essay contests for the VFW Auxiliary, distributed Buddy Poppies and also sent cards and packages to veterans. She was a 66-year member of the VFW Auxiliary, Post 2516. Her children dubbed her "Mrs. VFW."



Her commitment to community didn't end with the VFW, however. She belonged to Gateway Gals Homemakers, which became the Artful Gals; was a charter member of AARP Chapter 2488; took blood pressure at the senior center in Newcastle; delivered Meals on Wheels; she was instrumental in forming the senior citizens center; was a member of the Council of Catholic Women; a member of Newcastle Chamber of Commerce; member of Fancy Workers; and was Beta Sigma Phi Woman of the Year in 1982. Gen received multiple nominations for the News Letter Journal's Person of the Year. She was a keeper of history for many of these organizations, making numerous scrapbooks in her lifetime.

Gen was proud of her Catholic faith, and was very proud that in her pew every week sat five generations of her family. She had a generous and patriotic soul, and her love of God, family, and country were evident in every aspect of her life. Gen (Koski) Roan is inducted (posthumously) in the NHS Hall of Fame for truly giving of herself to her church parish, country and community for over a century.

Kelly and Louise Stith

Kelly and Louise Stith are the first married couple to be inducted into the NHS Hall of Fame. Kelly, Newcastle High School Class of 1973, was born in Des Moines, Iowa, to Clarence "Arkie" and Agnes "Aggie" Stith on April 4, 1955. The Stith family moved to Newcastle in the spring of 1965. Louise, Class of 1975, was born in Newcastle to Marvin and Anna Mae Paulson on April 20, 1957. In 1972 Kelly and Louise started dating. They were high school sweethearts and married Aug. 23, 1975.

After graduation, Kelly started working at Frank's Skelly, a full-service gas station, before moving on to Dave's Texaco station. After they married, he worked at the Tesoro refinery for a period. He then worked at the Osage Refinery, followed by employment at Updike Brothers in 1981 as a safety officer and parts serviceman. In August of 1984 Kelly left Updike Brothers and fully devoted himself to Black Hills Auto Salvage. While running the 24-hour emergency service, Kelly also served 25 years for the Newcastle Volunteer Fire



Department. During this time he also volunteered much of his time teaching Red Cross First Aid, CPR and defensive driving. In addition, he served 16 years for the local ambulance service and funeral home, and worked for Advanced Medical Systems out of Rapid City, S.D. In 1984, he founded Advanced Communications Systems and later partnered with Richard Klinker to form Advanced Communications Systems Inc., which was instrumental in bringing cellular services to Weston County. Kelly served on many boards during this time, including the Weston County Fire Protection District and the Hospice Board. After nearly 40 years of providing towing and roadside assistance for many of the auto clubs including AAA, Kelly "Mater" finally sold the towing service, but still operates Black Hills Auto Salvage.

During Louise's high school years, she worked at the Howdy Drive-in. In March of 1976 she became a teller at the First State Bank of Newcastle. She has worked in many departments and is currently vice president and cashier. On Oct. 1, 1999, Kelly and Louise purchased the Sage Motel and ran the family business until Nov. 1, 2016. In addition to their four children being employed at the motel, they employed a number of high school students, supporting each in their academic endeavors. Louise is part of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority and is on the Newcastle Housing Board. In her free time, Louise enjoys card-making and crafting.

When asked about their accomplishments, they said, "All of this pales in comparison to our biggest accomplishments: our kids." Heather, born Jan. 21, 1982, passed away April 29, 1992. Megan lives in Kent, Wash., and teaches physical education in Bellevue, Wash. James lives in Newcastle with his wife, Lexie, and is a high school science teacher. Trevor is a corrections officer in Englewood, Colo., and last, but not least, Sarah is a title clerk at CampCo Federal Credit Union in Gillette, Wyo., where she lives with her husband, Garrett.

Kelly and Louise have supported the school district through hard work and donations for many years. They plan to continue this custom for many years to come.

Inez Eloise (Elliott) Tysdal

I believe we are made up of bits and pieces of all those who have touched our lives; every instructor, every friend, had made his contribution. — Deborah J. Ward

Inez (Elliott) Tysdal has worn many hats in her 94-year life: daughter, sister, ranch wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend, neighbor, and coworker.

However, Inez is best known to the community for her teaching cap that she donned for nearly four decades.

Inez was born on March 25, 1924, in Newcastle, Wyo., to Robert and Ida Elliott, and joined an older sister, Betty. Inez was raised on the prairie north of Newcastle. She couldn't wait to join her sister at the Boyd country school, which she attended through the eighth grade.

Inez's mother had been a teacher and Inez developed an early love for the printed page from both her parents. One of her earliest memories included reading "Loki" at bedtime from her mother's Harvard Classics.

Inez found school very satisfying, and shared how the teacher was a highly respected individual. She graduated at age 17 from Newcastle High School in 1941 as valedictorian of her class. This earned her a scholarship to attend the University of Wyoming. She followed in her mother's footsteps becoming a teacher after attending the UW College of Education for one year. She taught school at Boyd and Clareton, and went to college at Laramie in the summers.

She married Lloyd Tysdal on July 23, 1946, at Broadus, Mont. After her marriage, Inez stayed home with her family for nine years. Lloyd and Inez had three

sons, Martin, Lauris, and Harold, and they continued to farm and ranch on the prairie near Four Corners.

Inez went back to teaching in 1954; she taught third grade in Newcastle for four years at the "school on the hill." In 1958, she moved to the Gertrude Burns School and began teaching first grade, where she recalled having more than 50 children in her class. The next year, she moved to fourth grade and taught alongside her long-time neighbor and friend, Marge (Rawhouser) Elliott, where both women would spend the rest of their lengthy teaching careers. Inez especially loved teaching fourth grade as the curriculum included Wyoming history.

In 1960, Inez received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wyoming with honors, and in 1967, she received her master's degree from UW.

Inez's teaching philosophy, as written by herself in 1980, included her belief that "the charge of teacher is awesome in its responsibility and trust, considering the importance of a child to his parents, to his community, and to his country. A highly successful school experience must stem from a three-way commitment: parent-child-teacher."

She noted that "proper expectations are crucial. To ask too much of a child leads to certain defeat and emotional upset, and to ask too little is pure waste of the child. Those who come to learn are not a group so much as individuals who become an important part of teachers' lives; for a year they are ours. We oversee more of a child's waking time than do his parents, and our influence is immense. We must know them quite personally, must provide for their needs and abilities individually, finding each child's optimum way of learning, his strengths, and his weaknesses."



As a teacher, Inez passed on her love for the printed page in her classroom on a daily basis. "It was as a fourth-grader that I grew to really enjoy reading. I still remember how we looked forward to the hour everyday right after lunch when she would read to the class. Books were exciting; learning was fun," wrote Deborah J. Ward, who was in her third year of medical school at Creighton University in 1980, to support her former teacher, Inez Tysdal, as Teacher of the Year.

Inez and Marge both considered the time period when they taught as the era of the "Golden Age of Teaching," noting it to be a time when the basics were stressed, children were expected to mind, and parents supported teachers. They shared ideas and helped one another achieve success in their profession, thus shaping many young lives. Both women loved teaching and said they couldn't have had a better job, with Inez posing the question of "What kind of a better job can you have than shaping a young child's future?" With such longevity in their careers, the duo taught multiple generations of families in Weston County.

Inez was honored as Teacher of the Year in 1980, and was also chosen as Beta Sigma Phi First Lady in 1994. The bonds of friendship formed over a lifetime of teaching

between students and teachers are lasting. "We who spent a year with Inez Tysdal are better because of it and would be less if we had missed it. What she has done with her life is important, for she has given a part of herself to each of the hundreds of children she has worked with. She has enriched our lives," concluded Deborah J. Ward in her 1980 nomination letter.

Inez also addressed this bond in the last sentence of her 1980 biographical sketch, "There is a great deal of satisfaction in leading a student to new excitement in literature or mathematics, and the bonds of friendship developed with students and co-workers cannot be matched."

When retirement came, Inez and Marge found a way to continue supporting education. As part of a retired group of school personnel who met regularly, they began discussing how the group could generate funds to offer scholarships for local students, wanting to enter the education field. At their Christmas 1990 gathering in Marge's home, the idea was born to gather stories from the county's pioneers, including those with memories of the cyclone that went through Canyon Springs Prairie on July 8, 1922. They would preserve history and bind them into booklets to sell and use the interest from the funds to provide scholarships. Marge and Inez were instrumental in seeing this idea to fruition. Marge did most of the interviewing while Inez put the stories into her computer. The authors of the stories were given a chance to proof them before publication for accuracy. The two women also verified dates by looking up newspaper accounts and occasionally researching courthouse records. Some members of the group were skeptical the books would sell, so Marge paid \$500 to have the first book published. From 1991-1998, four books titled "Fading Memories Afterglow" were published and two more titled "Early Day Memories" and "Ride a Wagon to the Moon" followed. The books were priced from \$4 to \$9.

According to an April 2, 1998, News Letter Journal article, Inez recalled that some of the books had to be reprinted and more than 800 copies of each were sold. The first scholarship was \$500, and it was raised to \$700 the next year and eventually the award given was upped to \$1,000, awarded to either an Upton or Newcastle graduate. Prior to 2012, the group turned the proceeds from the book series, around \$21,000, over to the Weston County School District No. 1 Education Endowment Fund for management for continued scholarships. During the 2012 interview, Inez and Marge shared stories from former students they would bump into who fondly recalled their classroom and teaching days.

Inez was dedicated to education and encouraged many young people as well as her own family members to pursue higher education, and being a UW graduate, she encouraged others to pursue degrees from her alma mater. She was a huge promoter of the University of Wyoming. Several of Inez's family members followed her footsteps into the teaching profession, cementing a four-generation family legacy of educators.

Inez and Marge were fortunate to live long lives and see how the small seed that the Retired School Personnel group planted more than 25 years ago has helped many college students achieve their dreams and still continues to do so. The lifelong passion and dedication to their profession as well as their legacy and part in the "Fading Memories Afterglow" book series which continues to shape young minds with an interest in education, has earned both Inez and Marge a place in Weston County history, and induction into the Newcastle High School Hall of Fame.

Thomas L. Whitley

Aug. 22, 1926– Dec. 3, 1993

Tom Whitley moved to Newcastle with



his family in 1940 where he entered the 8th grade. He was active in the Boy Scouts and sports throughout high school and was his class president all four years. He worked at the Newcastle Drug and other local businesses throughout his high school days. He graduated NHS in 1945, then went on to attend the University of Wyoming where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1949. In 1951, he graduated from the University of Wyoming College of Law.

Tom entered the United States Army and was on active duty from 1951 until 1954, serving much of that time at Fort Knox, Ky.

After returning to Newcastle, he continued to serve in the U.S. Army Reserve with the Judge Advocate General's office. Later, he served as a recruiter for the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He assisted several people from the area with their appointments there. He retired from the Army in 1986 at the rank of colonel.

Whitley entered the practice of law in Newcastle in 1954. He maintained his practice until his death in 1993. He served as Newcastle City Attorney for a period of time and as the Weston County Attorney for 23 years. He also acted as a magistrate in the local courts. Tom was honored by the Wyoming State Bar Association in 1991 with its "Community Service Pro Bono" award for his continual service to his community and its citizens in need.

Tom was a leader in the community. He was past president of the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce, Newcastle Lions Club, and the Newcastle Country Club. He served on the Weston County Memorial Hospital and Manor Board as well and was past chairman of the Weston County Republican Central Committee. He was an advocate for the arts and served on the board of directors of the Black Hills Playhouse. He served as an advisor and leader to the First United Methodist Church, local youth groups, the high school speech and debate teams and the Boy Scouts.

He was instrumental in planning for the Newcastle Centennial celebration and in creating and planning for the first Newcastle All School Reunion. He worked with the reunion board to ensure that money made from the event would be preserved in a scholarship fund for local students. This fund is still providing financial resources to graduates of Newcastle High School today. He continued to serve on the All School Reunion Committee until his death. Through his law practice, he encouraged his clients to remember the area's students in their wills. Several of these scholarships will benefit local students for years to come.

Tom loved the outdoors and enjoyed hiking with his kids and the many dogs he had over the years. He was also an avid sports fan and rarely missed listening to the University of Wyoming football games on the radio. His life-long love and support for Newcastle has benefitted the community in many ways. He continues to serve as an inspiration to many; especially to those who are willing to help others.

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