

# News Letter Journal

Weston County

November 15, 2018

Newcastle, Wyoming

Year 132 Week 46

## Tax passes by slim margin

Alexis Barker  
NLJ Reporter

Weston County voters narrowly approved the 1 percent optional sales tax during the Nov. 6 general election.

A total of 1,490 voters approved the tax, while 1,160 voters declined to support it. The optional tax provides funding for both Weston County and the city of Newcastle and for various organizations that are seen as pro-

viding support services to residents.

“Without the money provided by the 1 percent option tax, we would not be able to provide funding at all to the service organizations that seem to rely on some level of support from the

city,” said Greg James, city clerk/treasurer. “We just couldn’t take that kind of hit to the general fund and maintain the current level of services.”

James said that the \$476,250.91 generated for fiscal year 2018, which

ended June 30, goes toward service organizations in the city. These entities include the Weston County Senior Center, the Weston County

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## To the moon and back

■ Newcastle Lego robotics team explores space

Jen Kocher  
NLJ Correspondent

Tucked away in the Outback in a room off the hall at Newcastle Middle School, 16-year-old Chase Loeb and his Lego robotics team members are quietly tackling problems in space.

Attaching the arm is the hardest part, Loeb explained, as he leaned over the square robot that looked a lot like a souped-up tank with big wheels and a sturdy square front. As the longest-serving member of the Newcastle Lego Robotics Club, Loeb is considered a peer leader, a role he takes seriously.

He and fellow team member Cody Qualheim confer and then try a couple different combinations that they decide aren’t going to work – it’s going to take a bit more configuring before they can build an arm that both carries and lifts. The clock is ticking.

In less than 30 days, the Newcastle Space Invaders will leave for the annual FIRST Lego League Robotics Competition in Casper on Nov. 30. That’s their deadline. Before that date, they have to program a workable robot that can tackle a host of missions, including angling solar panels, printing a 3-D brick and carrying an astronaut safely to the airlock chamber so he can once again breathe.

All 64 teams from across the state face the same

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Freshman Duncan Cox assembles one of the mission stations as the Newcastle middle and high-school Lego Robotics Team “Space Invaders” prepares for their upcoming Lego First competition in Casper later this month. (Photo by Jen Kocher)

## It’s bell time

KateLynn Slaamot  
NLJ Correspondent

While handbell choirs may not be common, Newcastle’s adult choir has been going strong for over 16 years, and it currently has 11 established members.

For those unfamiliar with handbells, a handbell choir’s goal is to produce distinguishable music through the bells. Choirs use sheet music arranged specifically for the instrument, and each member rings his or her bells when the notes correlating with the bells appear in the composition.

Handbells were introduced in America by Margaret Shurcliff in 1902. Shurcliff, from Boston, coordinated the Beacon Hill Ringers in 1923, and many groups sprang up in the following years in the north-west area of the United States. In 1937, the New England Guild of Hand bell Ringers was organized, and multiple choirs were organized throughout the states during the 1950s and 1960s.

The idea to start one of these rare groups in Newcastle was first conceived by Ruby Mullendore, who dreamed of organizing a handbell choir here, according to Elaine Wilcomb, who’s been a member from the beginning. The group began to raise funds in 2001, asking individuals and businesses to purchase or contribute to the purchasing of a bell in memory of a loved one. The name of the loved one is engraved on the inside of the handle of the bells.

Cheri O’Hagan, a former Newcastle resident, directed the choir at the beginning, and the group started out practicing in the latter part of 2001 with bell-shaped cutouts before receiving a donation of three octaves – 13

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## Barrasso stops in Newcastle

Bob Bonnar  
NLJ Editor

Fresh off a convincing victory over his Democratic challenger in last week’s general election, Wyoming Sen. John Barrasso stopped in Newcastle for a Republican fundraiser on Saturday as part of a tour that saw him make appearances in more than a half dozen communities across the sprawling state in just a handful of days.

During a 15-minute address broken frequently by applause, Wyoming’s junior senator, who holds the

position of Republican Policy Committee chairman and is the fourth-ranking Republican in the Senate, provided encouragement to local party members who were disappointed that Democrats had taken control of the House of Representatives on Tuesday evening. He indicated that continued Republican control of the U.S. Senate protects one of the most important advantages conservatives hold in Washington, D.C.

“We’ve grown our numbers in the Senate,” Barrasso said. “We are going to work to continue to nominate and confirm conservative judges who will be on the court for a long time.”

He said Senate Republicans are committed to confirming the appointment of judges who “apply the law” instead of “legislating from the bench,” and indicated that the party’s dedication to only confirming these types of judges to lifetime appointments will “make consequential differences for the nation for decades.”

Barrasso indicated that Republicans in the Senate recognized the importance the power of confirmation gave them at the end of former President Barack Obama’s term.

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## Spinning sleepless nights into writing career

Jen Kocher  
NLJ Correspondent

A few years ago, Judy King was sitting around a table with a group of fellow authors at her publisher’s office in New York. The conversation revolved around their books and why they wrote and self-published. The reasons were varied – fame, money and the need to share their experiences. When it came to King’s turn, her answer was firm and resolute: It’s a good book and she wants everyone to read it.

King’s response was just as ironclad on Friday as she

set up her table at the Weston County Library. Piles of her new book, “Yellow Star and the Yellowstone,” were neatly splayed in rows beside her first book, “Yellow Star,” which prompted the sequel that she was at the library to sign. She and her daughter Deb Patterson conferred over the arrangement on the table and both agreed that they love the cover of the new book and its bright, fiery fall golds and oranges.

“The colors just reach right out and slap you in the face,” King said. “You don’t stand a chance of just walking by.”

As if on cue, a friend

approached the table and expressed her surprise that King was a writer. She had no idea her friend was holed up at home, busily scribing away.

“That’s my life,” King said, laughing as she threw up her hands in a what-can-you-do gesture.

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Judy King signs copies of her new book signing for “Yellow Star and the Yellowstone” on Nov. 2 at the Weston County Library. (Photo by Pam Penfield)



WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday  
Sunny  
Hi 49, Lo 28



Friday  
PM Showers  
Hi 42, Lo 17



Saturday  
AM Snow  
Hi 25, Lo 12



Sunday  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 35, Lo 20



Monday  
Sunny  
Hi 39, Lo 21



Tuesday  
Sunny  
Hi 42, Lo 22

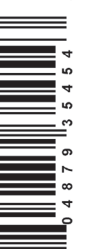


Wednesday  
Sunny  
Hi 40, Lo 24



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Sen. John Barrasso holds up a Challenge Coin featuring the UW bucking horse logo prior to handing them out to the veterans who attended the Republican Party fundraiser held at the Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center on Saturday. Barrasso said the coins have proven popular with veterans, and that a number of them have shared that they continue to carry it long after he has presented them with one. (Photo by Bob Bonnar/NLJ)

## Barrasso

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“Once we took the majority [in the Senate] the last two years of Obama’s term, when an opening occurred we would just keep that opening open, planning on a Republican becoming president,” he confirmed.

That strategy paid off, as the Republican-controlled Senate has confirmed a significant number of conservative judges appointed by President Donald Trump, beginning with Neil Gorsuch, who was nominated by Trump shortly after taking office to replace Justice Antonin Scalia, who had died almost a year earlier.

“The Republicans stood resolute in saying we will not fill that slot. That’s a slot for the American people to fill,” Barrasso said, indicating that he and fellow Senate Republicans believed it was important for the voters to be heard in the process to fill a lifetime seat on the Supreme Court by allowing them to select the President who would appoint the judge.

As a result, that justice ended up being Gorsuch, a man with Wyoming connections whose grandfather was once the proprietor of the renowned Wolf Hotel in Saratoga.

Senate Republicans celebrated another victory with President Trump when they voted to approve Brett Kavanaugh to replace Justice Anthony Kennedy last month. The confirmation came at the end of a contentious battle that centered on sexual assault allegations against Kavanaugh from his teenage years. The allegations only surfaced after he was nominated for a spot on the Supreme Court more than 30 years later.

Barrasso saluted Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, who cast the deciding vote in that confirmation, for taking a stand against “mob rule,” and indicated he voted to confirm only after reading all of the FBI reports that had been compiled regarding the allegations, and finding no “correlating evidence” in them.

“We believe in the presumption of innocence,” he said, noting that the fiery battle over

the confirmation should serve as a reminder that “when passion is most enflamed, fairness is the most in jeopardy.”

While judicial appointments have dominated the headlines recently, Barrasso said that maintaining Republican control of the Senate was also important from the perspective of that body’s responsibility to confirm appointments to the President’s cabinet. A number of vacancies already exist, and there are indications that more spots could be opening up in the wake of the mid-term elections.

“It’s hard to know what the President is going to do about all of those things,” Barrasso stated.

While those confirmations will likely create headline-grabbing battles in the Senate in the weeks to come, Barrasso expressed confidence in the ability to produce results for American people with a divided Congress. He predicted that meaningful legislation could be presented for President Trump’s signature through a Republican-controlled Senate and Democrat-controlled House of Representatives.

The Wyoming senator, who chairs the Senate’s Environment and Public Works Committee, pointed to America’s Water Infrastructure Act, which was signed into law by President Trump last month, as an indication that bi-partisan work is still accomplished in Washington, D.C., despite reports to the contrary.

“The thing you don’t get to see if you watch national TV is a lot of the good work we are doing,” Barrasso said. The truly bi-partisan Water Infrastructure Act passed a unanimous voice vote in the House, and sailed through the Senate on a 99-1 vote, and the senator reported that Wyoming will enjoy significant benefits from the legislation.

“There’s 15 projects in there that are important for Wyoming,” Barrasso said.

He also applauded bi-partisan work that produced the FAA reauthorization,

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— Sen. John Barrasso

eliminated the “pharmacist gag rule” so healthcare consumers can determine the lowest cost prescriptions available, and he tipped his hat to Wyoming’s other senator, Mike Enzi, for his work to approve Perkins grant money for career/technical education.

“There’s a lot that is being done,” he said of bi-partisan efforts in Congress, noting that both parties are working to finish the Farm bill and combat the opioid crisis in America as well.

“If it’s good for Wyoming, I’ll work with anybody. If it’s not good for Wyoming, I’ll fight with anybody,” Barrasso pronounced.

While the senator believes the two parties will find consensus and move forward on some of the challenges facing the country in the next two years, he renewed his pledge to continue the effort Republicans launched after President Trump was elected two years ago.

“We knew what we needed to do. Cut taxes, get rid of some burdensome regulations and unleash some energy,” he said to a round of applause from the Wyoming conservatives who gathered in the large meeting room at The Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center on Saturday night. He promised to continue to carry their message to the nation’s capitol even though the balance of power has tilted a bit in the wake of the mid-term elections.

“My word to Washington is just leave us alone,” Barrasso professed. “Our air, our water, our guns, our lives, just leave us alone.”

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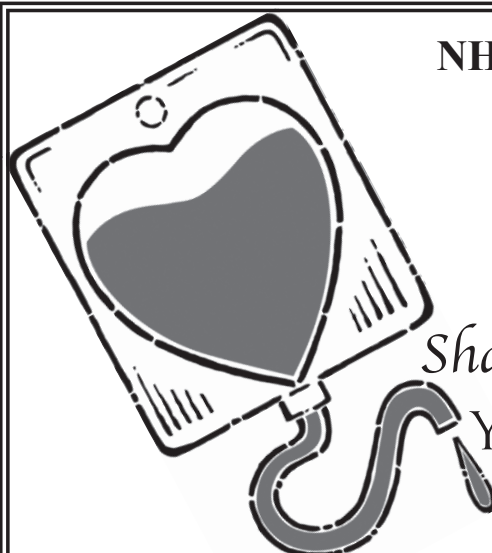
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### CLARIFICATION

The quote from the story that appeared on Page 1 of the News Letter Journal, “The case for chickens,” on Nov. 8, 2018, was mistakenly attributed to City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James in his official capacity. Mr. James, in fact, made it clear to the *News Letter Journal* that he was expressing his opinion on the matter as a private citizen, and the quote displayed on the front page should not have indicated in any way that he was speaking as an administrator of the City of Newcastle. We regret the error.

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### Day for vets


Jack Eslinger (from left) and his wife Sharon enjoy the camaraderie of friends Sherry Streeter (back to camera) and Barb and Doug Yeager (right) at the Veterans Day celebration last Sunday. See more photos on Page 11.



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## WHAT'S UP

### November 2018

#### Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

|                 | TIME       | EVENT   | LOCATION                      |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>Thurs 15</b> | 4:00 p.m.  | Nicholas Trandahl Poetry Reading and Book Signing | WC Library                    |
|                 | 4:00 p.m.  | Open House  | Treasured Floral & Gifts      |
|                 | 5:00 p.m.  | Real Estate Roundtable                            | Team Properties               |
|                 | 6:00 p.m.  | WCHS Board Meeting                                | WC Health Services            |
|                 | 7:00 p.m.  | AA Meeting  | WC Senior Center Family Room  |
| <b>Fri 16</b>   | 7:30 p.m.  | Masons #13  | Masonic Lodge                 |
|                 | 9:00 a.m.  | Cinnamon Roll Friday                              | WC Senior Center              |
|                 | 10:00 a.m. | Open House  | Treasured Floral & Gifts      |
|                 | 7:00 p.m.  | Dance (Music by Western Ramblers)                 | WC Senior Center              |
| <b>Sat 17</b>   | 8:00 p.m.  | The Stacy Block Band                              | The Fountain Inn              |
|                 | 9:00 a.m.  | Christmas in Wyoming Holiday Bazaar               | First United Methodist Church |
|                 | 10:00 a.m. | Open House  | Treasured Floral & Gifts      |
| <b>Mon 19</b>   | 5:30 p.m.  | Bingo   | VFW Hall                      |
|                 | 7:00 a.m.  | United Fund Pie Auction                           | WC Senior Center              |
|                 | 6:00 p.m.  | WCCC Board Meeting                                | WCCC Conference Room          |
|                 | 7:00 p.m.  | AA Meeting  | WC Senior Center Family Room  |
| <b>Tues 20</b>  | 7:00 p.m.  | City Council Meeting                              | City Council Chambers         |
|                 | 9:00 a.m.  | WC Commissioners                                  | Courthouse Annex              |
|                 | 12:00 p.m. | WC CowBelles                                      | TBA                           |
|                 | 5:15 p.m.  | WC Friends of Fair                                | WC Fairgrounds Events Center  |
| <b>Wed 21</b>   | 6:00 p.m.  | American Legion Riders                            | American Legion Post #3       |
|                 | 9:00 a.m.  | Senior Citizens Services Board Meeting            | WC Senior Center              |
|                 | 12:00 p.m. | Lions Club Meeting                                | WC Senior Center              |
|                 | 1:00 p.m.  | Creative Handicraft Group                         | WC Senior Center              |
| <b>Thurs 22</b> | 1:30 p.m.  | Weed & Pest Board Meeting                         | WC Weed & Pest                |
|                 | 11:45 a.m. | WCHS Foundation Meeting                           | WCHS                          |
|                 | 7:00 p.m.  | AA Meeting  | WC Senior Center Family Room  |

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For a complete listing of events, for more information on these events, or to list your own event, visit the Chamber website at [newcastlewyo.com](http://newcastlewyo.com)

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Nov 16**  
Edward & Tammra Cleverdon  
Floyd Cool
- Nov 17**  
Barry Peterson
- Nov 18**  
Kaylee Johnson  
Kim Olson
- Nov 21**  
Sheldon & Loretta Murphy  
Gabe McCoy

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### Daily Devotional Reading

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| November 15<br>Isaiah 25:1-9    | November 19<br>Psalm 71                              |
| November 16<br>Isaiah 42:1-17   | November 20<br>Psalm 75                              |
| November 17<br>Jeremiah 10:1-16 | November 21<br>Psalm 135                             |
| November 18<br>Psalm 50         | Scriptures Selected by the<br>American Bible Society |

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

- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Brenda Torrie, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen. Evangelical Free Church meets at the Weston County Senior Services; Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship 11 am. Call 949-0869.
- **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting. Sunday Public Talk 10:00 am; Watchtower 11:00 am.
- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10:00 am; Wed. Night Prayer.
- **OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship 11:00 am and 6:00 pm.
- **OUR SAVIOR CHURCH:** Pastors Doug and Frezil Westerland, Weston County Fairgrounds. Service Sundays 9:30 am. 605-515-3058.
- **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST:** Pastor Chuck Gadoway 303-229-3103, 78 Old Hwy 85 and Pastoral Assistant Matt Dooley 949-0831. Saturday Sabbath School 9:30 am; Worship 11:00 am.
- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Tim Martinson, Upton. Sunday Mass 11:30 am.
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Sharee Johnson, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Bible Study and Sunday School 9:00 am; Worship 10:00 am; Fellowship 11:00 am; Last Sunday of August no church in Upton; Worship at 11:00 am at Rev. Johnson's home in Custer.
- **VICTORY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH:** Rev. Theodore L. Halls, 414 Pine, 746-4366.

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# Recapture

## A PIECE OF HISTORY

### November 18, 1993

Recent accidents, including one which cost a life, prompted Newcastle police chief Bill Klein to recommend limiting the use of or closing off Old Highway 85. Upton police are investigating a break-in and vandalism at Upton High School last week. Sometime in the early morning hours Thursday, Nov. 11, a person or persons broke into the school and damaged several typewriters in a first floor classroom.

Dan Radosevich, M.D., is one of a series of doctors receiving part of their residency training at Cedar Hills Clinic in Newcastle. Radosevich is here for a month as part of the three-year residency training in family practice at the University of Wyoming Family Practice Center in Casper.

The Veterans day dinner was held Nov. 11 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post home in Newcastle with approximately 100 people attending, with turkey and all the trimmings, sponsored by the Newcastle and Osage service organizations.

The Weston County School District #1 Board of Trustees approved awarding high school credit to those eighth graders who successfully complete Algebra I. Lucille Dumbrell of Newcastle and Susan Kirkpatrick of San Diego have been selected as "Exemplary Alumnus" of the University of Wyoming College of Arts and Sciences.

The Wyoming Historical Foundation has announced plans to honor Mabel Brown

of Newcastle at a dinner on Jan. 11 in Cheyenne. Saturday evening the Violin-Piano Duo of Sung-Ju Lee and Estela Olevsky will entertain members of the Weston County Concert Association at Crouch Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Shepperson moved their cows home from summer pasture Thursday. Anita Erland attended the FHA Autumn Ball Saturday night at the Upton High School. She was an overnight guest of Gina Hendrix. Sunday they went roller-skating in Gillette.

The Blotter- Nov. 8- A young woman reported that another young woman was harassing her by phone. A young woman was harassing a young man at a bar. Nov. 11- A woman reported that another woman was dumping garbage all over her place.

### November 14, 1968

The Elk Mountain District, Black Hills National Forest, will be burning logging and thinning slash in the Cold Creek and Moon areas of the Black Hills National Forest beginning this week. Damage to a 1969 Mercury was estimated at \$1500 to \$2000 as a result of a car-deer accident last week.

A Veterans day dinner was hosted by the V.F.W. Post 2516 and Auxiliary Monday at the V.F.W. hall. Approximately 90 people attended the pot luck supper and watched a movie on the operation of the V.F.W. National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich.

The Fiddler Creek 4-H club of Upton has been honored by PARENT'S MAGAZINE

for outstanding service to the community during 1967-1968.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cordingly and family were Sunday morning coffee guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mick Dowdy and family. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Barritt were in Newcastle Thursday for medical attention for Mr. Barritt. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Petersen were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary at their home Sunday, Nov. 3. The open house event was hosted by the couple's three children: Dennis, Joni Jo and Roni Rae.

Mrs. Art Williams, Mrs. Lawrence Popham and Mrs. Wayne Peterson of this community attended the Parent-Teacher Tea Tuesday evening Oct. 29, at the Upton High School. Wednesday, Oct. 30, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Popham and Rick bought a saddle horse from Charlie Clark in Newcastle. The Herb Quests have been busy fencing during the past weeks.

Xi Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the home of Mary Franklin Monday evening. Guest speaker for the evening was Justine Hart, Weston County public health nurse, who spoke on the duties of her office and the various programs they have.

Mrs. Reubon Galloway of Sheridan, state president of the Wyoming Federation of Women's Clubs spoke at the recent combined Newcastle Woman's Club and the Twentieth Century Club meeting held at the home of Mrs. Peter Field.

### November 14, 1918

Washington, November 11. - The greatest war in history ended Monday morning at 6:00 o'clock, Washington time, after 1,567 days of horror, during which virtually the whole civilized world had ben convulsed.

The world war ended at 6:00 o'clock Washington time, with red revolution in Germany, and with William Hohenzollern, former emperor, a fugitive from his native land. Announcement that the armistice terms imposed by the

allied and American governments had been signed by the German envoys at midnight Sunday night, 5:00 o'clock Paris time, and that hostilities would cease six hours later, was made at the State Department at 2:45 o'clock Monday morning.

Washington, Nov. 11. - By order of President Wilson, Provost Marshal General Crowder Monday directed the cancellation of all outstanding draft calls, stopping the movement during the next five days of 252,000 men and setting aside all November calls for over 300,000 men.

The hostilities ended on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. The American infantry men, in true sportsmanlike fashion, kept the time.

Ralph B. Hackney tells the News-Journal that he has presented to the Weston county chapter of the American Red Cross a four year old mare, without blemish, to be used or disposed of in any manner decided upon by the executive committee.

Sheriff Howell went to Cambria Tuesday to get a Mexican who was drunk and disorderly, and who was supposed to have made threatening talk. After giving him a hearing he was turned loose for lack of evidence.

With ardor undampened and enthusiasm undiminished by the false reports of the end of the war, Newcastle on Monday celebrated the fall of Prussianism and humanity's great victory with a spontaneous demonstration such as was never seen in the city before.

There have been bigger parades, more people have been on the streets, and more elaborate programs have been staged, but never has there been an occasion when the rejoicing was more sincere, the cheers more heartfelt, while with each resounding shout went up a paean of praise and thanks that seemed to come from the very souls of the people.



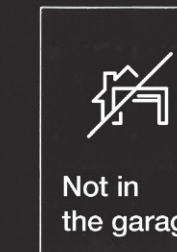
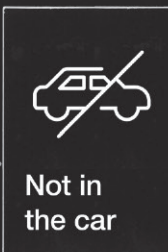
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# For the Ages

News Letter Journal

## Behind bars in Weston County, Part II

The tales of Newcastle's earliest jails and their inhabitants



By Bri Brasher  
with Leonard Cash  
NLJ Reporter

The next major break from the jail came in the summer of 1920. The News Letter Journal's headline read, "Prisoner Held on Charge of Murder Here Breaks Jail," with the subheading "Third Escape From Institution Recorded When Alleged Slayer Makes His Escape." The paper reported that Fred Sims, held on a charge of murder, sawed through bars at the jail, and despite efforts from authorities, no word on the prisoner had been received. It was thought that he made his escape with the aid of friends from the outside. Sims was awaiting trial for the murder of Fred Walker, an employee of the Briggs Oil Co., due to a leasing dispute with Freel Oil Co. Another section of the News Letter Journal titled "Was Model Prisoner" expanded on Sims: "A model prisoner, according to Sheriff Howell, at no time did he show a disposition to rouse uneasiness, and it has been stated that the old idea of locking prisoners within the small cells in the county jail, having been abandoned, Sims was allowed to stay in the large room. This room is protected by iron bars, which when found this morning on the west window in the south end of the jail had been sawed and bent back from the inside. Every effort to recapture the prisoner is being made and a sharp lookout is being kept in every direction."

After many breakouts, the News Letter Journal reported on the issue in "What is a Jail?" The article explained that every county in America had a jail besides Weston County. The News Letter Journal reported that the jail built in 1890 was no longer sufficient. The paper said, in part, that "today Weston county's jail is nothing more than a rest room for men with charges hanging over them — a place where they can rest after the exertion of their crimes and then sally forth at will. Several ways have been used to make this exit in the three escapes during the past year



Limited photos exist of Newcastle's first reported jail, though Leonard Cash has several images of the county's second jail, one of which is shown above. The story of Weston County's jails will continue in the following weeks (Submitted Photos).

— in one case the hazardous experiment of walking out the front door being resorted to and then, after the prisoner had walked thru the jail he climbed the high board fence in broad daylight and made to the hills. He has never been captured. The second prisoner was not so dare-devil. He merely let himself out. But the third, Walter Sims, held on a charge of murder in connection with an Osage oil field shooting affray, who escaped Friday morning, sawed his way to freedom.

"It is stated by authorities in charge of the county place of confinement that he must have had aid from the outside, which is evident unless hack saws can be manufactured within. Within the jail proper are a series of steel cells in which prisoners are supposed to be confined at night. Yet in the case of Walter Sims — alleged slayer, facing a court in November — it is said by one of these officials that he was not confined within these small cells but allowed to roam at will in the jail proper during the night."

Despite problems, the city of Newcastle kept using the same jail for another 15 years, and the tales continued in the meantime. On Sept. 2, 1920, it was reported that 28-year-old Charles Morgan confessed to robberies of the Ardmore, South Dakota; Newcastle and Osage post offices within the past two weeks. Morgan said he entered other establishments to "collect" small sums too, and he was also a stamp collector. The article said that unlike many others, Morgan still had most of the money and stamps in his possession at the time of his arrest. He was thought to have robbed Upton

and Newcastle's pool halls as well.

Two weeks later on Sept. 16, 1920, Morgan broke out of jail and then admitted to robbing the Newcastle Drug Co.'s store and the post office in Gillette. More than \$9 was stolen from the drug store, while \$34 and stamps were taken from the Gillette post office. The article noted that Morgan managed to rob Gillette even when officials were notified to be on the lookout for him. According to the article, Morgan was transferred to Cheyenne to face his series of charges. The same article also reported that a Mr. R.W. Castel escaped the jail after a lock had been picked. Castel reported back to the jailer Sunday morning, claiming that he wanted to retrieve his coat. Uncoincidentally, he showed up around breakfast time, seemingly wanting to put away a small portion of ham and eggs.

Oct. 14, 1920, brought yet another robber to Newcastle. The News Letter Journal article "Slugged, Robbed, Thrown Over Embankment Citizen Crawls to Phone for Aid" with the subheading "C.F. Barnes held up and robbed of several hundred dollars while driving into city on Salt Creek Road late Saturday Night; Arrests are Made."

The article explained that Barnes crawled to the Wantz ranch and telephoned local authorities. James C. Chambers was arrested and charged with assault, battery and attempted robbery. R.C. Tillotson and John Chambers were also arrested. It was also reported that the car Barnes was driving belonged to G.W. Jones, and it had since disappeared.

The plot thickened on Oct.

21, 1920, when the News Letter Journal followed up on the story, reporting that "C.F. Barnes, victim of a holdup a week ago Saturday night when he was beaten, robbed and thrown over an embankment for dead, has been hauled into court on two charges this week. The first in District court, is a charge of unlawfully selling intoxicating liquors. He was released on a \$500 bond. The second count lodged in the justice court and made by Edna Tillotson charges that Barnes has been running a house of prostitution. Defendant waived hearing on this count and was placed under a bond of \$500 to appear in the District court which convenes November 1." The holdup was said to be regarding a theft of a car Barnes was driving on Salt Creek Road. Three arrests were made in connection to the holdup, according to the newspaper.

The tales from Newcastle's jails continued into December, 1920 when a decomposing body was discovered 13 miles north of town. The assailant was unknown, as was the found victim of gunshot wounds, according to the coroner. According to the News Letter Journal, the theory around town was that the corpse might have been Walter L. Sims, who escaped from the county jail where he was held for the murder of Roy Freel. At the time of the first article, the mystery was still unraveling.

A Dec. 26, 1920, article titled, "Cold Springs Farmers Say Alleged Slayer Stayed There 20th of August" added to the story. The News Letter Journal reported the following: "Declaring that a man answering the description of Walter L. Sims, prisoner held

on a charge of murder and who broke from the county jail here August 19th, had stopped on the night of the 20th in a field near the home of John MacAnniny, on Cold Springs creek. MacAnniny, John and Rawleigh Sellers and Carl Anderson came to Newcastle Saturday to try to identify the corpse in Newcastle's most baffling murder mystery. While the state of the body makes positive identification impossible, they are all of the opinion that it is not the corpse of Walter Sims."

In the midst of the Sims saga, another crime occurred, as reported on Dec. 16, 1920. There were five robberies on a Tuesday night when \$40 in cash, a Nash automobile belonging to Raymond Miller and articles from four stores amounting to several hundred dollars were stolen. The activity was said to have thrown the city into a "fever of excitement," according to the News Letter Journal. LeRoy and Harry Curtis were arrested driving the stolen car in Casper.

"Well, 1920 must have been a bad year!" said Cash, as he finished reviewing his reports for the year.

The year 1921 was a bit less eventful, but it was not without its crimes. On Jan. 20, 1921, the sixth jail break within a period of as many months occurred. Harry Curtis was held on a charge of robbery in connection with the theft of Raymond Miller's motor car. The News Letter Journal reported that the detained Curtis did not have to work too hard to escape — instead, he "calmly walked from the front door of the county jail to freedom."

Several months later, Bob

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Exercise 9 a.m.

##### November 20

Dominoes 1 p.m.  
Helping Hands Meeting 6 p.m.

##### November 21

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Exercise 9 a.m.  
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Bingo 6 p.m.

##### November 18

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Church 2 p.m.

##### November 19

Resident Council 10:30 a.m.  
Cooking 2 p.m.  
Tai Chi 4 p.m.  
Bingo 6 p.m.

##### November 20

Ceramics 10 a.m.  
Keepsake Krafters 2 p.m.

##### November 21

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Bingo 2 p.m.

##### November 22

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Tillotson also escaped the Weston County Jail, where he was being held on a charge of grand larceny. The Aug. 11, 1921, article said that Tillotson must have broken the lock on the grated iron door that shuts off the corridor from the rest of the building with the piece of the cast iron used to close the air vent in the room. The News Letter Journal reported that "the lock on the door is faulty, and if the door is not shut carefully, does not fasten. This is probably the condition in which Tillotson found it, and it would then be simple to slob back the trap with a spoon (the only thing that he is known to have had when could do the work) which opened the door and allowed him to step to freedom."

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# Tax

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Humane Society, the Weston County Children's Center, Newcastle Ambulance Service and the Newcastle Recreation Board.

"The outlay for all service organizations in fiscal year 2018 was \$265,127.75. That leaves \$211,000 to be dispersed and used in other general fund areas (parks, cemetery, fire department, police department)," James said. "We have never specified to which department beyond the service organizations."

According to James, the \$476,250 represents 17 percent of the total general fund revenue and is crucial in providing funding for the service organizations within the city.

The county uses a similar plan for use of the 1 percent optional tax. County Clerk Jill Sellers said that the county uses the 1 percent revenue for what are deemed "service entities" that receive funds from the county.

The projected 1 percent revenue for fiscal 2019 is estimated at \$320,000 for the county. Sellers noted that the county budgets conservatively for the accounts that receive 1 percent option tax monies in case the collection is not what was projected; the total budgeted amount in the fiscal 2019 budget is \$303,040.12.

A breakdown of the optional sales tax appropriations is included in the county's budget, listing providers of service for the county from the ambulances services to senior meal programs.

According to the budget, the service providers receiving the most funds from the county include the Weston County Children's Center, \$12,750; Newcastle Ambulance Service, \$15,000; Osage Ambulance Service, \$15,000; Upton Ambulance, \$15,000; the public defender, \$20,000; and Newcastle Senior Meals, \$14,025.



Above, Angel Lindstrom, Rose Slagle, Lydia Anderson and Elaine Wilcomb swing their bells during the youth handbell choir rehearsal. Below, Lynda Russell directs the youth handbell choir while she swings her own handbells to fill in for some absent bell-ringers. (Photos by KateLynn Slaamot)

# Bell Choir

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bells in each octave – of bells from the Andy Hansen family in January 2002.

Member Dorothy Brown broke off from the main choir to direct a smaller group of beginners for a time to be of help to the team. This beginning choir practiced with two octaves, while the larger group practiced with three. There were 16 ringing members initially, 11 for the larger choir and 8 for the smaller one, with some members playing in both groups.

The choir has performed at several venues, including family reunions, churches and Newcastle Ministerial Association events. The group even had a "paying gig" in Nebraska on one occasion.

Lynda Russell, current director of the group, said she was first exposed to bells when her children were involved in a church choir in Kansas. She moved back to Newcastle in 2000, where she had graduated from high school. Later, when Mullendore asked the Sundance bell choir to perform at Russell's church, she said, she fell in love with the beautiful music. When Mullendore was recruiting people to participate in a choir, Russell became part of the first group of ringers. When O'Hagan moved away and the group needed another director, Russell accepted the role in 2004, she said.

"She had no choice," Wilcomb said, with a laugh. She said that they voted for a new director, and they chose Russell, who was the most musical member of the group.

Some members had their first encounter with the elegant instruments years ago. For example, Brown first heard of English handbells when she was 25 years old when, as part of the U.S. Army in World War II, she was stationed in England, where handbell choirs were born.

The bells were not originally tuned to create music or generate specific note sounds. Robert and William Cor, who lived in Aldbourne, Wiltshire, England, first started tuning bells between the years 1696 and 1724. These bells were first used by change-ringers to practice on.

"I was so intrigued," Brown said. The instruments fascinated her, Brown said, especially because she was a kid from Wyoming. She rang with a church choir located near her base when she could, and the choir played in church some days.

"It's a wonderful experi-



### About the bells ...

English bells are the most common type of bells used to create melodious sounds, and they are generally made of brass with a leather or plastic handle. The bells producing higher notes are smaller, getting larger as they move down the scale. English bells are characterized by their hinged clapper, which is also spring loaded so that it is distanced from the sides of the bell when not being rung. The hinge allows the clapper to move in that one direction only, rather than hanging loosely and moving in any direction.



ence," said Brown.

Barb Hansen began playing the bells around 2002, and she started out in the small choir directed by Brown. When the small choir disbanded, she moved up to the larger one as a fill-in for a few months, before she secured her own position, which allowed her to always play. Hansen is still a member of the choir, and she still plays the same bells.

"The music is beautiful," Hansen said. The choice to become a participant in the group is a commitment, she said, and she loves it. She also said that bell ringing is a great way to offer something to a community like Newcastle that greatly enjoys the entertainment.

A youth handbell choir was also started in 2011. Directed by Russell, the community's younger members have experienced the joys of bell ringing. The youth choir has performed at ministerial association events, the senior citizen center during the residents' lunchtime, at Newcastle's homeschool group talent shows and other venues.

"Lynda (Russell) has done the best job," said Brown, adding that Russell is an amazing musician who has done a fantastic job directing the group.

"I think it (bell choir) promotes the love of music,"

Russell said. It teaches people who haven't had instrument lessons to learn how to read music, she said. Wilcomb also said that teamwork is a must because everyone has to do their part to create the music.

Although individual ringers have come and gone, Russell said, she has taken great pleasure in directing the choirs over the years.

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## Robotics

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challenges and missions. The theme varies from year to year – this year it's "Into Orbit" – but the tasks and missions remain the same. The trick for the young engineers is to build and program their bots to do the missions at hand, which is where the tricky part comes in. Newcastle's 15-person team is working together to find solutions.

Last year, Newcastle came in fifth and took home a trophy for gracious professionalism for performing professionally with honor and no bragging.

Programming robots and performing missions is just one aspect of robotics, according to the FIRST Lego League mission statement. Equally important is having strong core values, like building teamwork, having a strong character and keeping up one's grades. There are mutually-agreed upon rules to being in robotics and things like being late or letting your grades slip come with a punishment.

Seventh-grader Nate Strickland has learned this the hard way, having spent a fair amount of time sorting Legos to make up for his tardiness. Truthfully, he said, he doesn't mind the sorting and pretty much just enjoys being a part of the group.

The rest of the team agreed. They discussed what exactly they liked about being a part of the team and competing. "It's fun," "challenging" and a "fun after-school activity" are reasons mentioned frequently.

Along with the robot competition, the teams are also required to turn in a research paper that tackles some problem in space. The Newcastle team is trying to solve shortcomings with communication in space by devising ways to transmit voices from space to Earth.

Lego robotics continues to grow in popularity with more than 20 teams statewide joining this year alone, according to Cyndee Guthmiller,

FIRST Robotics Facilitator and activities coordinator for the Natrona County school district, who handles registration for the event. Educators taught the hands-on activities and problem-solving skills that engage kids in the engineering and science and



The "Space Invaders" team all do their part to prepare for the upcoming Lego First competition in Casper on Nov. 30. (Photo by Jen Kocher)

STEM disciplines. The competition is capped at 64 and all of those slots are filled.

Getting kids involved in STEM subjects was the impetus for Dean Kamen, who came up with the idea for FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) in the late '80s. The inventor of the Segway scooter, a six-wheeled robotic wheelchair and an electric generator that can run on cow dung had noted that far too many teens were dropping out of science and math classes. Kamen wanted to find a way to encourage the next generation of innovators.

It seems to be catching – mostly, anyway, when it comes to boys – as competitions crop up throughout the U.S. and Wyoming and in 80 countries abroad. For whatever reasons, girls don't seem to be as drawn to robotics. A handful of girls have joined Newcastle's team for a little while, but ultimately drop out for sports or other activities, which is consistent with the experience of other teams from across the state. Other than all-girl teams like the Girl Scouts, girls tend to stay away.

The exception is senior Alaina Boettcher, who has been with the team since middle school. A senior now, she is too old for the group, which ranges in age from 8 to 16. She returned as an advisor and has no problem being the only girl.

Boettcher said she plans to be a nurse and that this type of detail-orientated problem solving is something she loves, and will no doubt help her in her

future career.

Group advisor Tammy Allen agreed.

"I can't see one thing about robotics that does not build either character or academic development," she said. "It's an outstanding program that our youth benefit from."

The program in Newcastle has been around for just over a decade, after Allen and others saw a presentation in Casper that they found intriguing. They ultimately rolled it into the program in conjunction with 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

Perhaps more than the academic aspect of Lego robotics, Allen said she appreciates the benefit it has on the students personally when it comes to character building.

"What is really cool is that each student has multiple places to shine," she said. "They may not be great at presentations, but they may really shine in the coding/programming of the robot. Or they may not understand the programming portion but are superior in design, and so forth. The students we have in robotics start one year, and they come back each year with new friends ready to join. They are becoming quite the masters of robotics. And they love it and create a wonderful team."

The Space Invaders will be competing at the Wyoming FIRST LEGO League Robotics Competition on Friday, Nov. 30, from 5 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Casper Events Center.

## King

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Little did her friend know that her astonishment at King's hidden writing talent mirrored King's own. In a million years, King said she'd never imagined being a writer. Having always drawn pencil sketches and portraits while she bartended on the side, King was used to telling her stories through pictures. Until her hand gave out and she needed a new outlet, she said.

Writing seemed out of the question, due to her almost crippling inability to spell and pronounce words. For years, she had called her mother and daughter to ask about certain words, and when she couldn't reach them, she spent hours digging through dictionaries as she attempted to sound out all the possible variations of the word. Sometimes she even called the operator with questions, but the last time she did that, the operator told her she needed to check the dictionary herself. King smiled.

"That was the last time I called her," she said. Luckily, personal computers were within financial reach, King said, so she got a desktop PC with a good word search program that became her "best friend."

Her insomnia further fueled her writing, and when she couldn't sleep, she visualized stories. It began with the image of a young woman trying to make her way across the open prairie in the 1860s. This woman named "Promise" became the heroine of her last two books.

King is not sure what prompted that image in the first place, but once in her mind, she said, she knew she needed to figure out a way to get her across the prairie safely. Many adventures ensued.

"I just kept picturing her standing there, and I wondered what she would have to do to survive," she said.

This is where research came in – hours upon hours of it, as her home office filled with documents, files and loose maps as she tried to match fiction with fact.

King's stories are also littered with references to her own life, primarily her three dogs, who make cameo appearances under pseudo names. King admits she has trouble keeping those names straight.

Her heroine Promise is a troublemaker who shares the same stubbornness as her daughter, on which the character is loosely based, King said.

"She didn't know that until just now," she said, glancing over at Patterson, who had taken

a chair behind the table where her mother stood waiting to sign books.

King talked about her characters with the loving frustration of a family member. She rattled off plot lines and the many ways that Promise finds to get herself in trouble, from kidnappings to close calls with wild animals to interactions with Native Americans who more or less adopt her as one of their own. Of course, Promise falls in love, though King is not so sure she approves of her choice.

King shook her head.

"Promise is always getting herself into trouble," she said. "Once I got so mad, I told her, 'You got yourself into this mess, and now you need to get yourself out!'"

It's a good story, King said, as a new batch of passersby wandered over to her table.

A couple of years ago, a film producer approached King after getting a copy of her book from Tate, her publisher. He told her he loved the story and wanted to turn it into a film. There were a couple of stipulations, though, to which King said she could not abide. He wanted to remove the first page and cut the bear scene to the recent film "The Revenant," which would render it obsolete.

"No way," King said she told him. "Not on your life."

She'd spent a lot of time making that scene work and couldn't bear to part with it at any price, she said. There was the timing aspect too. When she'd heard it would take six to eight years to make the film, the 76-year-old King told him she'd probably be dead by then.

Patterson smiled at her spunky mother.

"The film producer was pretty taken back," she said.

After 11 years of working on the sequel, King said she was happy to finally see this last book come into print. She'd begun her writing career with "Crocuses," her first novel, which is a story about her mother's life on a farm near Four Corners.

For now, she's ready to take a break, though she admitted that she might see another story brewing on the horizon of her sleepless nights.

Maybe Promise and Green Raven will have a daughter, she mused, whose name will be Izzie. What might her life be like? Perhaps there's a story there.

King's three books are available on at the News Letter Journal and on Amazon.





# HOLIDAY *Cheer*

Photos by Pam Penfield/NLJ

Above, Susie Gibson and Karen Chappell greet visitors to the “Little Shop With a Whole Lot More,” Flowers and Things, during their Champagne Evening Open House on Nov. 1. Below, Anthony Sandoval enjoys a cocktail during the open house.



Top of page, Bonnie Rich and Barrett Rich laugh it up with vendor, Mary Kopp with Twisted Iron metal works, during the 5th Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday at the Weston County Events Center. Above, Fred Neff and Bert Fall man the booth of Robin Neff, who hosted the Holiday Bazaar. Below, Earl Belden demonstrates a jacket that lights up to a visitor at his Aced Embroidery booth.



Lane Cochran shops for his Mom for Christmas with Dad, Travis, at Attie Treasures on Saturday, Nov. 3, while modeling his Paw Patrol Marshall hat.

## The benefits of *buying local* this holiday season



**H**oliday shopping dominates many people's free time between the day after Thanksgiving and the final days before Christmas. While many people may shop 'til they drop on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, those days still account for a relatively small amount of the hundreds of billions of dollars that are spent each holiday season. Shoppers now have a bevy of options at their disposal as they embark on holiday shopping season.

Traditional in-store retailers are still around, and online shopping continues to grow in popularity with each holiday season. But many holiday shoppers are looking to buy local this holiday season, and such a decision can pay a host of dividends for both shoppers and the communities they call home.

- **Buying local benefits your local economy.** Studies from Civic Economics, an economics and strategies planning firm, found that independent, locally-owned retailers return a far greater percentage of their revenue into their local economies than national chain stores.
- **Buying local creates jobs in your community.** While national chains create jobs, such jobs only benefit your community if the chains are located within your community. If your local mall is a considerable drive away, chances are the chains within that mall are not employing many of your fellow community members. Local businesses in your community are more likely to employ residents of your town.
- **Shopping local may provide access to more unique gifts.**

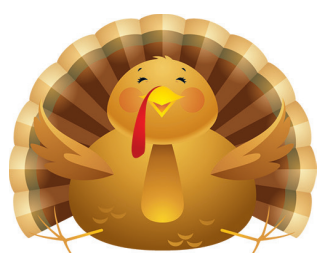
In addition to the economic benefits of buying local, shoppers may find merchandise made by local craftsmen is more unique than mass-produced items found on the shelves of national retailers. Recipients may cherish more unique items that they cannot find on their own, and that appreciation may even spur them

to visit more local retailers after the holiday season has come and gone, benefiting their own communities in so doing.


• **Local business may provide a more personal touch.** Buying from national chains has its advantages, but customer service is not always one of them. Should your loved ones encounter problems with their gift that requires assistance, they might be forced to wait on the phone for extended periods of time as they and thousands of others wait for customer service representatives to answer their calls. Local businesses do not deal with nearly the volume of customers as national retailers and, therefore, are capable of addressing concerns more quickly and personally than large chains.

**Buying local not only benefits small business owners, but it also pays dividends for their customers and the communities they call home.**





The News Letter Journal will have an early deadline for the Thanksgiving edition. All submissions must be in no later than Thursday, November 15 at 5:00 p.m. to be published November 22.



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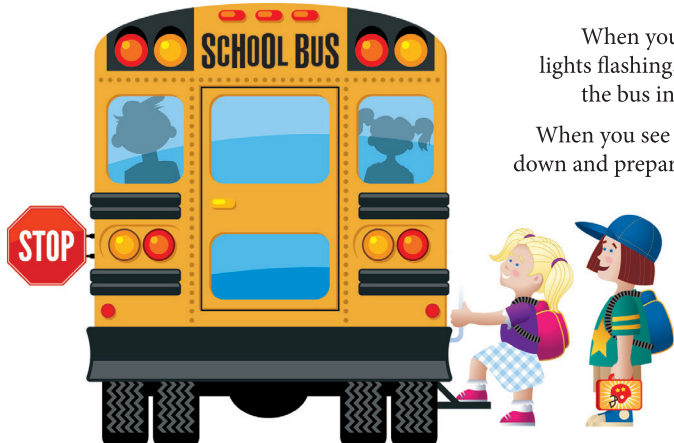


### Students take aim

Jada Jins, above, takes aim at the letter pyramid as she prepares to shoot the cannon ball aiming for a certain letter during the Title 1 Open House on Monday evening at Newcastle Elementary School. The night featured several games for princesses and knights as they slayed high frequency words and worked through math problems to defeat the dragons. Hunter Finley, at left, gets help from Alyssa Oedekoven as he lines up his arrow during one of the many games.

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# Generations

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## We should stand

*They stand by the flag when it is hated and trampled on, and they stand by the flag when it flies high and proud.*

Veteran Daniel Pullen of Upton stated something similar to this in the closing of his speech during the veterans program in the Crouch Auditorium at Newcastle High School on Monday.

His statement resonated with me as I listened to the songs of men being away from their families, making the ultimate sacrifice and returning home to a country that doesn't 100 percent support the mission they just completed.

Pullen shared his story with the gathered veterans, supporters and students. Out of 10 years of his life in the service, he said, he spent nearly half of it away from his family, traveling port to port and supporting our country.

While he never saw bullets and combat, he sacrificed and served for the greater good of the people living in the country we call home.

Today, despite the number of people who think this country is a not-so-great place, there are still men and women every day who make the decision to fight and possibly die to defend all of us, and we as a country should do everything in our power to support them through their journey.

I am proud to say I live in a town that still takes the time to make a community effort to express support for these individuals that most definitely deserve more respect than they are given.

From the concert at the school, featuring performances from every age level, grade school to high school, to the reports prepared by our second-graders sharing the story of veterans, our students and youth are taught to respect the flag, our veterans and the sacrifices they make.

As I read the stories, hear the songs and see the men and women who wear their veterans hats with pride, I can't help but think that I could never muster up the guts to do what they have done. To sign their life away

— See **Barker**, Page 11



Newcastle native Chief Warrant Officer Jared Sallee, above, shows second-grade students the Wyoming patch on his U.S. Army uniform during a presentation at Newcastle Elementary School on Veterans Day. Sallee shared fun facts about himself and his service, including the fact that he saved 14 people during Hurricane Katrina after joining the army in 2001. Sallee still serves this country as a helicopter electrician. Second-graders at the school commemorated the holiday by writing essays about veteran family members (See page 12). Davyn Hoffman wrote about his uncle, whom he called an American hero. Sallee came and spoke to the students to round off the project and provide some face-to-face information about a veteran.



Adalyn Mielke and Kyndal Von Eye, above, perform with the Newcastle Elementary School children's choir during the Veterans Day program in the Crouch Auditorium on Monday. Patriotic songs were performed by the bands and choirs during the program that paid tribute to men and women who served our country. Daniel Pullen of Upton, at left, acted as the quest speaker and shared his story of more than 20 years of service before becoming a school teacher. Below left, Kaeli Gunderson plays her flute during one of the band performances featured in the program. Below, the Newcastle High School choir surrounds the section of the auditorium where many veterans sat to sing the last song featured in the program.

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# Students write about veteran heroes

Second-graders at Newcastle Elementary School used Veterans Day as the time to learn to write essays with their first essay assignment being to write about an "American Hero" that is close to them. The students were instructed to interview a veteran close to them and record their answers. The students then turned their interviews into an essay that will be displayed in the elementary school to bring recognition to veterans around the holiday.

### Donnie Gregory Veteran Report by Owen Evenson

My papa, Donnie Gregory is a veteran I am proud of. To begin, he was born on June 19, 1936. As a child Donnie lived in Seneca, NE. Then he served our country in the Navy. In fact, he worked as a foundry. Additionally, during Donnie's time in the service he spent some time traveling. For instance, Donnie traveled to China, Japan, Hawaii and the Philippines. Another interesting fact is that he has ten great grandchildren, including me. Finally, after leaving the military he moved back to Newcastle, WY with his wife Marlene and worked for the highway department. As you can clearly see, I am proud that my papa, Donnie Gregory, is an American Hero.

### Richard Klinker Veteran Report by Savannah Lorenz

My great great uncle, Richard Klinker is a veteran I am proud of. To begin, Richard was born on July 3, 1948. Then, Richard served our country in the Navy while working as a radio repair man. Additionally, during Richard's time in the service he traveled to Japan, Hawaii, the Philippines, Taiwan, Vietnam, Hong Kong and Thailand. Finally, after leaving the military Richard went to college to be an electronics engineer. As you can clearly see, I am proud that my great great uncle, Richard is an American Hero.

### Jared Sallee Veteran Report by Davyn Hoffman

My uncle, Jared Sallee is a veteran I am proud of. To begin, Jared was born on 1-25-1983. As a child he lived in Newcastle. Then he served our country in the Army. In fact, he worked as a helicopter electrician and now is a chief warrant officer. Additionally, during Jared's time in the serve he spent some time traveling. For instance, he traveled to Kuwait, Germany and multiple places in the U.S.A. Another interesting fact is that he has a wife and three kids. Finally, he continues serving in the military. As you can clearly see, I am proud that my uncle Jared is an American Hero.

My Veteran Report

By: Trevi

My great Don Klinker was a veteran I am proud of. To begin, he was born on June 2, 1936 in Cook County, then he served our country in the Marine Corp for 3 years while working as a field Artillery. During Don's time in the service he traveled to the United States and Indian skyland. After leaving the military he attended the University of Wyoming for a year and then took over his father's ranch outside of Laramie. As you can clearly see, I am proud that my great Don was an American hero.

## Barker from Page 11.....

to defend me, the ones I love and our country takes guts and courage that I myself have never possessed — and for that we should stand. We should stand by them every day, all day, not just on the days designated to paying respect to these individuals. We should stand by them and not be the people who hate and trample the flag that has given us so much. We should stand and show as much respect and love for our country as they have shown. We should say thank you more than just once a year. So thank you, veterans, for your service. Thank you for sacrificing your life to serve not only in times of war but in times of peace. Thank you for ensuring that I live in a country that provides me with every opportunity to better myself and provide for my family. Thank you!

## A Soldier's Life

By Autumn Mills – May 2008

Battling for lives together as one They've had to sacrifice a ton. "POW" goes a gun from across the land Tightly held in a soldier's hand. For our country they work so hard The battlefield, our world, is longer than a yard. Having to leave their family behind Always keeping them in mind. We need to say thank you for the work they've done Because of all the wars they've won. Remember the fallen soldiers every day For them every person should get down and pray. So from now on be thankful for them Because the work they do is worth more than a thousand diamond gems.

## Feeling at home with the VFW

Over the weekend I had my first foray into the world of Bingo. Prior to Saturday, I think the last time I played the game was in grade school about four decades ago. Little did I realize how far it's come. When we arrived at the VFW for the early bird game at 5:30



p.m., I immediately latched on to a woman with a red Bingo dauber sitting on the table in front of her. She definitely looked like she knew what she was doing. It turned out I was right. The woman, Joy Dixon, said she played every chance she got and was more than happy to show

my boyfriend and me the ropes. Little did she realize it would be a full-time job. We knew nothing. The last time I played, you put down a chip on a number and yelled out Bingo when you had a row. Since that time a whole industry has bloomed, complete with ink daubers in an array of neon colors and other paraphernalia including glue sticks and lucky charms.

No longer is Bingo confined to simple rows. In its place have emerged Vegas-inspired games like Roving V, Black Out and big and little diamonds — and something called a postage stamp. The night did not go smoothly, despite Joy's faithful and kind oversight. To begin, it took me about

— See Kocher, Page 18

Stan Dixon (from left), American Legion Auxiliary District 5 Commander Deb French and Commander Don DaFoe paid their respect to our fallen heroes during the Veterans Day ceremony at VFW Post No. 2516 in Newcastle Sunday evening. More than 250 joined local veterans and service members for a complimentary Veterans Day dinner.



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# 4-H wraps up another year

**Alexis Barker**  
NLJ Reporter

Local 4-H groups wrapped up another successful year with National 4-H Week and Achievement Day, according to Brittany Hamilton, the 4-H and youth development extension educator.

“The first full week of October brings about National 4-H Week, and Weston County stayed busy this year,” Hamilton said. “There were daily activities to promote 4-H throughout the week via posts on social media, such as Wear-It Wednesday to sport your favorite 4-H shirt.”

“Kids experience 4-H in every county and parish in the country – through in-school and after-school programs, school and community clubs and 4-H camps,” the website states.

Hamilton explained that National 4-H Week began during World War II as a way to focus youth on what they might do for national defense.

“The goal was to reach as many rural members as possible to raise food needed by men and women in the armed forces. Later, 4-H Week became a means of acquainting the public with the 4-H program, encouraging new members and leaders to join, recognizing the contributions of parents and members of the community and reporting the accomplishments for the 4-H year,” Hamilton said.

Kids complete several hands-on projects in different areas, the website states, including agriculture, health, science and citizenship, in a “positive environment where they receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles.”

“Today, National 4-H Week varies by county and state, but the goals behind it remain the same,” Hamilton said. “In Weston County, we try to promote community service, raise awareness of the program, encourage youth to join, create a sense of pride and belonging and have fun too.”

National 4-H Week closes with an annual achievement day, held on Oct. 14 of this year, according to Hamilton. On this day, the accomplishments of members and leaders were recognized for their outstanding work throughout the 4-H year that begins Oct. 1 and ends Sept. 30 of every year.

“Achievement day is the end-of-year recognition and awards for outstanding members and leaders in 4-H,” Hamilton said. “A lot of these awards are based on the number of years of involvement, the participants’ record books, general participation and their code of conduct within 4-H.”

The annual banquet, she said, is designed to recognize and appreciate the leaders and volunteers for all that they do for the program, as well as recognize the youth for their hard work throughout the year.

“Volunteers are the heart of 4-H, and we can’t have a successful program without them. We value our volunteers for all that they do and the expertise they offer to the youth,” Hamilton said.

One award, which Hamilton admits is pretty special in her eyes, is the annual Friend of 4-H award. This award is given to an individual, business or group in the community that “has been a true friend of Weston County 4-H” by giving their time, attending functions or aiding the organization financially.

“Barb Crow was this year’s recipient. She was recognized for all her support as a donor, as a person who is always there for the kids cheering them on and for being a person that is always at different events supporting our youth,” Hamilton said. “She supports our program in multiple ways and is a great friend of the program.”

Another important award, according to Hamilton, is one given to outstanding 4-H leaders. This award is given to leaders who have been involved for at least three years and go above and beyond to make the best 4-H experience for the youth involved.

Galen Stafford was one of those recognized as an outstanding 4-H leader this year. Hamilton said that Stafford is always



Jessica Hebbring, along with son Curtis Hebbring and daughter Ashlyn Shuck, smile for a photo at the 4-H Halloween Carnival photo booth, held Oct. 26 at Weston County Events Center. Below, cowboy Keaton Liggett fishes for prizes at the Salt Creek Veterinarian’s fishing pond during the event. Bottom, Tatum Russell squares up and takes aim at the Newcastle High School Student Council’s balloon pop booth at the carnival. (Photo by Alexis Barker)



willing to help whenever he is needed, gives his time freely and treats everyone the same.

“The way he works with the kids is super special. He makes them feel important and is super encouraging,” Hamilton said.

J.D. and Cindy Rhoades also received the outstanding leader award.

“J.D. and Cindy work hard in the poultry and rabbit barn. They go over lots of information with the youth but make it fun,” Hamilton said. “They make sure the kids know how to show their animals and care for their animals so they can be as prepared for fair as possible.”

Achievement Day is also the time for recognizing the youth for their hard work and dedication over the 4-H year. Awards are usually based off the work done by the participants, which is recorded in their record books.

“4-H members usually turn in their record books in September. The record books are used by the members to recap their projects from the year,” Hamilton said, noting that records are no longer required as they once were but that youth are encouraged to keep them.

According to Hamilton, 4-H members are encouraged to keep track of their goals in their record books, including what they hope to learn or gain from each project, their expenses, income and profit associated with a project and to reflect on the project once it’s complete.

“It is really a self-assessment of where the individual is at and how they hope to get better in coming years. It is a pinnacle point in their learning and great practice for recordkeeping,” Hamilton said.



Although all the awards given to the youth are special and important, Hamilton said, one award this year was given to a determined and positive individual who strived to complete his projects despite facing personal health issues.

“The 4-H Extra Mile Award is given to someone who may not be in the winner’s circle all of the time but they are there giving everything they got,” Hamilton said. “This year J.R. Graham received the award. We felt he deserved this because he was still involved despite certain circumstances, and we are really proud of him.”

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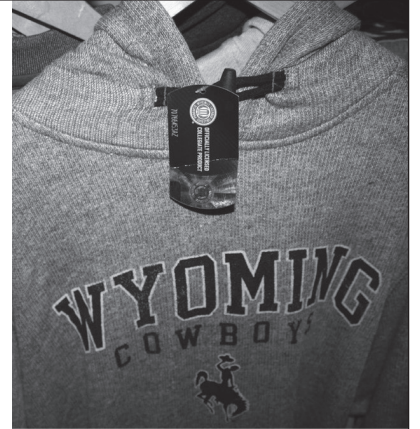
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(Publish November 15, 2018)

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Assignment dated: October 11, 2016
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Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 762064 in Book 369 at Page 491

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WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagee declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$173,155.97 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$168,872.83 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$3,599.96, plus other costs in the amount of \$683.18, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

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HOLIDAY SONGS

ACROSS

- 1. Rare bills
5. Clairvoyant's gift
8. Snoopy
12. Time distortion
13. Show worry
14. Wyoming's official sport
15. "John Lennon's "Happy Xmas (War is \_\_\_\_\_)"
16. And elsewhere
17. Opposite of bonjour
18. "Have \_\_\_\_\_ a Merry Little Christmas"
20. MTV's "\_\_\_\_\_d"
21. Incessantly
22. A cool \_\_\_\_\_, as in money
23. "Should auld acquaintance be \_\_\_\_\_"
26. "Run \_\_\_\_\_ Run" sung by Chuck Berry
30. \*Co-writer of #15 Across
31. Used tabulator key
34. Your majesty
35. 1965 Watts events
37. "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," sung by Brenda \_\_\_\_\_
38. Mozart and Einstein, e.g.
39. Golly!
40. Dry ravine, in Asia
42. Not don'ts
43. Diplomatic alliance
45. Like empty hotel room
47. "Fat chance!"
48. Shenzi of "The Lion King"
50. Eastern European
52. "Vince \_\_\_\_\_ Trio of "Linus and Lucy" fame
55. Between violin and cello
56. Rainbows and such
57. Rumpelstiltskin's weaver
59. Coral reef island
60. Facebook's "psst"
61. \_\_\_\_\_ Mann of "The Simpsons"
62. Decades
63. Lt.'s inferior, in the Navy
64. "Last Christmas" duo
DOWN
1. \* \_\_\_\_\_ Turtle Doves
2. Not straight
3. Post-meal sandwich
4. Spring action, past tense
5. Like yesterday's meal
6. Coffee burn, e.g.
7. Bread or cabbage
8. Having small nodules
9. Scandinavian war god
10. Radio button
11. "All I want for Christmas is \_\_\_\_\_"
13. Bygone Spanish money
14. R in R.E.M.
19. Alex Haley saga
22. \_\_\_\_\_ pie in a sand box
23. Blacksmith's hearth
24. Gibson garnish
25. Fowl perch
26. Film roll
27. Ronstadt, e.g.
28. Infectious protein particle
29. Bank job
32. \*Like Elvis' Christmas?
33. 10 decibels
36. \*Deck'em
38. Ivory Coast neighbor
40. Utmost degree
41. Not sympathetic
44. Maryland Academy
46. Young and inexperienced
48. Second-largest Great Lake
49. Talks and talks and talks
50. It houses web content
51. "On Golden Pond" bird
52. Open-mouthed astonishment

Fun and Games

- 53. Shakespearean "does"
54. Tiny bit

- 55. Port vessel
58. Mrs. Goldberg, e.g.

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**Kocher** from Page 12 .....  
 half the night to figure out that the letter in front of the number actually corresponded to a row on the board. Prior to that I had been nearly breaking my neck to scan every single number on my two game cards. That realization definitely made things easier until everyone around me started winning.  
 Sometimes twice.  
 I had been hoping for a little beginner's luck to grace me that night, but it was not happening. And because I'm extremely competitive, the resounding chorus of "Bingos" around me was a bit hard to take, even with Joy's unerring tendency to look on the bright side. Several times she pointed out how close I had come to winning, and my new friend definitely did her part to keep my spirits up.  
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