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Blakeman resignation official

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Dan Blakeman's resignation as county administrator became official on Nov. 6. And the Weston County

commissioners are still discussing whether to retain the county administrator position.

Before departing to spend more time with his family, Blakeman thanked county officials for the oppor-

tunity to work in Weston County, noting that he believes a lot was accomplished during his nearly three-year stint.

Blakeman first tendered his resignation in June, with an official end date

of Aug. 31. At the time, Blakeman told the News Letter Journal that his decision to leave county government came when he realized that his youngest son, who is only 10, will be graduating high school "in the blink of an eye"

and that he needs to spend as much time with him as possible, noting that he lives in Pine Haven.

Blakeman's resignation date was

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Unemployment still dropping

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Weston County's unemployment rate continues to drop, according to a report from the Research and Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services. The report, released on Nov. 20 also shows that the county continues to have unemployment rates that are lower than both national and state rates.

The report states that the statewide unemployment rate dropped slightly from 3.7 percent in September to 3.5 percent in October, although seasonally adjusted rates remain at 4.1 percent. The national unemployment rate, according to the same report, dropped slightly from 3.6 percent to 3.5 percent from September to October.

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State voting up for mid-terms

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NLJ Reporter

General election results have been certified and made official by the Wyoming State Canvassing Board, according to a Nov. 14 media release from the Secretary of State's office.

A total of 205,275 individuals cast ballots across the state in the mid-term election, with 30 percent of those being absentee ballots. According to the release, this is the highest number of votes ever cast in a mid-term election in Wyoming, with 46.4 percent of the state's voting-age population turning out to vote.

According to Weston County Clerk Jill Sellers, a total of 2,737 votes were cast in the county, or 71.5 percent of the county's registered voters. Absentee ballots accounted for 654 of the total — or 23.9 percent. About 900 absentee ballots were cast during the 2016 presidential election when 3,836 total votes were cast. In that year, absentee ballots accounted for 23.4 percent of total votes.

Sellers reported that the 2018 total is a "respectable number," considering that Nov. 6 was not a presidential election and that the number of absentee ballots being cast is slowly growing.

"The number of absentee ballots being cast is increasing. I think people like the flexibility and the opportunity to do their research and return their ballot when convenient," Sellers said.

She noted that those who cast their ballots through absentee voting have the ability to work around their schedules.

"We will probably continue to see an increase in absentee voting and its use by the population. This is true across the country and an ongoing trend," Sellers said.

Turkey time



Newcastle Elementary School kindergartner Raiden Chandler shares a treat with his mother, Krystal Walker, and little sister after the kindergartners performed Thanksgiving plays for family and friends. See more on Page 9. (Photo by Pam Penfield/NLJ)

WCHS: Manor to remain smoke-free campus

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Concerns about resident health and safety prompted discussion and review of the Weston County Manor's current smoking policy by

the Weston County Health Services board of trustees.

On Nov. 15, after a lengthy discussion, trustees decided that the Manor would begin strictly enforcing its smoking policy, which states that the facility is a "smoke-free campus."

The board had previously discussed the topic after concerns were raised when residents were caught smoking on campus. Concerns were also expressed regarding the safety of residents crossing the street to smoke off campus, especially in months

when road conditions are not the best.

"Everyone is talking and saying it is their home. That is true, but they don't own it," Chairman Jimmy Long said.

Long said that hotels and rental homes often have no-smoking poli-

cies and should someone using those facilities break the rules, that person would be subject to consequences. Residents are allowed to smoke, but the conversation centered on whether

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From the ground up

Jen Kocher
NLJ Correspondent

Dave Ehlers admits that he's a tad bit anal when it comes to his garden. On his laptop, he pulled up a spreadsheet with a detailed blueprint of his garden. Dozens of plots line the patio and backyard, sandwiched between rows of cherry and other fruit trees. On screen, the plots are color-coded in various sizes and labeled per vegetable, complete with the number of allotted plants per plot and overall yearly production.

rotated and reconfigured based on output. More space is allotted for the super producers, such as onions and peppers, while less tenacious plants are reduced or replaced.

Seeds are stored in labeled vials in the briefcase Dave's mom gave him for college graduation. Dave smiled.

"It's a bit of a problem," he said.

Next to him at the dining room table, Dave's wife, Denise, smiled. She knows the meticulous habits of her husband, who spends his days keeping the computers of Weston County School District

No. 1 on track as director of technology. Denise, a teacher, not only works with her husband but also has been gardening with him for years, both casually and, in recent years,

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Dave and Denise Ehlers prove that a couple who gardens together, stays together, as they turn their life-long passion and green thumbs into a budding business alongside their full-time jobs as educators in Newcastle. (Photo by Jen Kocher)



WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 41, Lo 29



Friday
PM Snow
Hi 39, Lo 26



Saturday
Snow Showers
Hi 31, Lo 18



Sunday
AM Cloud/PM Sun
Hi 25, Lo 12



Monday
AM Cloud/PM Sun
Hi 22, Lo 9



Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 20, Lo 7

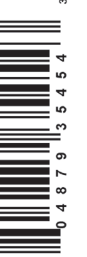


Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 21, Lo 5



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She's a winner!



Kim Dean, winner of one of the two grocery store gift certificate drawings, was presented her gift certificate to Decker's Market by Homer Hastings. Dean signed up for the drawing during the Methodist Church Bazaar and was presented her certificate the next week. (Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ)

Blakeman

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extended until Oct. 31 by a 3-2 vote of the county commissioners in August, in the hope that the second-floor remodel of the courthouse could be completed before that date. The project is still incomplete, however, and others have been designated to watch over the project until completion.

"I think I am starting to smell like a real bad expired can of milk," Blakeman said during the Nov. 6 commissioners meeting.

The administrative position

was to be discussed during a workshop that afternoon.

According to Chairman Tony Barton, the commission has been working on what to do with Blakeman's position. During the workshops, Barton said, the commissioners are also discussing the job description of current administrative assistant, Brookelyn Weigel.

As of Nov. 26, the commissioners had not yet decided on whether they will fill the position of county administrator, Barton said. The job descrip-

tion of the administrative assistant is also still a "work in progress," according to Barton.

"We have talked about in it workshops. We can't make decisions there," he said.

Barton explained that until an official decision can be made, Weigel is working under the supervision of Road and Bridge Supervisor Rick Williams "most of the time."

"She will also answer to the commissioners as an administrator — like a secretary," Barton said.

Jobs

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Weston County experienced a 0.3 percent decrease from September to October, dropping from 3.4 percent to 3.1 percent. In October 2017, the county's unemployment rate was 3.6 percent.

"Unemployment rates were lower than a year ago in most Wyoming counties. The largest decreases occurred in Converse (down from 3.9 percent to 3.1 percent), Weston (down from 3.6 percent to 3.1 percent), Sweetwater (down from 4.0 percent to 3.5 percent, and Platte (down from 3.3 percent to 2.8 percent)," the report states.

A breakdown of workforce numbers provided by the state shows that the total labor force in Weston County has increased from 3,704 in September to 3,715 in October. However, the

labor force is still down from October 2017, when it was 3,734.

The number of employed in the county is unchanged from October 2017 and remains at 3,601. The number employed in September of this year was 3,577.

According to state figures, the number of unemployed people in the county dropped from 127 in September to 114 in October. In October 2017, a total of 133 individuals were unemployed in Weston County.

Crook, Niobrara and Platte counties all experienced decreases in unemployment rates as well at 0.1 percent, 0.6 percent and 0.6 percent, respectively.

Manor

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or not they should be allowed to do so "on campus."

Concerns also include what kind of liability the facility has for residents who choose to smoke, should they be injured or harmed while "off campus" smoking, Peck said.

Diane McArthur, long-term care director at the Manor, described a resident who is bound to an electric wheelchair and on oxygen. She said that the woman chooses to smoke and takes other individuals with her on her smoking ventures across the street.

McArthur described an elderly lady, ambulating gingerly with her walker, leaning to one side while escorting the other to their smoking destination across the street from the Manor. Should someone be injured by a fall or if the oxygen tank were to blow during one of these excursions, who is liable, McArthur asked.

"It is one of those situations, you are damned if you do and damned if you don't," Peck said. "It is one of those touchy situations."

Peck said that the Manor would be liable should the person on oxygen, whether standing on campus or across the street, end up burning himself or herself.

According to Peck, the facility does not have to give residents "the right to smoke on campus" and residents can be restricted from leaving campus if conditions outside are deemed unsafe. He noted that in cases when it is unsafe for

residents to leave, the facility does not have to provide an indoor smoking area.

Peck also touched on the fact that because the facility is considered "smoke free," employees cannot be expected to, or ordered to, escort residents outside to smoke.

"They have the right to be smoke free if they are hired into a smoke-free environment," Peck said, noting that it could create a hostile working environment if employees were instructed to escort residents outside to smoke.

The board decided to leave the smoking policy in place and not allow for "on campus" smoking at Weston County Health Services.

"I think we need to leave the policy as is and if residents continue to violate, then we will work with them and maybe have to find another place for them," Long said.

Peck stressed that relo-

cating a resident would have to be discussed with family and residents.

"All we can do is try to enforce our policy and explain to them why," board member Connie James said.

Peck acknowledged that each case might be handled differently because some residents have more ability than others. He explained that during nice weather, some people may be able to safely go to the appropriate smoking area and others may not. He said that the same individual may have to call a family member for an escort to a smoking area during inclement weather.

CEO Maureen Cadwell said that the board will enforce the policy and educate families and residents. She noted that if unsafe practices continue, then the Manor will "start looking" into another home for the resident in question.

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cating a resident would have to be discussed with family and residents.

Hospital Happenings

Notes from the Nov. 15 Weston County Health Services Board of Trustees Meeting

- The board approved the last payment for Scull Construction Services in the amount of \$50,597.29. CEO Maureen Cadwell noted that the payment was for additional paving done by the Rapid City-based contractors.

- According to Cadwell, WCHS has gone fully live with EPIC, the facility's new electronic medical record system. She noted that everything has gone well considering the significant amount of work it has taken to make the change.

- Cadwell reported to the board that the mammography machine the facility will be leasing is being built and its anticipated delivery is Dec. 3.

Opinion

News Letter Journal

Our View

Sunshine or bust(ed)

There have been a lot of solutions proposed for Wyoming's budget shortfalls, but the most significant legislative effort to address the disparity between the amount of money the state spends and the amount it receives wasn't launched by the revenue or appropriations committees that usually dictate taxes and spending.

The Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Committee in Cheyenne on Tuesday elected to lead the charge to balance budgets and increase accountability in government spending when it passed a bill entitled "Public Records Act" by an 8-4 vote. The bill will now move on to the full legislature with the weight of the committee behind it, but that won't be enough to convince other lawmakers to pass a law that will impose a 10-day deadline on government officials to provide access to a public document, and significantly increases the penalty for those public servants who fail to meet that deadline.

If the bill is going to become law, citizens will have to let their legislators know that they desire passage of the measure that will finally shine the light of transparency on spending and other political decisions in Wyoming because bureaucrats in Cheyenne and local government officials scattered across the state will be corraling their legislators from now until the session begins to convince them that the deadline is too difficult — and the punishment for failing to meet it too severe. Neither is true.

Governments in Wyoming have spent hundreds of millions of dollars on technology in the past decade, and there is no reason they shouldn't be able to produce the vast majority of requested records with little more than a click of a button. If a 10-day deadline is too onerous, it is because they chose to spend their money on systems that made their jobs easier without allowing the public greater access to government documents. That's on them, not on you, and we urge citizens to let legislators know that they don't want to hear that the "computer ate my homework" when they request a public document anymore. Existing technology really does make it possible to store and retrieve documents much more efficiently, and it is time to motivate government officials to take advantage of the technology at their disposal for the benefit of citizens — as well as themselves.

Passage of this bill should provide that motivation, as it allows public officials to be charged with a misdemeanor if they fail to produce requested records within the allotted time out of negligence, but more importantly it makes the offense a felony if records are "knowingly or intentionally" withheld from the public.

Legislators will be hearing how "concerned" government officials are about that provision, and that is exactly why they need to pass the bill. If officials aren't concerned about what happens when they don't allow access to public documents, citizens won't ever have the access they are entitled to. It is time to let the sun shine on public business in Wyoming, and the best way to accomplish that is to burn the officials who deliberately try to keep us in the dark.

Letters to the Editor

Strong arm tactics are nothing new

Dear Editor,
There almost always arises a difference of opinion when any proposed action is discussed.

This is a good thing because it sometimes clarifies complicated issues. This sometimes is a bad thing because too often it muddies what could otherwise be an enlightening experience.

A recent letter of mine was derided as being fake news ("Falling victim to CNN propaganda, November 22, 2018, page 3). As usual, no supporting evidence is offered, but it was followed by a personal insult.

Just or unjust, Trump does not serve the best interests of the people of the United States. He does an extraordinarily fine job of serving the interests of himself and his

family. Kavanaugh is and will continue to be an extraordinarily right wing jurist.

It is true that some in a population prefer a rightwing strongman. Mussolini was such a person, and was elected by the people of Italy. Hitler was such a person, and was elected by the people of the Weimar Republic. Of course, in these two examples, there were also "strong-arm" tactics employed (no doubt by "some very fine people").

Both Feinstein and Shumer have been elected by a majority of the voters in their respective districts. I'm sure that the electorate in their districts have paid much closer attention to their behavior than FAUX News and approve, hence their re-election(s).

When writing to the editor one should always be careful to stick to facts and leave the vindictive at home.

—Jerry Baird



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We are the country's most powerful voters

This column is being written on Thanksgiving Day evening, and I find myself in a thankful but pensive mood.

As we count our blessings — ranging from as small as a wonderful family to as big as world peace — the whole concept of perspective can nag at a person.

For example, Wyoming, it could be argued, is fortunate to be such a unique place, both because of a tiny population and our vast resources.

From a political perspective, our voters are, by far, the most powerful in the country.

When it comes to electoral votes, each vote cast by Wyoming represents about 190,000 people. In California, it takes about 700,000 to create an electoral vote. These are the votes that actually elect a president in national elections.

I always love the New York Times map produced a few years ago showing the states when it came to Electoral College influence. The map shows Wyoming is by far the biggest state, with California one of the smallest.

On a more current political level, the state now has as much influence in Congress as perhaps any time in its history. Our senior U. S. Senator Mike Enzi is a venerable and respected leader who gets more bills passed than just about anyone else in the country. A humble, modest man, he is one of the most powerful people in the United States.

Our junior U. S. Senator John Barrasso just got reelected. He was recently voted to the number three position in the Senate when it comes to power among the majority Republican senators. He is mighty important, and we are very proud of him and his work.

Wyoming's lone U. S. Representative Liz Cheney was just voted by her peers to the number three GOP position in the House. An amazing achievement considering she is in just her third year there. Prior to going to D. C. she was already voted one of the 20 most influential Republican women in a national poll.

With all this clout you might expect some pork to come rolling toward Wyoming?

Perhaps the billions of dollars planned for F. E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne is a small example of how this influence in being used.

Well, enough of the serious stuff.

On the subject of pork, the following story happened over in Wheatland. Ray Hunkins, Chuck Brown, or Linda Fabian should be able to confirm it:

A guy moved to the country outside of Wheatland and decided to be a small-time farmer. He went to the Torrington auction and bought twelve hogs. He loaded them in his pickup and hauled them home.

Once home, he called his neighbor, an experienced hog farmer, and invited the guy to check his purchase. The experienced farmer said they were good hogs, but there was just one big problem. They were all twelve female.

"But that is not a big deal," the guy said. "Just load them up in your pickup and bring them over to my yard. I have several boars. We'll get them bred. You really need to get your females bred this time of year."

"Sure," the new farmer said.
The next morning, he loaded up the hogs in the back of his truck and hauled them to the experienced farmer's lot. He unloaded them and waited all day.

Then he brought them home. Before leaving, he asked the experienced farmer: "How will I know if they were successfully bred?"

"If they were bred successfully, tomorrow morning, your hogs should be happily grazing," the experienced farmer replied.

Well, the next morning, the new farmer got up early and looked out the window. The hogs were not grazing. So took them to the experienced farmer's lot again.

Again, the next morning, the hogs were not grazing.

He hauled them over the next day, too, in his pickup. Still no luck. This went on for a week.

Finally, one day after hauling the hogs over to his neighbor's place, he woke the next morning and turned to his wife. He said, "I can't bear the disappointment. Would you look out the window and see if those hogs are grazing?"

"Yes, dear," she replied.

After a few moments, he hollered at his wife: "Well? Are they grazing? Tell me what they are doing."

His wife paused and then said, "I don't know how to tell you this. They definitely are not grazing. But eleven of them are sitting in the back of the pickup and the twelfth one is in the drivers seat honking the horn."

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 last 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.



Bill Sniffin
My Wyoming

Small business Saturday put a song in my heart

Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays

'Cause no matter how far away you roam

When you pine for the sunshine of a friendly gaze

For the holidays you can't beat home sweet home!

I love this holiday song, and I don't care who sings it — Perry Como, Robert Goulet, Garth Brooks, or the Carpenters — it is always one of my favorites.

It reminds me how special "home" really is, and what it means to have a home or a town to call your own. I know this song is especially popular with our service men and women serving our country far away who miss the comforts of home, especially

at this time of year.

We have a pretty special home town right here in Newcastle, Wyoming. It's small, we literally know almost everyone, and we have several unique shops where we can find the perfect gift for just about anyone on your list. Our hometown merchants have gone above and beyond this year — even more than they usually do — by decorating their shops and joining together other community businesses to roll out the red carpet for their sales on Small Business Saturday last week.

Our merchants went the extra mile to "officially" welcome in the Christmas season at Saturday's lighted

parade by offering everything from crafts for the kids and warming stations complete with hot chocolate to sip and chase the chill away, to drawings for great items from their businesses.

Let me join those who are saying thank you!

It really was exciting to hear so many local business owners excited about the opportunity to keep us home, and our holiday dollars right here in the community. I for one dread leaving town, especially at this time of year! I hate sitting in the car,

the slippery winter roads, the traffic, the crowds — and sorry to be a little "grinchy" here, but the noise, noise, noise is just too much!



Pam Penfield
Tradelines

I do everything I can to shop at home, because you don't have to look too hard to find some pretty cool gifts without driving 70 miles and contributing to South Dakota's tax base.

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If you want to be happy in a million ways

For the holidays you can't beat home sweet home!

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— John F. Kennedy

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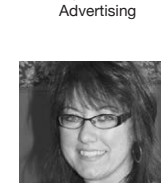
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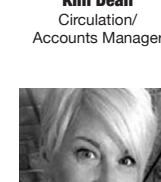
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Parade lights up Newcastle

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Photos by Alexis Barker/NLJ



The Redemption of Scrooge

A special Advent Season experience hosted by First United Methodist Church

Saturday, Dec 1 at 2 p.m.
 Advent Kick-off Event -- FREE viewing of the 2009 animated version of "A Christmas Carol" Bring the Family -- Popcorn & drinks for sale - Funds go to Methodist Youth Fellowship

Sunday, Dec 2 at 8:45 a.m. Begins the Adult Sunday School Series -- "The Redemption of Scrooge"

Sunday, Dec 2 at 10:00 a.m. Worship service begins a 4-week Advent Sermon Series on "The Redemption of Scrooge"

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November 30 Psalm 128	December 4 Isaiah 44:1-28
December 1 Psalm 24	December 5 Isaiah 45:1-25
December 2 Luke 21:25-38	<i>Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society</i>

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- **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.
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- **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 Westerlund, 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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A PIECE OF HISTORY

December 2, 1993
First State Bank of Newcastle had announced a major building project to double the size of the offices of Newcastle's largest bank. The family and friends of Fern Dumbrell gathered to celebrate her 100th birthday on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 21, at the Mondell Heights Retirement Home in Newcastle.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2516 and Auxiliary in Newcastle was privileged to participate in a medal presentation to J.W. Soper at Mondell Heights Retirement Home on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11. Soper will observe his 94th birthday in February and is the last living WWI veteran in Weston County.

The Newcastle Women's Bowling Association held their annual City Tournament at the Black Gold Fun Center. The Newcastle Middle School 7th grade basketball team played five games in five days, finishing the week with three games on Saturday.

A no-host luncheon was held at the Flying V Cambria Inn on Nov. 28 in honor of visiting national senior vice-commander of the VFW, Allen F. Kent. He is in line to become the national commander-in-chief in 1994. He served with the U.S. Marine Corp. from 1958 to 1982.

On Nov. 15, the Elk Mountain Outlaws 4-H Club donated a complete Thanksgiving meal to the BREAD office. The BREAD office provides food and nec-

essary staples to families in need. Julie and Shelby Abbot and Jo Zorn were coffee guests of Vi Coutant Saturday. In the evening Vi joined Julie and Shelby for supper at their home. Wayne, Mike, Chris and Jon Peterson hunted during the weekend at the Arrowhead Game Bird Farm.

The Blotter- Nov. 22- Police were unable to unlock a woman's car. A small boy was locked inside. Another set of keys was obtained for her. Nov. 24- A woman reported that her car horn was stuck, but she was afraid to go see what the problem was. The officer removed the key from the car's ignition and the problem was solved.

November 28, 1968
Newcastle merchants will officially open the Christmas shopping season this weekend. A faulty connection on a furnace motor caused smoke damage to the Norman Caillier home at 102 N. Sumner St. The Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department answered the fire alarm at 5:30 Saturday morning.

Fourteen Newcastle High School students attended the Northeast District Music Clinic held on Nov. 15 and 16 in Sheridan. The clinic involved students from the two Casper high schools, Sheridan, Midwest, Moorcroft, Buffalo, Gillette, Hulett, Sundance, Upton, Tongue River and Newcastle.

Thursday Melvin Pollat hauled cake from Upton to the Lawrence Popham ranch.

Dennis Pollat helped. Mrs. Dennis Pollat joined her husband at the Popham ranch where they were supper guests of her family. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pollat and family were supper guests Saturday at the Clay George home. The evening was spent playing pinochle.

Miss JoAnn Nelson became the bride of Robert Cunningham in a double ring wedding ceremony performed the evening of November 15 at the First Baptist Church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Howard Bower before an altar adorned with bouquets of green and peach carnations and peach chrysanthemums.

The Newcastle Women's 200 Bowling Club held their fall tournament on Sunday, Nov. 17 at Prairie Lanes in Newcastle with 27 members participating. An Indian arrow with feathered shaft and metal tip, found at the site of the Battle of Lightning Creek; a stone tomahawk found on the Canyon Springs prairie; pictures of early railroad crews in Newcastle, photograph copies of receipts for tuition to the University of Wyoming in 1899 and a teacher's certificate dated 1897 are some of the most recent museum acquisitions.

November 28, 1918
Last Friday afternoon, about five o'clock, Michael Schamberger of near Upton, was shot and killed by Tom J. Bird, who claims to be from Custer, S.D. Bird was placed under arrest and lodged in the county jail, and Saturday morning an inquest over the remains of Schamberger was held in the sheriff's office in the court house. Coroner George DeBow called A.J. Kirkwood, C.D. Keef, and H.F. Whittemore as a jury, and testimony of witnesses to the killing was heard. George Benedict was the first witness called, and he gave a brief outline of what happened in the saloon prior to the killing. He stated that he was engaged in conversation with Schamberger

when Bird entered and asked Schamberger his name, to which Schamberger replied "They call me Black Hills Mike." Bird then said "I am Black Hills Blacky".

Mr. Benedict said that so far as he could observe there was no quarrel or angry words between the two men, but Bird was heavily under the influence of liquor and at once attacked Schamberger, throwing him to the floor and choking him, whereupon Benedict ordered him to leave that man alone; but instead Bird tried to reach a whiskey bottle standing on the bar, evidently intending to throw it at his victim; but it was taken from him by the bartender; he then attempted to get a brass cuspidor, to throw at Schamberger, who was still lying on the floor in a dazed condition.

Finally Schamberger tried to get up, but was so weak that he fell to the floor again, striking the back of his head. A few seconds later he turned on his side, taking out a revolver, but was too weak to use it, and Bird jumped forward and grabbed the weapon out of his hand, and stepped back, saying, "If there is a bullet in it, you'll get it," and fired in rapid succession the four shots that were in the gun.

After the shooting Bird stepped away from his victim and threw the gun at him with all his strength, striking the man on the head, the gun "breaking" in two and the cylinder flying over the cigar case on to the back bar. Bird then said, "I have killed you with our own gun."

Messrs. Bert Hutt and Austin are at the Humphrey ranch, they came overland in a Dodge truck from Broken Bow, Nebr. Glen Keef came home Sunday. He had been working with Clarence and Lester Johnson threshing. Johnson Bros., have finished for this season - they had lots of snow to contend with. Henry Mahnke Jr. was riding after cattle the Lower Beaver country the first of the week.

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WHAT'S UP

December 2018

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Thurs 29	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Book Discussion & Movie AA Meeting	WC Library WC Senior Center Family Room
Fri 30	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Cinnamon Roll Friday WCLS Board Meeting Candlelight Christmas	WC Senior Center WC Library Anna Miller Muesum
Sat 1	1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Methodist Church Movie Night Bingo	FUMC VFW Hall
Mon 3	11:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Community Blood Drive WC Friends of Fair American Legion AA Meeting City Council Meeting	WC Senior Center WC Fairgrounds Armory WC Senior Center Family Room City Council Chambers
Tues 4	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WC Commissioners Meeting Newcastle Area Chamber Meeting WC Travel Commission Meeting	WC Annex Chamber of Commerce KASL
Wed 5	12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	Lions Club Creative Handicraft Group	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center
Thurs 6	11:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	WCHS Foundation Board Meeting Newcastle Planning & Zoning AA Meeting Salt Creek Water District Meeting WC Museum District Meeting Masons #13	WCHS City Council Chambers WC Senior Center Family Room Salt Creek District Office Anna Miller Museum Masonic Lodge

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Nov 30
Rick Parrish

Dec 1
Brett & Ashley Reed

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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

Behind bars in Weston County, Part IV

The tales of Newcastle's earliest jails and their inhabitants



By Bri Brasher
with Leonard Cash
NLJ Reporter

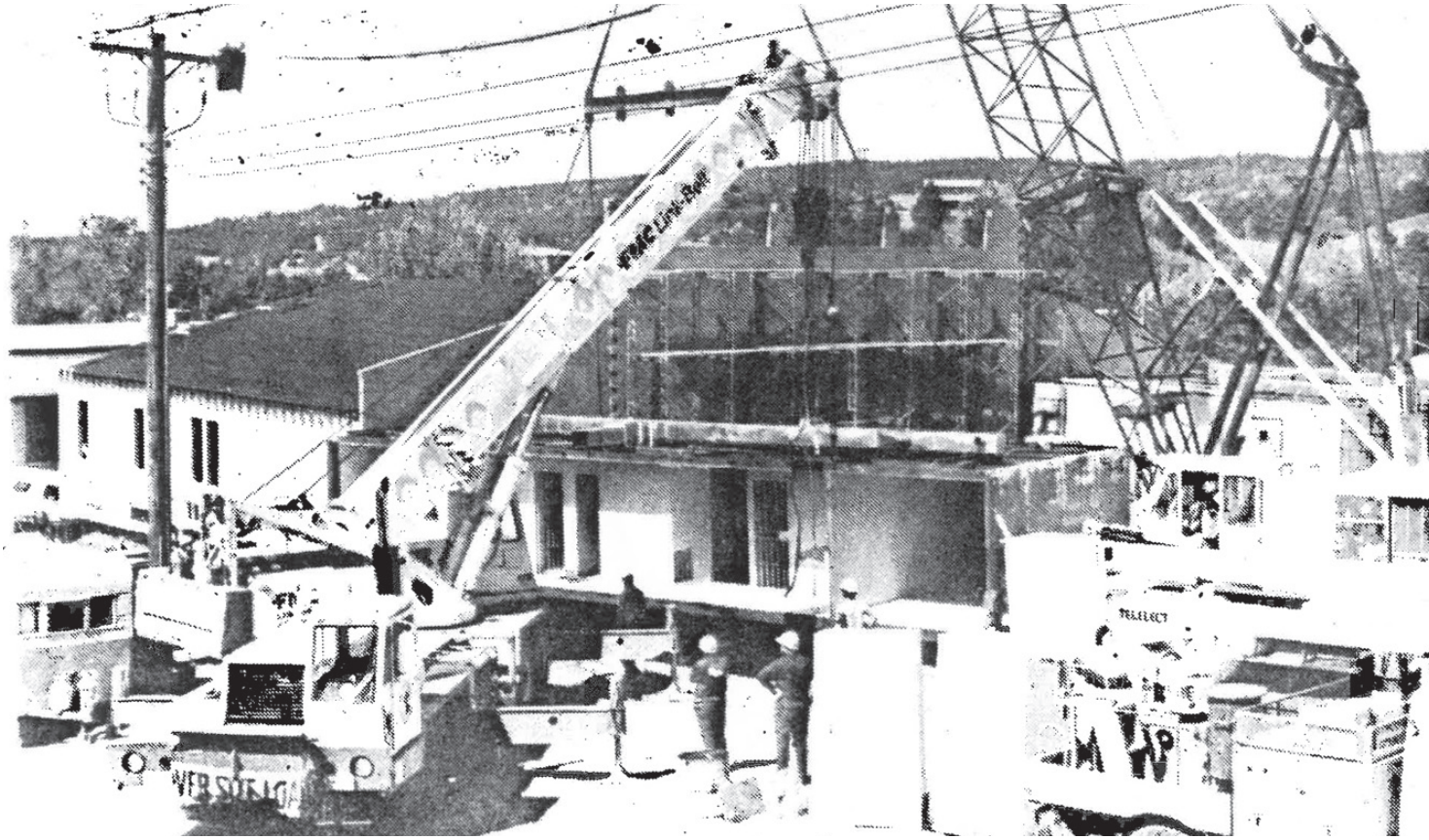
Weston County's jails are filled with interesting tales. Historian Leonard Cash continues with the timeline of the county jail in this week's installment of the History on Main series.

After the escape of Frank Stevens and Kenneth McGuire, the next news to hit the stands about the county jail came in June of 1933. The News Letter Journal reported that "W.C. Subler, alleged horse thief being held for hearing in district court, was apprehended Tuesday afternoon by Sheriff Charles A. Howell at the George Sewell sheep camp, five miles from Osage in the hills, after he had escaped Sunday evening by bolting from the jail yard when the sheriff momentarily was not watching him." The prisoners were reportedly in the yard to get wood. When the sheriff glanced away to look at the garden, Subler made a run for it.

Around the same time, the paper also reported that "Donald Baine and Richard Phillips charged with theft of an automobile belonging to Ben Hole Jr., were thwarted in an attempt to dig their way out of the county jail Friday evening after their plans had become known and extra guard was established." The story explained that the two hid a dinner knife from a previous supper, and Mrs. Howell missed the knife. When confronted, the two denied knowing its whereabouts.

All the escapees were recaptured and denied freedom to the bull pen and out in cells to prevent further problems, according to the News Letter Journal.

On Dec. 28, 1933, the News Letter Journal published "New County Jail Here Under Construction As A Civil Works Project," with the subhead "Relief employment to furnish all labor and cost to county will approximate \$2,500 for material—project approved Friday, worked started Tuesday." The article announced that



Cash kept photos from the Sept. 8, 1983 issue of the News Letter Journal that show the jail cells being placed at the law enforcement center. The timeline will wrap up in next week's installment of the History on Main series (Submitted Photos).

the project was approved in Cheyenne by the state Civil Works Administration. The total cost of the new county jail was estimated at \$8,000, with about \$4,500 in labor from the CWA funds and \$2,500 in material from the county." Cash assumed the extra money was set aside for incidentals and other miscellaneous costs. The project employed 26 men.

"The new building will be located between the courthouse and the present jail building on a site through which an alley passed until the excavation work was commenced," reported the newspaper. Cash explained that the second jail was located in what is now part of the parking lot for the courthouse. The article went on to say that "the structure will have a frontage of 30 feet on Summit street with the front part 30 by 28 feet and a story and a half in height. This will consist of six rooms and bath, four rooms on the first floor and two on the second, and a garage in the basement and will be occupied by the sheriff." The report further noted that "a one-story annex will extend from the rear 28x41 feet to house the jail. The whole will be built of native stone with finished stone across the front and rough cut stone on the sides and rear. The new building is being placed adjacent to the court house in order that it can be heated from the court house steam plant."

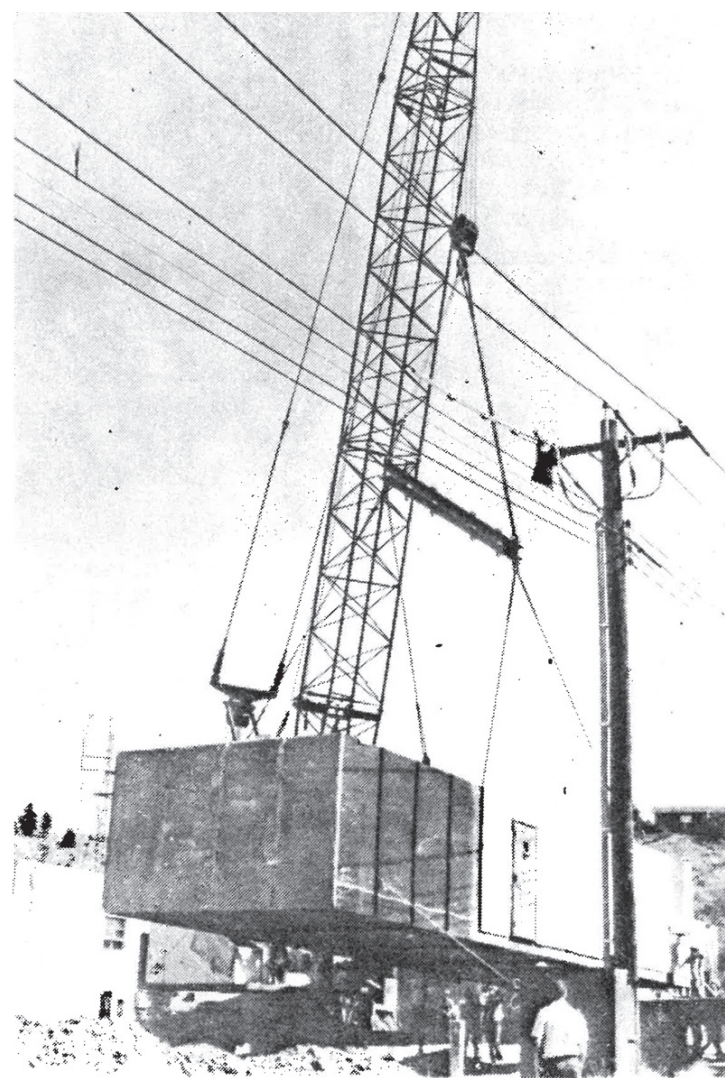
The December 1933 article in the News Letter Journal also indicated that when the new jail was finished, the first jail, built in 1890, was to be torn down.

While plans for a new jail were in the works, crime continued. In the fall of 1934, the News Letter Journal wrote of another issue at the jail: "An inmate of the county jail last Saturday night decided to create a little excitement and chose as his method of entertainment the building of a bonfire in his cell using his mattress as fire wood. Luckily the fire was destroyed and extinguished before any serious damage was done."

Then, in January 1935, the headline "Plan to Dismantle Old Jail Building" alerted readers to a story in the local paper. The county commissioners told the News Letter Journal that the old jail was to be dismantled in the near future. A bid was put out to tear down the jail and salvage the materials for other purposes. Harry Fryers and Jewel Hyatt won the bid for \$10 and ownership of the materials. Plans came to fruition soon after.

The News Letter Journal then published "The Old Jail Passes On," also in January 1935. The article opened as follows: "For over forty years the Weston County Jail building has stood as a landmark in Weston County and many are the tales that its walls could tell if they were able to speak."

The story continued with other tidbits such as this one: "Little is known by the younger generation here of the thousands of real characters of the west that this building has housed, but if those bricks and boards could tell in chronological order the truths about these early erring west-



erners, it would make a story more interesting than any that modern writers of fiction could portray."

Listed in the article were names found in prisoner records: Diamond L. Slim Clifton, Fred Starr, Charles Davis, Frank James, Jim Murdock, Poker Alice, Chas. D. Waggoner, Calamity Jane and Jim Vines.

The News Letter Journal ran another update in April of 1937 when J.H. Smith, a former resident of the Cheyenne area and city marshal in other towns was appointed by Newcastle's city council as a day marshal in Newcastle.

Reports on the jail are slim for many years following Smith's arrival. Cash rational-

ized that local news was likely limited in the 1940s because of WWII.

A new series of articles started up again in the late 1970s when Willis Larson resigned as sheriff in March of 1977. The News Letter Journal reported that "the sheriff's office had been plagued with resignation problems." Larson was sheriff for six years and two months, during which time seven deputies resigned. At the time of the article, other considerations for a replacement sheriff were not yet in the works.

Then, on March 24, 1977, the News Letter Journal announced that Lewis Johnson was appointed by the Weston County commissioners to fill

Senior Happenings

WC Senior Services

November 30	
Rolls	9 a.m.
Bridge Ladies	1 p.m.
December 2	
Christmas Appeal	6 p.m.
December 3	
Exercise	9 a.m.
Blood Drive	11 a.m.
December 4	
Dominoes	1 p.m.
December 5	
Senior Day at SHOPKO	
Exercise	9 a.m.
Toe Nail Clinic	9 - 11 a.m.
Lions Club @ Noon	
Mondell Heights Here For Lunch	
Creative Handcrafts After Lunch	
Marathon Bridge	1 p.m.
December 6	
Trip to Tin Lizzie	
TOPS #218	7 - 10 a.m.
Dominoes	1 p.m.

Manor

November 30	
Greedy	10:30 a.m.
Bingo	2 p.m.
Movie	6 p.m.
December 1	
Hangman	11 a.m.
Happy Hour	2 p.m.
Bingo	6 p.m.
December 2	
Reminisce	11 a.m.
Church	2 p.m.
December 3	
Wii	10:30 a.m.
Music	2 p.m.
Bingo	6 p.m.
December 4	
Ceramics	10 a.m.
Keepsake Krafters	2 p.m.
December 5	
Crossword	10:30 a.m.
Bingo	2 p.m.
December 6	
Jeopardy	10:30 a.m.
Al & the Gang	2 p.m.
Tai Chi	4 p.m.
Dominoes	6:15 p.m.

the remainder of Larson's term as sheriff.

Johnson had been serving as the assistant chief of the Newcastle Police Department, according to Cash. The News Letter Journal reported that "Johnson announced that he will tentatively have the sheriff's office at the Newcastle Police Department office area in the city hall. He also announced that Carolyn Howell will serve as secretary, radio dispatcher, and deputy sheriff. She had previously served in those positions with Sheriff Larson prior to resigning about a month ago. Johnson also announced that Chuck Alsop will serve as undersheriff. He had served in that capacity under Sheriff Larson."

"I used to work for him! He was a pretty nice guy," said Cash. "I worked for him in the '60s when him and his boys had a gas station in town. In fact, the gas station was where Decker's office is now. It was a Sinclair station."

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Family Fun!



Garden from Page 1

professionally. Two years ago, the couple launched their backyard gardening business, The Garden Table, featuring fresh and canned produce. The enterprise officially went public in the fall when they set up a booth at Newcastle's inaugural farmer's market.

Admittedly, the couple were pretty blown away by this year's sales as they continued to beef up their inventory and grow their burgeoning backyard business.

Back then, just as now, their roles are clearly delineated. Denise smiled.

"I just do what he tells me to do in the garden," she said. "I don't dare make a move without asking him."

Her domain is the kitchen, where she's in charge of the canning department and procuring all recipes, many of which she continues to tweak over time from trial and error.

Her specialties are her sugar-free homemade salsas and pasta sauce, which she's spent years mastering from a family recipe. They're really good, she admitted. Even today, her two grown children have a hard time buying pasta sauce in a store.

Most of her recipes come from women's church recipe books, particularly her grandmother's Methodist church cookbook.

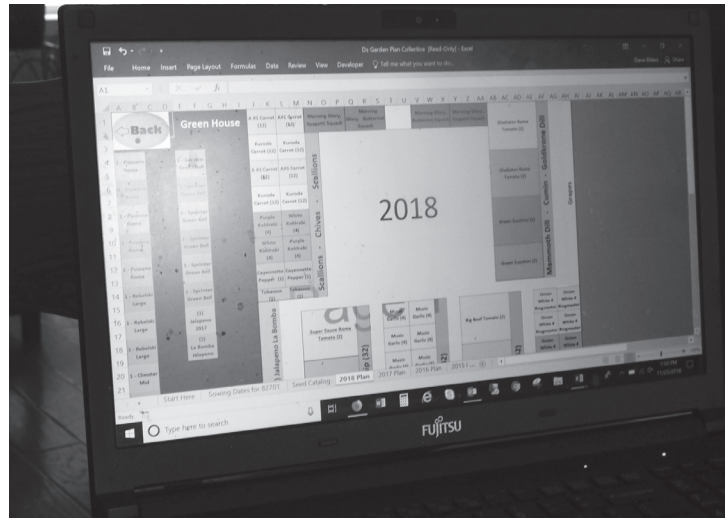
"These women have been cooking for a long time and just know what they're doing," she said.

Like cooking, gardening is in the Ehlers' blood. Originally from South Dakota, both grew up on farms where gardening and canning were part of their daily routine. They still own land in South Dakota, where some of their crops, such as asparagus and mustard seed, still come from. After meeting at Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota, their respective passion continued. In fact, even as a college student Dave had a garden with his roommates, which they dug with shovels and by hand.

Neither can remember a time that gardening hasn't been a part of their life. Since moving to Newcastle nearly a decade ago, they've had to relearn many of their techniques because of the higher altitude and new gardening zone and growing season. Until last year when the cost became prohibitive, they gardened year-round via a heated greenhouse.

"Essentially, we were just growing really expensive vegetables," Dave said.

Now, the gardening operation for the most part shuts down until February, when some of the indoor seeding resumes. Dave's system reads a bit like a NASA mission, complete with algorithms and mathematical equations based on space and volume. Following his descriptions requires a calculator and a high



Dave Ehlers keeps meticulous records of his garden from year to year, which helps him track both inventory and progress. (Photo by Jen Kocher)

degree of concentration.

There's also a slew of invented systems based on experiment and in-depth reading and blog discussions. Deer-proof fencing is just the tip of the iceberg. This is just part of what makes it so fun for a mathematically inclined guy such as Dave, who also enjoys reaping the benefits of his output.

"Like I said," Denise smiled, "I don't touch anything until he tells me to."

Dave has even created his own mulch, which he composts from recycled pine needles. Contrary to popular belief, he said, they make wonderful fertilizer.

"It's the one myth I'd like to debunk," Dave said. "Everyone thinks pine needles are too acidic, but they actually make wonderful fertilizer."

Another one of his tricks is rotating crops between the main and side beds, as well keeping all plants on a timed watering system.

In the summer, gardening pretty much becomes a full-time job for Dave, while Denise handles the canning – often up to 8 to 12 hours per day. Apart from a few conveniences, such as an industrial blancher and professional-grade pots, that make the job easier, Denise puts in a lot of elbow grease and long hours in a hot kitchen. "By September I'm pretty burnt out," she admitted, particularly this year as their stock flew off the shelves at the farmers market.

Before the market, most of the couple's sales occurred by word-of-mouth. Now, however, after going public, business has pretty much gone through the roof as they struggle to keep up during their off-season.

"We were pretty blown away by how well it's gone," Dave said of their first public foray into the market.

Apart from the increased sales, they were also able to test a few new products, as well as procure a few new ideas, such as pickled garlic, which neither had ever heard of before getting a request from a visitor from Pittsburgh.

"A guy came three weeks in a row asking us if we'd made the pickled garlic yet," Dave said, "so we decided to try it."

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The following week, however, with a dozen jars in tow, the guy from Pittsburgh was a no-show and the couple thought they'd be saddled with a new product that they might eventually have to throw away.

Neither had ever tried it, and the jars of garlic sat on the table for another week until a nearby vendor walked over and bought a jar and proceeded to pass out samples to passing customers. Within an hour, the jars sold out and a new best-seller was born.

Another one of their big hits has been their salted caramel apple jam, which Dave suggested making just because it sounded good – and it was.

He smiled. "It's great on ice cream," he said.

Apart from the new best-seller and standard favorites, such as Denise's pasta sauce and salsa, they are proud of their homemade honey mustard, which they make from mustard seeds ground in their kitchen, along with real honey.

Being able to sell their products is just one of the by-products of a shared passion that the two enjoy. That, and ribbing each other over their respective quirks – Dave's tendency to go back and re-pack all the jars that Denise has just stuffed is one of them.

"You can fit more in that way," he said, smiling at his wife. "And don't get me started on the unevenness of her beans."

With that, he goes back and recuts them to perfection.

To find out more about the Garden Table or to order products, see the Ehlers' Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/thegardentablewy/.

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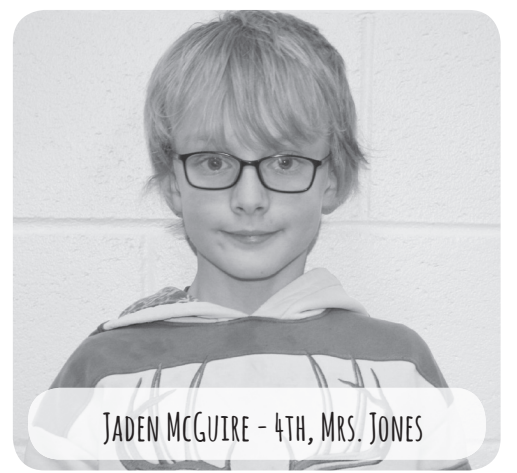
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This month's Good Citizen from the third grade meets all the expectations to hold this honorable title. This student is responsible, hardworking, kind, and a friend to everyone. This student is one of the most responsible students in the class, he always has his homework done, and is always asking for more work to complete. You will never catch this student slacking or turning in work that isn't anything but perfect! He is always the first to follow directions with a smile on his face and without complaining. He is an honest and kind friend with an enormous heart. He always puts his peers first and is always willing to help a student when he/she needs help. His willingness to help goes beyond the classroom by always asking the custodian if he can stay inside and help wash our classroom tables down. His kind heart makes anyone that meets him want to be his friend right away. That is why room 139 is so lucky to have such an awesome friend in our class. Thank you for all your smiles, hard work, and dedication! Congratulations Gavin Buck!!!

November is a time for thinking about the people we are thankful for in our lives. Fourth grade is thankful for this month's Good Citizen. This responsible, hard-working student comes to school ready to learn and do his best. Daily assignments are completed without reminders from adults, and he perseveres through difficult tasks until he understands the concept. We are thankful for his teamwork and willingness to work with all of his classmates. Students think highly of him and request to be his partner during group work. His quiet nature is a calming presence. We are thankful for the respectfulness this citizen shows to adults and students at Newcastle Elementary School. He treats others kindly and with consideration. His integrity to stand up for what is right is not an easy accomplishment for any nine year old, yet he exhibits this characteristic. His courteous behavior is a model for us all. This young man is definitely a deserving Good Citizen. He is hard-working, responsible, respectful, and gracious. Congratulations, Jaden McGuire



JADEN MCGUIRE - 4TH, MRS. JONES



TRADYN GRAMKOW - 5TH, MRS. BACK

As we are in the middle of November, gratitude comes to mind as a quality of a Good Citizen. First and foremost, this particular student shows generosity on a daily basis by always being willing to help others. He often volunteers to step in and lend a helping hand to students that may be struggling. He is always an active participant in class discussions, offering his thoughts and ideas. This individual is also one that will always be true to himself and to others. When playing games in the classroom or on the playground, he always stands for what he believes in. This young man works hard continually to make himself and his grades better, he is committed day in and day out to his learning. His optimistic outlook on life adds a great touch to our classroom. I appreciate this humble and responsible gentleman each day I get to know him more. Our November Good Citizen is truly a gift to our entire class. Congratulations to Tradyn Gramkow, 5th grade Good Citizen!

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Newcastle High School students Betoney Dixon Kolby Piscioti, Chase Loebs, Killian Gorman, Xavin Gallardo, and Jaden Carter (back row), and Kelsey Bennett, Christina Hadlock, Asia Graham, Avery Chick, Brandon Messpelt and Tessa Vandersnick (front row) participated in the High School Choir Clinic on Nov. 16 and 17 in Moorcroft. Participants sang with other musically talented students from around the northeastern part of the state in a cumulative concert after practicing together over the two days. (Submitted photo)

Christmas concerts come early this year

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

Band and choir clinic is a time when students from around the area come together to create music together, according to choir teacher Jan Ellis. Both middle and high school students who have a knack for music participated in two different clinics, depending on age, with students from the northeast corner of Wyoming.

"I really like this opportunity for students, as it is the one event they work together with students from other schools to present a final project, rather than competing against each other," Ellis said.

Middle school students in band and choir attended the clinic in Buffalo on Oct. 25. Nine students represented the choir, while five attended as band students.

"Students in both groups practiced the music at home and spent the day rehearsing with students from other schools in the northeast district," Ellis said. "They performed a concert in the afternoon for the public."

Ellis noted that the students have the opportunity to learn and grow musically with other like-minded student-musicians from the area while performing songs that are at higher levels than those performed in their usual classes. The students who attend clinics dedicate their own time, according to Ellis, to learn additional music and prepare for the event.

"These events are for students that excel in music, although the middle school clinic is more inclusive," Ellis said.

Ellis explained that when it comes to the high school clinic, she and band teacher Ryan Whipple are only able to take 10 to 15 percent of their total classes. The students selected, she said, not only perform well in class and excel musically but also represent the school well.

High school groups for both band and choir attended the clinic Nov. 16-17 in Moorcroft, performing with students from Sheridan, Buffalo, Gillette, Big Horn, Tongue River, Wright, Arvada-Clearmont, Upton, Moorcroft, Sundance and Hulet.

Similar to the middle school students' experience, the high school students learn the same songs at home for several weeks before coming together to "make music" for two days under different clinicians.

According to Ellis, students performing at the high school level have the opportunity to perform higher-level music, including college-level songs, with instructors who are diversified in their fields.

The choir clinician for this year was Sean Ambrose, a music facilitator for Laramie County School District in Cheyenne. Ambrose also regularly directs community bands and choirs and travels across the Midwest doing honors programs in multiple states.

Steven Trinkle acted as the band clinician for this year's high school band clinic. Trinkle,



Newcastle Middle School students TJ Unterseher, Will Beaström, Nate Strickland (back row), along with Julie Day and Tara Carter (front row) participated in the middle school band clinic in Buffalo on Oct. 25. (Submitted photo)



NMS students Brock Hammond, Lidia Jerry, Ann Daniels, Zariah Ward, Lilly Ralls, Steven Huey, and Brittney Rainbolt (back row), along with Amesha Cummings and Destiny Vaughn (front row) participated in the middle school choir clinic on Oct. 25 in Buffalo Wyoming. (Submitted photo)

Middle School Band and Choir Concert:
Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.
High School Band and Choir Concert
Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m.
3-5 Concert
Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m.
K-2 Concert
Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Weston County Children's Center Concert
Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

The Statesmen and Bel Canto," Ellis said. "They learned about their voices, especially gender-specific issues; musicianship skills; performance techniques; team building and mentorship within their local choral program."

The students also learned music that they then performed on Saturday with the different musical groups.

a retired band director from Casper College, is working as a director of Trinkle Brassworks, as well as the Powder River Symphony Orchestra in Gillette.

Ellis reported that for many students, the clinic is an opportunity to perform with a larger group and see other musically talented students. She said that one student remarked after the event how nice it was to sing with a lot of other tenors, an opportunity he doesn't get in the high school choir.

"These students that go, this is what they want to do, they want to sing and perform," Ellis said. "They are able to spend time with like-minded and like-talented students and sing for two days, not just the 90-minute class at school."

Seven of the high school students who performed at the clinic also went to Laramie to work with two university singing groups at the University of Wyoming on Oct. 25-26.

"They worked both days with the gender-based choirs at UW,

Middle and high school band and choir classes will come together as a whole to round off 2018 with their annual holiday performances. Ellis said that scheduling issues mean that the concerts for both schools will be earlier this year.

"Since this is the season for spreading cheer, let us brighten your holiday spirit with music," Ellis said. "We invite you to join us for the annual middle school Christmas concert on Monday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Crouch Auditorium."

She noted that the concert will begin with band performances, followed by the choirs.

On Dec 4, the high school band and choir groups will perform beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Crouch Auditorium.

"Starting off the evening will be the concert choir with several Christmas favorites," Ellis said. "The second half of the program will be devoted to the concert band and their familiar Christmas carols."

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Ethan McClung, Iyana Evick, Lainey Hyatt, Braylee Borton, and Alyssa Leahy are among the first to perform during the Newcastle Elementary School Thanksgiving Day performances on Nov. 20. (Photos by Pam Penfield/NLJ)

Turkeys! Turkeys!

Newcastle Elementary School students performed their Thanksgiving Day plays for family and friends last week, much to the delight of family and friends. Following their performances, they shared treats, stories, and the ever-popular Thanksgiving Day recipes (some of which we've printed here). At right, Susie Leahy listens to her daughter, Alyssa read a story. Below, Sarah Miller recites her part. Below right, attendees react to the finale of Mrs. Hutchinson's class Thanksgiving play.



HOW TO COOK A TURKEY

By Newcastle Elementary School Kindergartners



Go to a store and buy a little turkey. Go home and cook it in the oven. It should just be a little hot. Cook it for four minutes. It is done 'cause it beeps. Take it out and cut it up and put some stuffing on it. Put it on the table with some macaroni and cheese, chicken nuggets, and some blueberries! Drink some milk – chocolate milk and strawberry milk. Drink juice, too – apple juice, strawberry juice, orange juice, and grape juice.
— Reagan Washburn, Mrs. Hutchinson's Class

Go to McDonald's and buy a turkey, just a little one. It would need to weigh about one pound. Take home and put it in the oven. Set the oven to five. Cook it for six minutes. It is done when the oven rings. I would also cook a meatloaf to go with it. I want us to have strawberries and cantaloupe, too! Cut the turkey up and put it on a really big plate. Put all the food on the table and eat it. When you are done you will have to clean up!
— Lainey Hyatt, Mrs. Hutchinson's Class

It home and cook it. Put it in a pan and put the turkey on top of the stove. We would put some salt and pepper on it and cook it for probably eight hours. You should also cook mashed potatoes, bumpy pickles, corn dogs, and applesauce. When the turkey is done cut it up with a big knife. Put all the food on the table. I will set the table with forks and knives and Sissy will get the plates and cups. I will also get the milk. When you are done you could eat some m&m Monster Cookies.
— Henry Scott, Mrs. Hutchinson's Class

bacon on the table because all kids like bacon. Put scrambled eggs on the table and some chicken. Everyone should come dressed up and ready to play some games.
— Elijah Klemmetsen, Mrs. Haynes' Class

Go to the store, buy a turkey and go home. Help your Mom cook the turkey up. Put some salt on the turkey, pepper, and some pickles and tomatoes. Put the turkey in the oven at 8 degrees for 9 hours. When the buzzer goes off, take the turkey out and put it on the table. Cut the turkey with a knife. You can also serve bread, tomatoes, onions, some fish, shrimp, and some biscuits. After dinner, you can eat a cinnamon roll and some cake.
— Jake Morrill, Mrs. Haynes' Class

Go to a turkey store and buy a turkey. You should pick out a big one, so we can all share on Turkey Day! Take it home and cook it in the microwave. Put some pepper sauce on it first. Cook it for three hours. It is done when the oven goes beep, beep, beep! You can also eat hamburger and some artichokes, cause I love artichokes!!! You will also need glasses of water to drink and maybe even some milk. That is all!
— Kinley Bunney, Mrs. Hutchinson's Class

We would go get a turkey in the forest. My Dad will shoot it and take out the brains, guts, and take off all the feathers. Take

Go to the store, buy a turkey. Put some mustard on the turkey, that will make it yummy. Put the turkey in the oven at really hot for 50 hours. When the buzzer goes off, take the turkey out and put it on the table. Put



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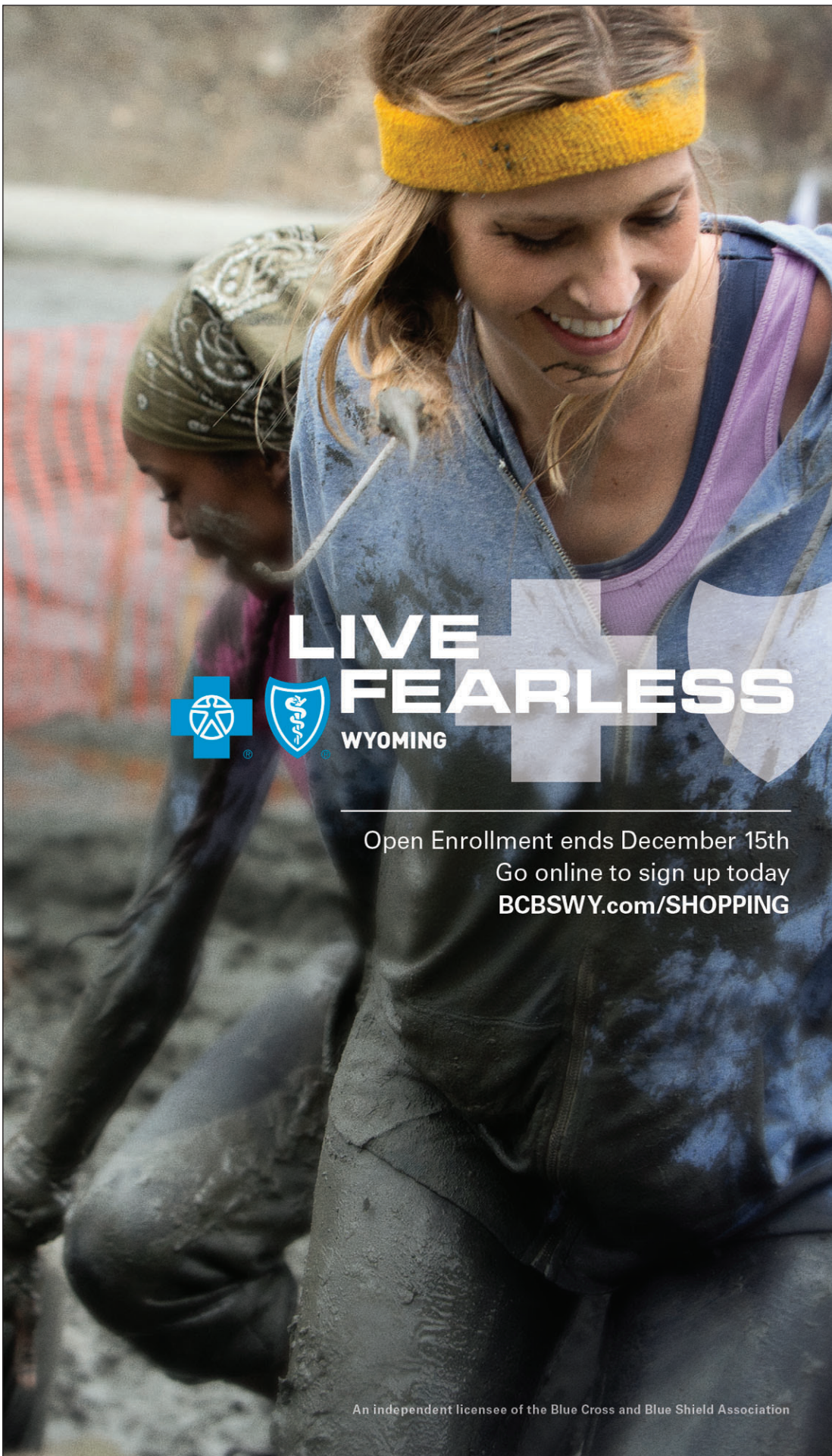
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Kim Bock and Susan Wiggins work to gather all the purchasers, purchase totals and where the funds will go during the United Fund Pie Auction Nov. 20, at Weston County Senior Services center. (Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ)

Auction breaks record

Alexis Barker
NLJ Reporter

The United Fund Pie Auction on Tuesday, Nov. 20, brought in a record-breaking \$10,752 to benefit several Weston County organizations, according to Kim Bock with the Weston County United Fund Board. The event was broadcast live over KASL-AM, with an option for people to come to the Weston County Senior Center to purchase items in person.

“This is the first time we have (gone) well over \$10,000,” Bock announced, noting that last year’s fundraiser totaled \$9,494.

The money raised benefits 12 nonprofit organizations that are part of the United Fund. Bock said that there is a difference between the United Fund and United Way and that the Weston County organization is called United Fund, which is less corporate and allows for the money to stay local.

“All money raised through the pie auction stays in Weston County,” Bock said.

Donors can choose which organization their baked goods will benefit, but buyers cannot specify a preferred organization.

“During the pie auction, people cannot designate where the money they are spending will go, but there is a weight in how much the nonprofits bring to how much they receive out of the final total,” Bock said.

According to Bock, the weighting is based on the number of items each agency brings in. This encourages



Goodies are displayed for bidding or purchase during the United Fund Pie Auction last week. Every year the community comes together to purchase baked goods in support of several local non-profit organizations. (Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ)

members of each organization to participate as much as possible, she said.

The change in how the money is distributed was made several years ago. Initially, the money was divided evenly among the organizations.

“The money received by each organization is percentage based,” Bock said. “The money goods brought in from the organization equals more money for their group.”

Bock said the organizations will receive their money from the auction at the beginning of 2019. She said that the amount each organization will receive has not been determined yet.

“Money is collected throughout the year to be provided to the organizations and agencies that meet the requirements of being a part of the United Fund,” Bock explained. “Every year the United Fund starts a new campaign, and money is collected throughout the year through

personal, employee and business donations, as well as other fundraisers, including the pie auction. At the end of each calendar year, a check is cut for each organization and the United Fund starts over.”

Bock said that the pie auction is an important part of United Fund’s fundraising efforts because of the community participation. She noted that the auction is the one mass fundraiser the organization does, and that most other money is raised through mail-in donations.

According to Bock, organizations or agencies can become a part of the United Fund if they are a nonprofit that serves the Weston County community. Requirements specified by the United Fund are that services provided by the agency or organization must be local and stay in the community. Bock noted that some organizations do not qualify because the monies raised would not stay completely local.

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Basketball season kicks off

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

Get excited basketball fans because the Dogies and Lady Dogies are set to unofficially tip off their 2018-2019 hoops season this Saturday with the annual Meet the Dogies scrimmage.

The scrimmage gives Dogie fans a little sneak peek at what each team brings to the court before the season gets underway with competition. Though in the past it has been just the varsity teams who make their debut, this year the Dogies' junior varsity squad is getting in on the action.

The Dogies will take the court first with warm-ups from 6-6:10, followed by JV action from 6:10-6:25. The Lady Dogies will then warm up with their scrimmage to follow from 6:35-6:50, and the men's varsity squad will finish up team action with their scrimmage from 6:55-7:20.

The night will conclude with the 3-point shooting and team shooting competition between the ladies and the men.

Chad Ostenson is beginning his first year as head coach of the Lady Dogies and has 19 players out this season, eight of whom are freshmen.

As of last week, the ladies were not planning on doing the preseason scrimmage due to low numbers, but there has been a change in plans.

"The girls wanted to get in one more practice, and for the seniors it will be their last chance to take part in the fun, so I understand where they're coming from," Ostenson began. "We're going to have to run 5-on-5 because of prior obligations by a player or two, but we may pull up a couple of freshmen so



Newcastle High School senior Lexus Voelker gives her sister Mercedes the slip for the easy bucket during a drill in Monday night's practice. (Photo by Sonja Karp/NLJ)

we have some subs."

Fans can expect to see seniors Lexus Voelker, Makenzie Wagoner, Kaylee Sweet and Lauren Steveson take the court. Sara Sweet and Avery Alicehouse will represent the junior class while sophomores Mercedes Voelker, Claire Beastron and Isabel Frank as well as freshman Shawnee Miles will round out the starting ten players.

For the Dogies, head coach Allen

Von Eye has identified his JV and varsity team members. The junior varsity will pit the Black team of Landon Engle, Gunner Ramsey, Dayton McFarlin, Cooper Deveraux, Dakota Earnest, Gavin Gray and Killian Gorman against the White team of Dillon Kenney, Payton Parks, Zach Purviance, Kayne Hinshaw, Peyton Frye, Christian Santos and Bradyn Frye.

The Black team for the varsity con-

sists of Landon Engle, Kyle Haslam, Cooper Deveraux, Cade Ostenson, Isaac Prell, Gavin Roady and Isaiah Covey while the White team's roster includes Isaiah Brooks, Dylan Talley, Dylon Tidyman, Peyton Tystad, Bradyn Frye, Christian Santos and Sawyer Roberson.

"We are bumping it up a little bit this year because we have so many guys

— See Dogies, Page 18

A kinder, gentler season

With the fall sports' seasons in the books, and as we look toward the winter season, I can't help but get that tingle of excitement knowing basketball is just about to get underway.

It's no secret that I love hoops. However, I got to thinking this weekend about an aspect of the sport that doesn't get a great

deal of attention, unless that attention is negative — the people behind the scenes that make it possible for all of us to enjoy the best sport ever.

It was actually the end of football season when controversy arose over the end of the



Sonja Karp
Karpe Dogie

— See Karp, Page 18

NMS SCORES

NMS Wrestling Douglas Invitational

'A' Division
Holden McConkey - 127 lbs. 2nd place
Jacob Prell - 138 lbs. 2nd place
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'B' Division
Teegan Hatheway - 80 lbs. 1st place
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Thomas Prell - 105 lbs. 1st place
Zander White - 115 lbs. 1st place
Kyah Miller - 125 lbs. 1st place
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Dakota Morgan - 135 lbs. 1st place
Heath Henkle - 160 lbs. 1st place
Damian Sweet - HWT. 1st place

Sturgis Middle School Wrestling Tournament

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Zander White - 115 lbs. 2nd place
Jacob Prell - 138 lbs. 3rd place

6th/7th grade Division
Scott Larson - 75 lbs. 1st place
Thomas Prell - 105 lbs. 1st place
Damian Sweet - Hwt. 1st place
Teegan Hatheway - 80 lbs. 2nd place



Assistant Coach Tanner Olson, above, watches the mat during a recent Newcastle Middle School wrestling event. Thomas Prell, left, works to pin his opponent during a recent middle school wrestling tournament. (Photos courtesy of Bill Olson)

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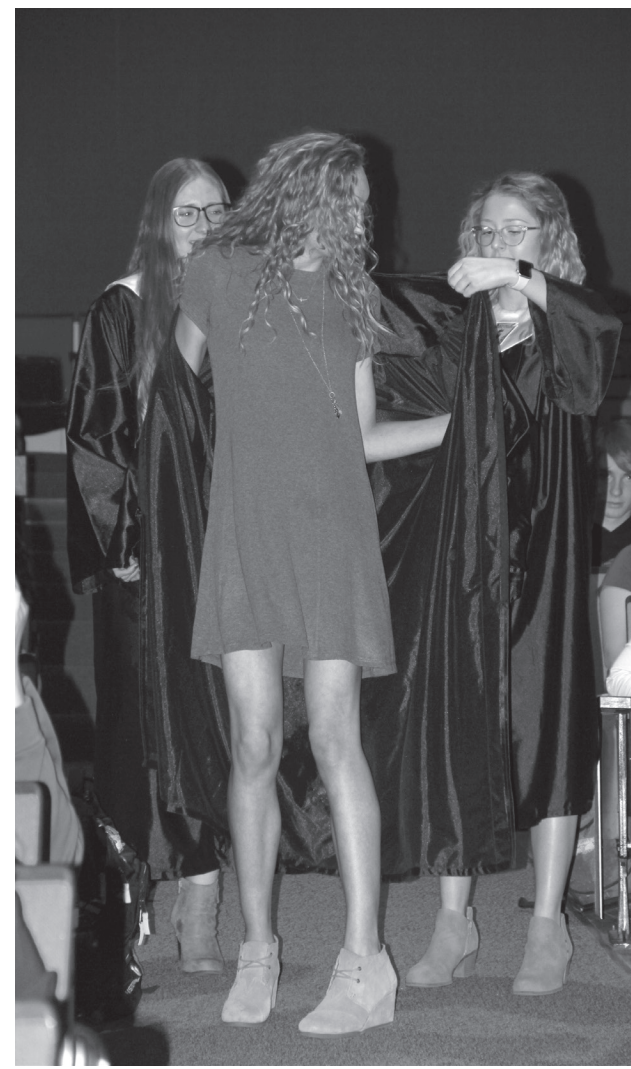
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Inducted with honor

Isaac Prell, right, lights the service candle during the National Honor Society ceremony inducting new members at Newcastle High School on Nov. 21. A total of 10 new members joined the Newcastle Chapter of the National Honor Society. Newly inducted NHS member Shelby Davis lights the candle of Peyton Tystad, below right, and Madison Pearson lights Jayme Cass's candle, bottom right. Below, Grace Coy is helped into her robe by Kaylee Sweet and Lexus Voelker. The national organization promotes scholarship, leadership, service and character among high school students.



Photos by Alexis Barker/NLJ



Food pantries are hungry for donations

Many of us think about making food donations to local food banks at this time of year. However, what types of donations help most? In addition, what kinds of food should you avoid donating?

Shelf-stable, nutrient-dense food is what people who struggle with food insecurity need most.

For food-safety reasons, items like rusty or dented cans, unlabeled packages, opened packages, thawed frozen foods, or non-commercially packaged food cannot be distributed. If you are unsure, ask your local food bank for their guidelines before donating.

If you are considering donating to a food bank or food pantry this holiday season, here are some things to think about:

- Make sure the food bank you're interested in donating to is accepting donations — the answer is probably yes, but also take a minute to ask what they might be short on and if they have a list of prohibited items.
- Foods should be easy for families to prepare.
- Refrigerator space comes at a premium, so the most useful donations are often foods that are both nutrient dense and nonperishable.
- When giving fresh produce, there

should be no evidence of spoilage. All fruits and vegetables should be of high quality.

Healthy foods from the five food groups:

Fruits & Vegetables

- Fresh fruits/vegetables
- Canned vegetables, low sodium
- 100% fruit juice
- Unsweetened applesauce
- Dried fruit, no sugar added
- Fruit in 100% juice
- Frozen vegetables, no sauce – if storage available
- Frozen fruit, no sugar added – if storage available

Grains

- Whole-grain or enriched pasta
- Whole-grain dry cereals, low sugar
- Oatmeal, cream of wheat, and grits
- Brown rice and wild rice
- Quinoa
- Barley
- Popcorn
- Whole-grain crackers
- Whole-grain breads and tortillas
- Whole-grain granola bars
- Whole-grain wheat flour and all-purpose flour

Dairy

- Low-fat or fat-free dry powdered milk
- Low-fat or fat-free shelf stable milk
- Low-fat shelf stable soy milk, unsweetened
- Low-fat or fat-free milk – if storage available
- Low-fat or fat-free yogurt – if storage available



- Low-fat cheese – if storage available
- **Protein**
- Fresh meat and fish – if storage available
- Canned meat and fish, in water
- Canned beans, low-sodium
- Dried beans, peas, and lentils
- Eggs – if storage available
- Nuts and seeds, unsalted
- Nut butter, low sugar
- **Other Items**
- Canola or olive oil
- Canned soup, stew, chili, low sodium
- Broth
- Spices
- Salad dressings, low-fat and low-sodium
- Tomato sauce, low-sodium

Certain non-food items may also be welcome. Call your local food pantry to see what they need.

Donating food is not the only way to help your local food bank. Volunteering is a rewarding way to give back, especially if you go with friends, family members, or colleagues. Holiday time is very busy and help from the community makes a big difference. It might not be the most fulfilling way to donate, but giving money rather than food is often an effective way to help alleviate hunger in your community. Contact your local food bank if you have questions about volunteering your time, donating food or money, and to find out the hours of operation.

Now all that is left to do is shop, donate, or volunteer and feel good knowing you have helped stock a home with nutritious and filling groceries. You CAN make a difference.

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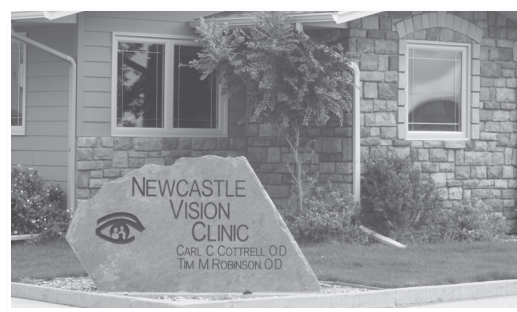
National Honor Society



Back row from left: Peyton Purviance, Isaac Prell, Betony Dixon, Kolby Piscioti, Cade Ostenson, Makenzie Wagoner, Alyssa Houser, Kaylee Sweet, Lexus Voelker, Alaina Boettcher, Arianna Anderson and Jimmie Josephson. Middle row from left: Grace Coy, Davin Tysdal, Peyton Tystad, Dylon Tidyman. Front row from left: Markie Whitney, PJ Martin, Madison Pearson, Jayme Cass, Shelby Davis, Christina Hadlock. (Photo by Alexis Barker)




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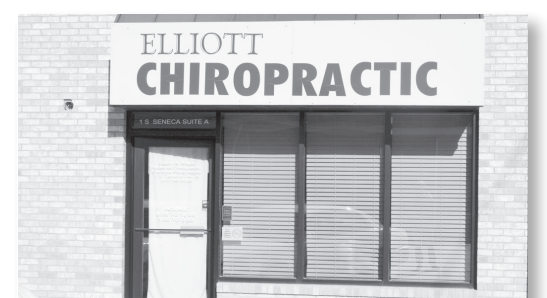
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Newcastle City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 2018

Mayor Debra Piana called this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Piana; Council members Don Steveson, Michael Alexander, Steve Ladwig, Tom Voss and Todd Quigley. Councilman Roger Hespe 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: Michael Alexander moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to approve the agenda for Monday, November 19, 2018 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Steve Ladwig moved, seconded Tom Voss to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, November 5, 2018 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR ECOGNITION:
1. Wilder Graphic Design for their business.
2. John Francis for the upgrade to his building.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION:
1. Presented to Jessica Troftgruben and her student staff for the high school newspaper, Newc High News.
2. Certificate will be mailed to Emily Hartinger for her business, Skull Creek Boutique.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—IN WRITING: None
CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—VERBAL: None
MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:
Councilman Steve Ladwig suggested moving the City offices and Police Department to Main Street after a visit to Chadron, Nebraska where they had previously done so.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:
1. City Police Chief Jim Owens reported on calls for service. Chief Owens recommended a \$.50 per hour raise for Officer Casey Lehr for achieving his Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. Tom Voss moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to approve the request. **MOTION CARRIED.** Raise effective November 11, 2108.
2. City Attorney Jim Peck noted a resignation from the Newcastle Planning and Zoning Board.
3. City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James noted

the annual financial audit begins next Monday.
4. City Engineer Mike Moore reported on several projects. Well #5 interconnect is in design, Durapatcher is still here for the week, Planning & Zoning Board's recommendation reference free standing signs was discussed, with changes proposed to allow a second sign. A change in sub-division application fees was recommended to be \$150.00 for up to a ten lot sub-division, and over ten lots \$150.00 plus \$20 per lot over ten and include the cost of advertising. Tom Voss moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to approve this change. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Peck will draft the change. Tina Sundstrom's last day as Building Inspector will be December 14, 2018 and there is a good applicant being recommended for consideration.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: None
NEW BUSINESS: None
Steve Ladwig moved, seconded Don Steveson to pay the claims against the City dated November 19, 2018. **MOTION CARRIED.** Tom Voss moved, seconded Steve Ladwig to adjourn this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 7:39 p.m. Meeting stands adjourned.

Claims: Alpha Communications, tower rent and antenna repair, \$140.00; Ameri-Tech Equipment Co., gripper cylinder, \$1006.81; Black Hills Energy, gas/electric service, \$2292.09; Shaide/Brooks Bowthorpe, water deposit refund, \$100.00; CNA Surety, position bond, \$100.00; Computer Info Systems, Inc., electronic maintenance, \$12,000.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, bottled water, \$52.00; Deckers Food Center, housekeeping supplies, \$308.65; Desert Mountain, ice melt, \$10,432.56; Eastern Wyoming Equipment Co., parts, \$760.11; Energy Laboratories, Inc., water sample testing, \$613.00; Farnsworth Service, Co., Inc., portable sanitation, \$446.50; Fisher Sand & Gravel Co., gravel, landfill, \$910.61; Hansen Equipment, saw blade, \$20.50; Robert Hartley, engineering services, \$3600.00; Limestone Services, LLC, repair chain link fence, \$347.00; Mastercard, engineering supplies, \$92.05; Pamela K. McMahon, court transcript, \$162.50; Tonia Mills, reimburse training mileage, \$180.94; Mountain View Plumbing & Contracting, install expansion tanks, \$466.00; Municipal Code Corp., online code hosting, \$950.00; Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept., reimburse expenses, \$662.14;

NORCO, welding cylinder rental, \$25.26; Office Shop, Inc., copy charges, \$128.69; Office Shop Leasing, office copier lease, \$71.45; Postmaster, bulk mailing permit, \$1500.00; Powder River Energy Corp., electric service, \$1034.03; Projex, IT work, \$1230.50; Rapid Delivery, Inc., parts delivery, \$14.09; Regional Health, Rapid City, PD medical, \$227.00; Genell Rothleutner, PD cleaning, \$200.00; S & S Builders, bike path payment, \$163,140.65; Salt Creek Veterinary Clinic, feline rabies shot, \$32.00; Scott Peterson Motors, Inc., repair PD vehicle, \$1513.32; Short Stop Fuel Mart, fuel purchases, \$8707.87; Valli Information Systems, website hosting, \$100.00; Becky Vodopich, cleaning & reimburse notary

renewal, \$405.50; Voelker's Autobody/Glass, repair PD vehicle, \$757.50; Voice Products, Service, LLC, E-911 maintenance, \$18,420.00; WEBT, employee life insurance, \$100.25; Weston County Health Services, PD emergency room, \$23.00; Weston County Treasurer, tax handling charge, \$114.51; Woody's Food Center, house-keeping supplies, \$70.67; Wyoming Rents, LLC, roller rental, \$2596.35.

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

(Publish November 29, 2018)

Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") dated December 16, 2015, executed and delivered by Keith LaCross ("Mortgagor") to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Pinnacle Bank - Wyoming, its successors and assigns, as security for the Note of the same date. The Mortgage was recorded on December 16, 2015, as Reception No. 760504 in Book 363 at Page 789 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds of Weston County, Wyoming.

The Mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Assignment dated: April 18, 2017
Assignment recorded: April 21, 2017
Assignment recording information: Reception No. 763031 in Book 372 at Page 451
All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds of Weston County, Wyoming.

The Mortgage contains a power of sale that, by reason of the 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.

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 this notice of sale is \$178,897.50, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of this notice of sale.

The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid.

The current Mortgagee, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as provided by law by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff of Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash on December 4, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Weston County Courthouse, 1 West Main Street, Newcastle, Wyoming, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage. The mortgaged property is described as follows:

Lots 1 and 2, in Block 1 of the Fryer Addition to Newcastle, Wyoming, and the Southerly 10 feet of the vacated alley adjacent to the lots, described as commencing at the Northwest Corner of Lot 1; thence run Northerly 10 feet along a continuation of the Westerly lot line of Lot 1; thence run 100 feet in an Easterly direction parallel to the Northerly lot lines of Lots 1 and 2; thence run 10 feet in a Southerly direction and parallel to the Easterly lot line of Lot 2, a continuation of the East lot line of Lot 2 to the Northerly lot line of Lots 1 and 2 and the Northeast Corner of Lot 2; thence run 100 feet in a Westerly direction along the North line of Lots 1 and 2 to the place of beginning, together with all improvements thereon.
Parcel No.: 45612915600100

which has the address of 417 South Summit Avenue, Newcastle, WY 82701 (the undersigned disclaims any liability for any error in the address).

Together with all improvements thereon and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.
Date: October 31, 2018

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
By: Brigham J. Lundberg
Lundberg & Associates, PC
3269 S. Main St., Suite 100
Salt Lake City, UT 84115
L&A No. 18.72061.2

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Foreclosure Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note and mortgage dated November 13, 2014, executed by Sean S. Petersen, as Mortgagor, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. ("MERS"), as Mortgagee solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns, Premier Home Mortgage, Inc., recorded on November 14, 2014 as Rec. No. 755975, Book 355, Page 0779 of official records in the County Recorder's Office of Weston County, Wyoming; as assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, recorded August 13, 2018 as Rec. No. 765228, Book 380, Page 181, in the public records in the office of the county clerk of Weston County, Wyoming. The premises that are described in the Mortgage are as follows:

A tract of land 40' x 140' in Lot Five(5), Block Three(3), West Addition to Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming described as follows to-wit:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 5, Block 3, West addition to Newcastle, Wyoming; thence South along the Lot line 140 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 5; thence West along the lot line a distance of 40 feet; thence North a distance of 140 feet to intersect the Northerly lot line; thence East along the lot line a distance of 40 feet back to the point of beginning.

with an address of 430 Pine Street, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, through its servicer, LoanCare has served a written Notice of Intent to Foreclose the Mortgage by Advertisement and Sale pursuant to the terms of the Mortgage to the record owner or party in possession in accordance with the statute ten (10) days prior to the first publication of the sale.

The amount due and owing on the date of the first publication is \$91,477.22 which includes the unpaid principal and accrued but unpaid interest. Interest continues to accrue on the unpaid balance at the rate of \$9.84 per day.

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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to W.S. §34-3-101 et seq., (1977 Republished Edition) that the above described property will be at public venue sold by the Sheriff of Weston County, to the highest bidder at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 4th day of December, 2018 on the courthouse steps of Weston County.
DATED this 23rd day of October, 2018.

BY: Bruce S. Asay of ALG Law, LLC
1812 Pebrican Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82001
(307) 632-2888
Attorney for Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, through its servicer, LoanCare

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE NEWCASTLE BIKE PATH 2018 PROJECT AT NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

Notice is hereby given that work by S&S Builders, LLC, PO Box 1867, Gillette, WY 82717, for the Newcastle Bike Path 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 January 8, 2019. The date of first Publication is November 29, 2018.

Michael Moore, P.E.
City Engineer
City of Newcastle

(Publish November 29, December 6 and 23, 2018)

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of Powder River Energy Corporation's (PRECorp or Cooperative) Application for authority to decrease its Cost of Power Adjustment by \$9,721,331 per annum, effective January 1, 2019, to reflect a change in the average wholesale power costs.

PRECorp is a non-profit cooperative public utility as defined in Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

On November 1, 2018, PRECorp submitted its Application seeking Commission approval to decrease its total Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA) by \$9,721,331, effective January 1, 2019, pursuant to Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 26, and in accordance with the COPA procedures set forth in the Cooperative's Billing Adjustments Tariff. The COPA is a mechanism by which the Cooperative recovers and/or returns changes in its' wholesale power cost relative to the amount of power cost embedded in base retail rates. The proposed COPA factors in this Application reflect the projected cost of power for January through December 2019 using projected billing units for the period and the applicable wholesale rates from the Cooperative's wholesale supplier, effective January 1, 2019. Additionally, the proposed COPA factors reflect the reconciliation of the COPA revenue for the months of October 2017 through September 2018, and the accrual of interest on any over-recovered balances during the true-up period.

The COPA factors proposed in this application and the resulting change in revenue are listed below:

	Existing COPA Factor	Proposed COPA Factor	Change in Revenue
All Rate Classes except LPT and LPT-CBM	\$0.008568	\$0.007064	(\$1,828,269)
LPT	\$0.000527	\$0.000845	\$310,777
LPT-CBM	\$0.003714	\$0.004561	\$58,493

This is not a complete description of the Application. PRECorp's Application is on file at the Cooperative's business office located in Sundance, Wyoming and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, 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, public comment, protest, intervention petition, or request for a public hearing in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before December 14, 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. 10014-193-CP-18 (Record No. 15129) in your communications.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or if you wish to file a statement, public comment, or protest, 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.

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Blotter

November 18, 2018
 Medical assist. Civil standby requested.
 Medical assist. Missing dog reported. 911 misdial. Open door discovered.
November 19
 VIN inspection requested.
 Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Civil assist requested.
 Death reported. Assist other agency. Assist other agency. Suspicious activity reported. 911 hang up. Civil assist. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Dead deer reported.
November 20
 Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Open door discovered. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Motorist assist. Warrant arrest. Lost property reported. Lost property reported. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Suspicious activity reported. Assist other agency. Arrest Warrant issued. Traffic stop, One arrest. Arrest Warrants issued.
November 21
 Arrest Warrant issued. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued.

Dead deer reported. Medical assist. Assist other agency. Traffic stop, Citation issued. Assist other agency. Civil problem reported. Welfare check requested. Hazard reported. 911 misdial. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Assist other agency.



November 22
 Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Commercial alarm reported. Civil problem reported. Traffic stop, Written Warning issued. Report of a dog at large. Dog bite reported.

November 23
 Report of a dog at large. Assist other agency. Drunk driver reported. Traffic stop, Equipment repair order issued. Traffic stop, Equipment Repair Order issued.

November 24
 Harassment reported. Harassment reported. Medical assist. 911 hang up. Medical alarm reported.

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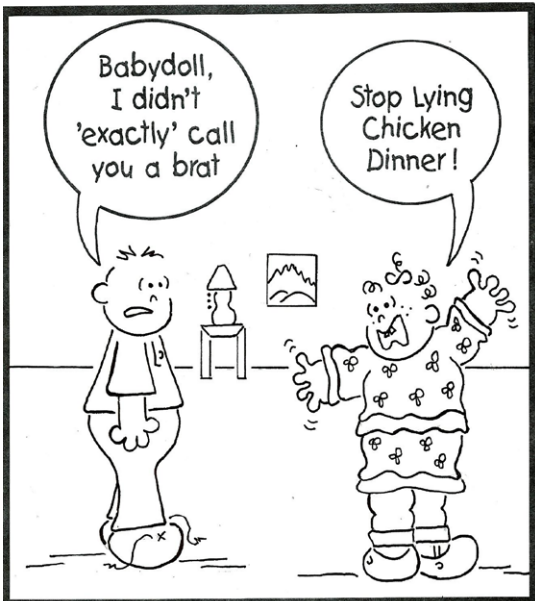
**WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 CHEYENNE, WYOMING
 NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR HIGHWAY WORK**

Notice is hereby given that the State Transportation Commission of Wyoming has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming, acting through said Commission, and Traffic Safety Services, Inc. The Contractor, on Highway Project Number B184021 in Gillette, Newcastle, Sheridan, and Sundance Counties, consisting of chevron signing and miscellaneous work, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on January 9, 2019. The date of the first publication of this Notice is November 29, 2018.

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

(Publish November 29, December 6 and 23, 2018)

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Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the City of Newcastle, Wyoming will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. in the Newcastle meeting room located on the second floor of the Newcastle Administration Building, 10 W. Warwick Street, Newcastle, Wyoming to receive public comment regarding amending the second paragraph in Section 10.f(3) of the Newcastle Zoning Code concerning free-standing signs. Currently, the second paragraph in Section 10.f(3) of the Zoning Code provides as follows: "A second free-standing sign, not to exceed one-hundred-fifty (150) square feet in surface area, shall be permitted where a Zone Lot abuts two (2) arterial streets, as designated on the duly-adopted City of Newcastle Comprehensive Plan Land Use map, with each arterial having at least three-hundred (300) feet of frontage on the Zone Lot. The second, free-standing sign shall be at least one-hundred-fifty (150) feet from any other free-standing sign and shall not be used for off-premise advertising." The proposed amendment would change the second paragraph in Section 10.f(3) of the Zoning Code to read as follows: "A second free-standing sign, not to exceed one-hundred-fifty (150) square feet in surface area, may be permitted on a Zone Lot if authorized by the Newcastle Planning and Zoning Commission. The second free-standing sign shall be at least one-hundred-fifty (150) feet from any other free-standing sign and shall not be used for off-premise advertising."

Gregory James
 Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish November 29, 2018)

Deadline for Legals is noon on Friday

Fun and Games

CARTOON CHARACTERS

- ACROSS**
 1. Middle Eastern staple
 6. What I do with my little eye?
 9. Cookbook abbr.
 13. Potato State?
 14. Romanian money
 15. Sign of a saint, pl.
 16. *Rabbit's first name
 17. Brow shape
 18. Like Bananas Foster
 19. *Scooby-Doo's best friend
 21. *Eric of "South Park"
 23. *Mr. Duck, to friends
 24. Hippocrates' promise
 25. TV tube in days yore
 28. Vegan's staple
 30. Islamic scholars
 35. Hems and _____
 37. *Tramp, e.g.
 39. Mountie uniform fabric
 40. A lightbulb signifies one in many comics
 41. Straight ones in a drafter's toolbox
 43. Agitate
 44. Wharton's "The House of _____"
 46. *What Charles Schulz did with Snoopy
 47. *Flapper Betty
 48. *The Sailor Man
 50. Black cat, e.g.
 52. Abba song
 53. Front part of a ship
 55. *#48 Across' Swee' _____
 57. *Pink feline
 61. *The youngest Griffin
 64. Musical composition
 65. 2nd largest bird in world by height
 67. Mends a sock
 69. Beauty shop
 70. Chowd down
 71. Grind down
 72. _____a-whirl
 73. VHS successor
 74. SWS on the uptake

58. Antioxidant-rich berry
 59. He's one behind Belichick
 60. Mother Goose' "Dame _____ and Her Cat"
 61. What victim did in court
 62. Fairway club
 63. Book _____, pl.
 66. *"Beavis and Butt-Head" channel
 68. "_____ Spot go"

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Newcastle High School senior Cade Ostenson goes up for the open jumper as the Dogies practice their offense on Monday. (Photo by Sonja Karp/NLJ)

Dogies

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out. We're going to include both the varsity and the JV so we can get those guys some time up and down the court to get some of those nerves out before we start playing," Von Eye explained. "I think it's such a fun event, so the more guys we can include gives them the opportunity to

put on the uniform and get to have some time in front of the fans in the Dome."

Von Eye and Ostenson are asking for donations of non-perishable food items to Fill the Box as an entry fee for the event, with the proceeds going to FBLA's Totes of Hope project.

Karp

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3A semifinal game between Torrington and Jackson that got me pondering the role these people play.

Usually, one doesn't hear a lot of backlash from football fans toward officials or other folks who work the sidelines or the table. That kind of behavior is normally reserved for basketball, where fans and officials are in close quarters.

Distance between the two couldn't shield officials in this case, however.

The contest between the Blazers and the Broncos took place in Torrington, and from all reports it was a tight, highly contested one between two teams determined to make the championship game.

The Broncos held the lead late in the game, but the Blazers put together a flurry of plays in the waning seconds of the fourth quarter which resulted in a last-second touchdown, giving them the slimmest 22-21 margin of victory against Jackson.

As one might imagine, emotions were running high in the stands for fans on both sides, and unfortunately things got ugly in the aftermath.

According to an opinion

article written by Rick Roddam of Y95 Country, "one Jackson parent had to be restrained from physically attacking an official... while another challenged an official to fight in the parking lot." Later in the week, an adult from Jackson threatened on social media to drive to Laramie to heckle the Torrington players as they played in the championship contest.

Accusations were flying from Teton County throughout the next week, including a claim that the officials and the clock person had conspired to cheat, thereby ensuring a Blazer win. In Cheyenne, a sports talk show referred to the situation as "the Torrington Screwjob".

I get that this was a high-stakes game, and that losing like that at the last second is tough to take, but I so wish the adults in the situation had handled their reaction differently.

We need to keep in mind that those who volunteer to take on the responsibility of running the clock, keeping the official book and officiating high school contests are

giving of their time to perform the duties necessary for the game to happen. Granted they are each making some money, but I guarantee it's not a lot and certainly not enough to make up for taking that kind of abuse.

Wyoming is facing a shortage of officials in every sport, and it's only going to get worse if high school sports fans can't get some perspective.

I freely admit that I have been guilty of voicing my opinion of how the people in stripes are officiating much too loudly and forcefully over the years.

I must say, those are not among my finest moments.

As we head into the 2018-2019 winter season, I'm going to try my best to remember that these are people just like me — who have stepped up to help kids be able to play the game they love — and they are doing their best out on that court or behind that table.

Let's all endeavor to be kinder and gentler this season and let the coaches coach, let the players play, let the officials officiate, and let the fans cheer on the Dogies.

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