

# News Letter Journal

Weston County

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Year 136 Week 11

## School transparency bill dies in committee

Alexis Barker  
NLJ News Editor

The Weston County School District No. 1 board of trustees applauded the death of the Civics Transparency

Act, a bill that would have required teachers to post their class materials online for public view.

Senate File 62 died in the House Education Committee, on a 4-5 vote, on March 8 after passing out of the

full Senate with an 18-12 vote on Feb. 28. The bill was sponsored by three of the four Weston County legislators: Rep. Chip Neiman, R-Sundance; Sen. Cheri Steinmetz, R-Lingle; and Sen. Ogden Driskill, R-Devils Tower.

The bill's failure to advance followed testimony by several speakers criticizing the unnecessary burden it would place on teachers.

On the day of the bill's demise, Superintendent Brad LaCroix said

that its rejection was respectful of Wyoming teachers' time. He added that the bill was attempting to address a problem that didn't necessarily exist.

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### Creating a classic

Joseph Ferguson hauled snow from the Bomgaars parking lot in trash cans to the front yard of Christ Episcopal Church when it snowed on March 5, to build a rather unique automobile. After packing the snow and creating a block of ice from melted snow for the windshield, he then carved an antique-style car out of the snow and ice with a chain saw. This is the second snow car he has made. For this one he carved out seats and even carved the front wheels in a turning position. The project took Ferguson nine hours over a two-day period to complete. At right, he sits inside his snow sculpture for a photo with his creation.



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## First Baptist Church welcomes new pastor

KateLynn Slaamot  
NLJ Reporter

Ben Roberts' journey to Newcastle as the new pastor of First Baptist Church began a few years ago when he received an email about the need for chaplains for the Department of Veterans Affairs. As a veteran who had worked for the Department of Defense, Department of the Army, in Fort Lee, Virginia, before retiring, Roberts was keenly aware of the need for chaplains. So, he decided to take the three-year program through Liberty University — now in his intern semester while serving as the pastor at First Baptist.

Roberts said that God used that email to give him a passion

for pastoral work, calling him to ministry.

"It has nothing to do with a want, it has to be a calling. And, I honestly didn't know what that meant probably up until ... five years ago now, ... the Lord will knock on your door. In my case, he sent me an email. ... Something will get

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Submitted photo  
**Ben Roberts is the new pastor at First Baptist Church in Newcastle. He and his wife, Charlee, moved to Newcastle almost a year ago and have come to love the community they now call home.**



## County to apply for VOCA funds

Alexis Barker  
NLJ News Editor

The Weston County Attorney's office has received permission from the Weston County Commissioners to apply for Victims of Crime Act crime victim funds. For the past several years, FOCUS has applied for and administered the grant, employing a part-time victim witness coordinator.

County Attorney Michael Stulken originally made his proposal to the commissioners to apply for the funds on Feb. 18. The commissioners gave the idea their stamp of approval on March 1 after meeting with FOCUS director Stacie Hoxie, Stulken and Jeani Stone, the deputy county attorney.

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## Williams sentenced for sexual assault

Alexis Barker  
NLJ News Editor

McKenley Williams, of Newcastle, was sentenced on Feb. 28 to 12-15 years, followed by 10 years of supervised probation for two separate counts of sexual assault, by Judge Stuart S. Healy, according to court documents dated March 9. The sentencing hearing was held in the District Court of the Sixth Judicial District in Newcastle.

Williams was charged with second-degree sexual abuse of a minor, a felony. He also was charged with sexual assault in the second degree, a felony. On Dec. 14, Williams pleaded guilty to the first count and no contest

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## Game and Fish to host open house

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NLJ News Editor

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Casper Region will host a series of public open houses in various communities, including Newcastle, to present and discuss the proposed 2022 hunting seasons. The agency will also host a final public meeting at a later date.

According to a press release dated March 9, the agency will host their first two meetings on March 21 in Newcastle, at Pinnacle Bank from 7 to 9 p.m., and in Sundance, in the Crook County Courthouse basement, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The following five meetings will be held from March 22 to March 24 in Hulett, Douglas, Lusk and Casper.

"Attending a meeting is one way to learn about local wildlife populations, ask questions, and visit with local game and fish biologists and wardens," the release states. "Interested hunters can review the proposed regulations and submit public comments through 5 p.m. on April 1st."

Online comments can be submitted by going to [wgfd.wyo.gov/Get-Involved/Public-Meetings](http://wgfd.wyo.gov/Get-Involved/Public-Meetings). Mail comments should be sent to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Regulations, 3030 Energy Lane, Casper, WY 82604.

### WEATHER FORECAST

**Thursday**  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 46, Lo 25



**Friday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 51, Lo 29



**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 57, Lo 37



**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 61 Lo 35



**Monday**  
PM Showers  
Hi 43, Lo 29



**Tuesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 46, Lo 29

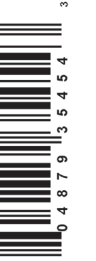


**Wednesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 55, Lo 33



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# Two WCCC employees terminated; charges filed

**Alexis Barker**  
NLJ News Editor

The Weston County Children's Center board of directors voted to terminate the employment of two staff members after the board was informed that misdemeanor criminal charges had been filed against those individuals on March 8, according to a press release dated March 11. The board took this action after meeting in both executive and open session to discuss an ongoing investigation into allegations made as a result of a serious injury to a child that potentially occurred at the facility, according to the release.

“The board acknowledged it is not making a judgment of guilt or innocence on the part of these former employees, but felt this step was necessary to demonstrate our commitment to the care and safety of our children,” said Francie Gregory, director of the center, in the release.

Gregory added that facility staff will continue to work with state and local authorities conducting the investigation into the incident, the release says.

“Nothing is more important to us than the health and happiness of the children we are entrusted with, and it breaks my heart that a child has suffered and a family is confronted with something like this. We want to know the truth more than anything, and hope that the system will be able to bring

answers and closure to everybody involved in this tragedy,” Gregory said in the release.

The press release further says that the WCCC will continue to operate as normal, offering their full range of services to parents and the community moving forward. Currently, the center employs 32 people, serving 110 children, according to Gregory.

Both the Weston County Children's Center and the News Letter Journal have chosen not to reveal the names of any of the parties involved at this time. The Weston County Children's Center will also provide no further public comment to avoid compromising an ongoing investigation, according to the press release.

## Funds

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According to Stulken, facilitating the position of victim witness coordinator through the county attorney's office would help increase the level of confidentiality, better serving the victims of crimes.

Hoxie explained that the reason FOCUS facilitates the position goes back to when Don Hansen and Jim Peck served as county and deputy county attorney. She said that Hansen and Peck did not want to manage the position, so FOCUS volunteered to apply for and employ the victim witness coordinator.

“We took the money and worked and worked to get where we are. It does have some confidentiality questions with clients. For a while, we (FOCUS and the county attorney's office) didn't get along. We are doing amazing now, like a big team,” Hoxie said. “I don't want to take away from FOCUS, and we could delegate three hours a day to the county attorney's office with no files transferring over.”

She noted that transferring the position to the county attorney's office would be hard on FOCUS as an agency. Sometimes, she said, people have to do what is best for everyone and not what is best for them.

“We need to do what is best for all of the victims. If it cuts FOCUS, that breaks my heart, but we have to do what is right for victims,”

Hoxie said.

Stone reported that Hoxie had agreed that \$16,000 should be shifted to the county attorney's office to pay for the position.

“Hopefully, they continue to receive funds to help with things like motel rooms. ....” she said, noting that the county is applying for an \$85,000 two-year grant.

“The state will have to decide how much they have allocated for Weston County,” Stone said. “We don't want to take away from what FOCUS gets for those other services.”

Hoxie added that FOCUS does receive funds from several funding sources, including allocations from the city of Newcastle and Weston County.

Stone also reported that most counties, including Crook County, facilitate the victim witness coordinator through the attorney's office.

“We need to revamp how we approach things, to be more the way they should have been done for years,” Stone said. “We will provide a better service for victims and do the things that need to be statutorily done.”

Despite the commission's approval, the final say on the transfer of the position will be determined by the state.

“If the state doesn't fund, we will revisit it,” Chairwoman Marty Ertman said.

## Williams

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to the second.

On the first count, Williams was ordered to serve not less than 12 years nor more than 15 years in prison. He must also register as a sex offender in his county of residence, within five days of release from incarceration. According to court documents, the court found that Williams was “not a viable candidate for probation” on the first count but was a candidate for probation in the second count.

On the second count, Healy sentenced Williams to not less than seven years nor more than 12 years of prison. Healy then suspended the prison sentence in favor of 10 years of supervised probation, to follow his prison sentence on the first charge.

Williams is also ordered

**Law enforcement present during sentencing**

With the hopes of lessening the anxiety of courtroom spectators on Feb. 28, Newcastle Police Department officers, as well as representatives from the Weston County Sheriff's Office, were present at the Weston County Courthouse during the sentencing of McKenley Williams.

“We appreciate it. It was a very touchy situation,” said Weston County Attorney Michael Stulken, the prosecutor. “There were people that were nervous about what was going on.”

He said that because of the police presence, everyone involved in the hearing was able to feel safe and secure.

“They were all able to speak at the proceeding. It was a very proud day for Weston County,” Stulken said.

to have no contact with the victims or their parents during incarceration, upon release from incarceration and while on supervised probation.

Williams was represented by attorney Ryan Semerad. Stulken and Deputy County Attorney Jeani Stone were the prosecutors in the case.

## Roberts

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your attention, and something will lead you to that,” Roberts said.

When Roberts and his wife, Charlee, moved to Newcastle almost a year ago, pastoring a church full time wasn't even on their minds. Originally from Idaho, the couple was anxious to get back to the West and to small-town life.

“We knew that we wanted to come to Wyoming; we'd always talked about retiring in Wyoming.... So we started looking for a home,” Roberts said. A house in Newcastle kept coming up in their searches as they were looking for houses all over the state. That house was the main reason the couple came to the area.

Then, in their search for a church to attend, they came across First Baptist Church. The current pastor, Gary Anderson, was also their neighbor. After the Robertses had attended services for a while, Anderson announced his retirement. Roberts mentioned that he would be interested in serving as an interim pastor. He became the full-time pastor about six months later.

“It was just the Lord working every single step, just guiding us. I mean, it was just amazing to watch,” Roberts said.

Charlee said she has easily navigated her new role as a pastor's wife because she's always loved people and being around them.

She has also enjoyed watching Roberts' growth through this time, as she has come alongside to support him, she said.

“I think watching him grow through the program

of him going to school and the ministry that he's doing and me helping him. I think that's the main thing,” Charlee said.

“It's a team effort,... and without Charlee's involvement and support, it would be impossible,” Roberts added.

With this new chapter in their life and as newcomers to the area, Roberts said, he and Charlee have fallen in love with the community. He said it's been a joy for him to see that there's a lot of faith in this community.

Roberts' hopes during his ministry here, and what he feels called to in this time, is to spread the Gospel as much as possible and reach people for Christ, he said.


“There's a need right now, in this time, in our age, for revival, and for opening up our doors as a church and bringing as many to Christ as we can,” Roberts said.

Roberts went on to say that just like anywhere else, there's still so many people who struggle, who don't know the Lord and who are trying to find answers. First Baptist is currently focusing on where the church should go with their outreach.

“We absolutely have fallen in love with this community and want nothing but the best for people on a spiritual basis,” Roberts said.

Roberts wants the community to know that the church doors are always open, if people are looking for a church to call home, or if they just want to visit. His primary objective, he said, is for people to find Christ.

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## Our View

# We should embrace the split

In the final moments of the 2022 budget session the Wyoming Legislature approved a redistricting plan that will see Weston County split. The result of this decision is the county having two representatives and two senators representing various areas in the county. (see page 8 for a map.)

While this split may leave a sour taste in the mouths of many, including the Weston County Commissioners who have discussed potential lawsuits to fight the decision, Weston County residents have

the opportunity to have four voices represent their wants and needs instead of two or three.

Like Sen. Ogden Driskill, R-Devils Tower, and former Sen. Curt Meier, now the Wyoming State Treasurer, said 10 years ago, you have to hold their feet to the fire.

If Weston County residents remain engaged, especially during the interim, it is likely that the county's interest will be represented by multiple individuals.

It may not be the most popular

idea, we can all agree it would be nice to have representation living in the county, but we must embrace the split and take advantage of the opportunity that the community has to be heard by multiple individuals.

Engage with your legislators, vote smart in the upcoming election and continue to fight for what Weston County wants. We may be small, but we are mighty and there is great opportunity in the upcoming 10 years, before the next redistricting process, to utilize the legislators we have.

## POLL of the WEEK

QUESTION: How would you grade the Wyoming Legislature?

- A B C D F

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RESULTS: Have you prayed for Ukraine?

- Yes..... 93% 13 Votes No..... 7% 1 Votes

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## So, you think it has been cold lately? How does -66 sound?

Wyoming has seemed more like Antarctica lately with cold, snow, high winds, and closed highways. Has it always been this cold in Wyoming?

Well, actually, it has been a lot colder in the past than in recent years.

Up to the recent cold snap, tough-minded Wyomingites had been quietly snickering when national news reports showed below freezing temps in Texas, blizzards in

New York and folks shivering in Atlanta and Washington, D.C. Although we truly sympathized with folks enduring something called a Polar Vortex, we also knew what cold weather is really like.

This got me thinking about what were the coldest temperatures in Wyoming's recorded history? A lot of folks sent me anecdotal stories, which I will mix in here with a few facts.

Personally, I recall the winter of 1978-79. Again, here in Lander, I think the entire month of January was below zero. Amazingly dangerous and bitter conditions.

What is the official coldest temperature ever? Historian



Phil Roberts from the University of Wyoming: "I think the record is still -66 recorded Feb. 9, 1933, at Moran. I heard the temperature was actually colder, but the thermometers didn't have the capacity to register a lower reading!"

The late Clay James, who operated Jackson Lake Lodge at Moran for decades, recalls -54 one cold winter day in the mid-1970s. "Thankfully we woke up as the power went off. We called all

our employees to turn on the faucets and start the fireplaces. The power was off for several days. Never have I been so cold," he recalled.

Former Cheyenne, Torrington and Sundance publisher Mike Lindsey recalled the blizzard of 1949, which history generally considers the worst ever in the state.

"Up in Sundance, cattle froze standing up. Wind blew drifts into buildings through keyholes in doors. Machinery would not start. Kids who stuck their tongues to the door handle did not get thawed until their junior year!" Not sure about that last fact, which was reminiscent of the famous scene from the

movie A Christmas Story.

The late Jim Smail of Lander once told me about snowmobiling with a group that included Charlton Heston at Togwotee Lodge in 1964 where the mercury dipped to -64. No, they did not go sledding that day.

Former Wyoming Speaker of the House Tom Lubnau of Gillette recalls playing Laramie in football when the wind chill was -65.

Dewey Vanderhoff of Cody recalls: "It was New Year's weekend of 1979 when Jackson Hole went -60. Friends from Meeteetse had gone to ski there but came back with horror stories of busted pipes, bone-cold motels, blackouts, everything closed, no skiing opportunity at all. Nothing fun except sharing beds for warmth and drinking a lot. Consolation prize I suppose. Was there a spike in babies born in September-October?"

Jody Coleman, formerly of Riverton says about that same ski trip: "I was in Jackson that New Years of 1979. The power was off and we woke up at the Antler motel with the walls inside covered with frost. We went outside and started our pickup every hour. The next day we spent the day jump-starting other people's cars.

My mom bought me a ski suit. But urged me to move home to California."

World can get pretty cold. Former resident Debbie Hammons recalled: "That super-duper cold winter of 1978-79 was when the weather was sub-zero. I moved home to Wyoming in September 1978. Best New Year's Eve ever was Jan. 1, 1979. All the young singles in town packed into the Three Bears Bar downtown and kept their cars running into the New Year. We knew if we shut off our vehicles, we might not be able to start them again until March!"

When current Cheyenne resident Pat Schmidt was publisher of The Lovell Chronicle, folks there arranged a hay bale mission to rescue the poor wild horses in the Pryor Mountains. "The BLM and others organized a hay drop from a helicopter to bands of horses stuck on mountain ridges. I recall taking a picture with one hand as I was dropping a bale with the other. The effort only compounded the problems, we learned later, as the horses' digestive systems were not used to the rich protein in the hay. Their systems compacted, causing a quicker death. Only around 75 survived." Jim Hicks says "I know a

bunch from Buffalo were riding snow machines in Yellowstone in the early 1970s and it was so cold it froze their whiskey into a solid block." He also reported it was -15 in Buffalo on March 10 of this year.

Greybull native Mike Schutte has a story to tell: "My wife Karen and I were married on Dec. 22, 1962 in Emblem, took a three-day honeymoon to Red Lodge and headed back to Laramie and moved in to student housing. On Jan. 12, 1963 the temperature dropped to minus 50 degrees. I will never forget going outside that morning. So quiet, thought it was the end of the world. Nothing moving that we could see or hear. It was a little scary. Finally heard a vehicle that was driving around and trying to jump start some vehicles.

"Student Housing was built with cinderblocks, with a lot of leakage around doors, windows, and other places. Couldn't get much heat in our small unit. Needless to say, we stayed in bed most of the day with extra blankets. Sadly, one school teacher who walked to work, frostbit her lungs and died! Never experienced cold like that since. Brrr!"

These are some of my favorite "how cold is it" stories. What about yours?

## Letters to the Editor

### Unsung heroes

To the Editor:

Can we take a minute to talk about some of our most unsung heroes in our county? I'm referring to our dispatchers, the people who answer our calls when we are having an emergency.

It's important for our citizens to know how often these people are forgotten as some of our most important heroes in our community. When we call them, it doesn't matter which town we are from, whether we are in the city or the county. What matters to them is getting us the help we need, as quickly and efficiently as they can. They are our first line of defense in every situation that comes to them. They have to make the decision of who needs to be notified and sent our way. They have to know what to tell us to do in any emergency that we call them with, how to administer first aid, how to perform CPR, the safest measures to take when there's been an accident, etc. They must keep us as calm as possible, often in situations that seem like the worst moments of our lives.

Most importantly they are doing all of these things simultaneously. While they are dealing with us they are also monitoring our rescuers' safety, locations and providing quickest route details. In most cases they don't ever know the outcome of any given situation. When we hang up with them, we often forget that they have just experienced our trauma with us, but they have to be ready to answer the next call when it comes in. Can most of

us imagine what the weight of that might feel like?

After saying all of this, I'm wondering if our two governing bodies, the city council and county commissioners, have given this any thought?

We've all heard about communication equipment and whether we should or shouldn't pay for it.

We've all heard about the possibility of a joint powers board and should we have one or not. We've heard discussion of the possibility of splitting the dispatch center into two different centers.

Have these two governing entities ever talked to the people who matter significantly here? Again, referring to the dispatchers who are doing this extremely difficult job. Are they asking for their input on what they might need, to do their jobs most efficiently? Were any of them ever asked to be on a joint powers board? Have they been asked if they want to split the dispatch center? Have they been asked for any input at all?

Are these governing agencies choosing to make all of these decisions, that affect the public's safety, without talking to the people who actually do the job?

I believe every city council member and county commissioner should be required to spend a 12-hour shift in the dispatch center watching what these people do to keep us safe. When they do, they should pray that it's not one of

the "bad days" because they might leave there a little scarred. Maybe if we require this of them before they make these important decisions they will realize that these are not just glorified receptionists we are talking about.

These forgotten heroes the dispatchers are in fact the oil and fuel that keeps the rest of the machine running!

— Deborah McElhiney



### Keep the Equality State equal

To the Editor:

The 2022 Legislature of The Equality State failed to live up to that billing, bringing forward numerous bills to reduce, limit, or strip rights from citizens they supposedly serve. Fortunately most of those bills were defeated, thus preserving the rights of citizens — everyone, that is, except women of child-bearing age. They were eager to strip those rights away in the expectation that the Supreme Court will make it a states' issue.

The very fact that such bills are presented is evidence of the extreme danger our democracy is now in. Democracies become more inclusive over time, recognizing more and more the rights of marginalized citizens to fully participate in the democratic process. Authoritarian

minded legislators, however, seek to prohibit, limit, reduce, or completely strip rights of citizens they deem not worthy of full rights of citizenship.

In the last 50 years we have seen numerous democracies — Russia, Turkey, and Venezuela, for example — tumble into authoritarianism, begun by the passing of laws designed to marginalize the undesirables while aligning with religion. Those who study in that field have been sounding warnings in the United States for at least a decade, warnings which have only got louder in the past five years. As amply demonstrated this session, our legislature is now highly infected with such an attitude, eager to make us the rugged cowBOY state, not the EQUALity state.

Look carefully at who brought forward these bills, and the co-sponsors. Ponder deeply how you would feel if they were aimed at your group, your children, or your spouse. People fled the state this year as soon as the bills were admitted out of fear of losing freedoms. What will you do when they go after you and yours?

If you think it's important that the rights of all Wyoming citizens are deserving of our protection, vote those legislators out. Run against them, show the state what they are willing to do, what they brag about doing. Or get out there and work to elect people who believe in democracy and keeping the equality in the Equality State.

— Marci Shaver



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**DELLA J. FORDYCE**  
 Aug. 5, 1941–March 14, 2022

Memorial services for Della Fordyce will be held on Saturday, March 19, at 1 p.m. at Meridian Mortuary, 111 S. Railroad Ave., in Newcastle. A full obituary will be published later.

**WILLIAM GLEN NOVAK**  
 Oct. 17, 1960–Jan. 28, 2022

William Glen Novak, affectionately nicknamed “Wyoming Willie,” was born Oct. 17, 1960 in Newcastle, Wyo., and died in the Billings, Mont., hospital on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, at the age of 61.

At his bedside was his wife Bernadette, son Daniel, and daughter Emily. He's also survived by his grandchildren, Othniel, Liam, Eden-Joy; his mother, Veronica; brother, John; and sisters, Lise, Julie, Peggy, and Eileen.

He was preceded in death by his father, John. William was retired from State of Wyoming Department of Family Services, and enjoyed drumming, hiking, and music.

A celebration of Willie's life will be held on Saturday, April 9, at 2 p.m. in Newcastle at Church on the Hill. Wear your favorite band T-shirt. Condolences and/or donations in honor of Willie can be sent to the church.

A full obituary will be published at a later date online.



**William Novak**

**BLAST FROM THE PAST**

Here's a photo from the News Letter Journal's archives. Subjects unknown. Email [staff@newsli.com](mailto:staff@newsli.com) to share any information about this photo or event.

**Understanding different coffee roasts**

**D**id you know that there are hundreds of kinds of coffee? That might not surprise you, but did you know there are also different kinds of roasts? There are hundreds of varieties of coffee and almost as many types of roasts! What's your favorite coffee roast — dark, light, or somewhere in between?

Coffee results when the roasted seeds or “beans” from a coffee plant are brewed. Coffee plants can be either Arabica or Robusta. Beans from an Arabica plant have a mild flavor, slightly sweet, with a hint of fruit or berry taste. Beans from the Robusta coffee plant have a higher level of caffeine and a more harsh flavor. This bean is used primarily as a filler in coffee blends or to produce budget-friendly coffee.

Coffee lovers have their go-to roast level. By learning about the types of coffees and variations of different coffee roasts, you can decide when to use each. The roast level provides a baseline guide to the taste you can expect.

While the type of bean does have an impact on taste, the roasting process gives coffee much of its flavor and aroma. How long the coffee beans are roasted impacts the body, flavor, and acidity. When the beans are roasted, they transform from green coffee beans to the aromatic brown coffee beans we know and love. The bean's flavor is impacted by where it was grown, the

plant variety, and the roasting method.

The amount of time the beans are roasted affects the color, flavor, and aroma of the coffee when it's brewed. The color of a coffee bean can help identify the roast levels. Four types of coffee roasts are light roast, medium roast, medium-dark roast, and dark roast. The difference in coffee roasts is in their oil, caffeine, and acidity levels.

**Coffee Roasts**  
 The names of the roasts and descriptions vary depending on the brand and type of coffee. The longer coffee beans roast, the darker in color they become, and the more the flavor and aroma change. The longer the beans roast, the less caffeine, and acidity they contain.

Here's a breakdown of coffee roasts explained so you can pick a roast that's in line with the flavors you enjoy.

**Light Roasts**  
 Light roasts are lighter in color, mostly light brown. Light roast coffees have a light body, delicate flavors, and are more acidic. These beans do not have oil on the surface. When the beans are lightly roasted, they retain more of their original flavor than if they are dark roasted. Light roast coffee beans also keep most of the caffeine from the original state of the coffee

bean. Some popular categories of light roasts include Cinnamon, Half City, Light City, and New England.

**Medium Roasts**  
 Medium roasts have a medium brown color and more body than light roasted beans. When beans are medium roasted, the result is beans with a more balanced acidity, aroma, and flavor. For this reason, medium

roasted beans are the most popular commercial coffee bean. Around the world, it is known as an American roast because it is the preferred type of coffee in the United States. Some popular roast names for this roast level are American, Breakfast, City,

and Regular.  
**Medium-Dark Roasts**  
 Medium-Dark roasts have a richer, darker color with some oil on the surface of the beans. These roasts have a richer, fuller flavor, more body, and less acidity. Roasts in this category include After-Dinner, Full City, and Vienna.

**Dark Roasts**  
 Beans that have been dark roasted are dark brown or almost black. The beans can have an oily surface and a pronounced bold rich body. Dark roasted beans have a strong, sometimes spicy, and smoky flavor. This roast is known for having a bitter taste, but it

actually has low acidity. Roast names that fall within this category include Continental, Espresso, European, French, Italian, New Orleans, and Viennese.

People should try all different types and different roasts before they determine their favorite roast level. Lighter roasts have less oil, more caffeine, and a higher level of acidity. Darker roasts are oilier with less of an acidic flavor and lower levels of caffeine.

**Storing Coffee**  
 Always store your coffee beans in an airtight container in a dry, dark, cool place. Some may say to store coffee in the freezer, but it is not a good idea. Doing so can create issues with excess humidity, exposure to circulating air, and absorption of other flavors.

Beans should be used two weeks after roasting or two weeks after a seal is broken on a sealed bag. It is best to only buy the quantity of coffee that will be used at your home within two weeks to maintain freshness and flavor.

By understanding the different types of coffee plants and coffee roasts, you can begin to explore coffees and find the one perfect for you. First thing in the morning or accompanying a late-night dessert, coffee will always be a beloved hot beverage.

(Sources: [freshroastedcoffee.com](http://freshroastedcoffee.com); [knowyourgrinder.com](http://knowyourgrinder.com); [ncausa.org](http://ncausa.org); [perfectbrew.com](http://perfectbrew.com))



**Vicki Hayman**  
 Extension Notes

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**Daily Devotional Reading**

March 18 Psalm 62	March 22 1 Kings 8:1-21
March 19 Psalm 63	March 23 1 Kings 8:22-40
March 20 Psalm 64	March 24 1 Kings 8:41-53
March 21 1 Kings 3:1-15	Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

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This is a picture of Buster Keeline in state roping. No other cutline information is given.

# Recapture

## A PIECE OF HISTORY

**25 Years Ago**  
**March 20, 1997**

Weston County has added its name to the list of prosecutors against former Newcastle rancher Chance Reynolds. Reynolds, who was arrested by the FBI while driving a cab in Lake Tahoe several weeks ago, now faces charges of writing two bad checks in Weston County. According to county records, Reynolds wrote a bad check in the amount of \$195,000 on March 13, 1996, and another in the amount of \$82,000 on March 14.

The Newcastle Speech and Debate Team has had a very successful season thus far. With the increase of new members this year, it seemed as if it was going to be a rebuilding year, but that was not the case. Varsity members stepped up to lead the way with the new recruits right behind them, as the team faced all classes of schools in Wyoming, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

Weston County has been chosen to receive \$1,741.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area through federal funds under the

Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

The Newcastle Boys Swim team finished the season by finishing tenth at the 3A State Championships held last weekend in Evanston. Team point totals were not as anticipated as two Dogie relay squads were disqualified for early take-offs.

Eleven proved to be an unlucky number for the Newcastle girls' basketball team this week-end as they traveled to Casper to face Mountain View and Torrington in the first two rounds of the state tourney. Despite their 43-54 and 57-68 losses, the team feels the season was a definite success.

Harold and Jana Sallee have announced the engagement of their daughter Kari Sallee to Steve Peterson, son of Don and Pat Peterson. Kari, a senior at the University of Wyoming, and Steve, who is stationed with the United States Air Force in Cheyenne, are planning a July 19 wedding.

**50 Years Ago**  
**March 16, 1972**

A swim night for fathers and

sons has been scheduled for Cub Scout Pack 66 for Monday evening, Mar. 20.

Mayor Don McColley has announced the resignation of Newcastle Police Chief James Passons, effective Monday, Mar. 13. Sgt. Ray Templeman of the Newcastle Police Department has been named acting chief.

Dale Lee Heberling of Newcastle has been charged with burglary and was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Guy E. Litman. Heberling is charged with breaking into the Leonard Shuck workshop in west Newcastle on Feb. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Williams and Charlotte were Upton shoppers Tuesday and Friday. Art is feeling quite well after surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Quest visited with Mr. and Mrs. Herbie Quest and family in Buffalo Saturday. Mrs. Bessie Popham and Mrs. Georgia Clark docked lambs Thursday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Quest and Harold Yeager were dinner guests at the Wayne Peterson home Wednesday. Herb helped

Wayne butcher.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Mathis enjoyed playing "Pitch" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ehrman Friday evening.

Vanda Sipe was a Friday and Saturday overnight guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Keltner and Dian.

Mrs. George Kennedy was honored at a pre-birthday surprise coffee at her home Friday. Coffee and donuts were served and Mrs. Kennedy was presented with a gift from her friends.

Miss Peggy Ann Lunney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Lunney of Newcastle, became the bride of Bert David Christie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Christie of Bozeman, Mont., on Feb. 26.

Mrs. Doris Mirich and daughter and Mrs. Zelma Clingan and daughters spent Sunday shopping in Rapid City.

The Mothers' Afternoon Club met in the hospitality room of the city library Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Pat Shannon as hostess.

**100 Years Ago**  
**March 16, 1922**

Engineer Deffenderfer of the state highway department has a corps of engineers working on the road between Newcastle and Red Butte. This road will be advertised at the next state meeting at an early date, that men might have employment and the road finished in time to haul off the fall crops.

At the novelty auction at the A.M. Nichols Supply Co. store last Saturday Mrs. E.W. Martin was the successful bidder on the beautiful brass bed and Lillian Grinnell having an equal bid with Mrs. Martin was also awarded one of the beauties.

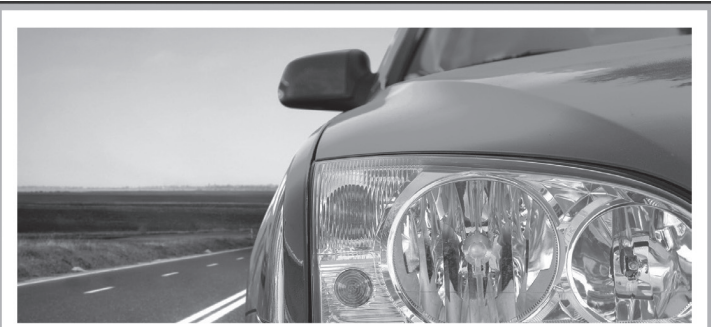
J.A. Kirkwood the past week has had men at work on the local light plant remodeling it in event the National coal strike occurs. We receive our power from the Cambria plant, and in event the strike is called it would affect our miners at Cambria and consequently the city is preparing for emergency.

A syndicate of Omaha and Deadwood parties headed by John H. O'Brien of Deadwood, S.D., are taking bids for a contract for a wild cat well to be drilled on Fiddler Creek. The location is about three miles west of the well on section 1-45-64 known as the Thornton-Clark well.

The well being drilled by the Carter Company on Section 6-43-61, which is holding the attention of all the oil fraternity, has reached a very interesting stage, the drillers reporting a sand at 3340 feet which is saturated with water.

A.W. Townsend and Shorty Bromley of Clareton were Newcastle visitors Tuesday. Major A.M. Tinsley, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy, motored to Osage Sunday afternoon.

Chris Christensen from the Horton country, attended to business errands the first of the week. John Popham of Upton was a county seat visitor the first of the week on business.



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### Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

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<b>Sat. Mar. 19</b>	8AM-1PM 9AM-5PM	Friends of Fair Garage Sale, no admission W.C. Sportsman Club Gun Show, \$5 admission	W.C. Event Center W.C. Senior Center
<b>Sun. Mar. 20</b>	9AM-3PM	W.C. Sportsman Club Gun Show, \$5 admission	W.C. Senior Center
<b>Mon. Mar. 21</b>	9AM 1PM 6PM 7PM 7PM 7PM	Exercise Class Dominoes WC Children's Center Directors Mtg NHS Choir presents "Grease" Alcoholics Anonymous Newcastle City Council	W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center WCCC Crouch Auditorium W.C. Senior Center City Council Chambers
<b>Tues. Mar. 22</b>	11AM 1PM 3:30PM 7PM	Story time Bridge Alzheimers/Dementia Support NHS Choir presents "Grease"	W.C. Library W.C. Senior Center Zoom Crouch Auditorium
<b>Wed. Mar. 23</b>	6:30-8:30AM 9AM-1PM 9AM 10AM-2PM	Wellness Wednesday GiGi's Closet Exercise Class Tara Conklin Book Signing	WCHS First United Methodist Church W.C. Senior Center W.C. Library
<b>Thur. Mar. 24</b>	7AM 8AM-4:30PM 1PM 7PM	TOPS #218 Veterans Serv. Officer Sandy McFarland WY Dept. Crafts Alcoholics Anonymous	W.C. Senior Center of Workforce Serv. W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center



# WBC approves request

## City will look into feasibility of Heritage Park

Alexis Barker  
NLJ News Editor

The Wyoming Business Council has approved the city of Newcastle's request for \$18,750 to look at the feasibility of developing Heritage Park on roughly an acre of land to the north of Pinnacle Bank, according to a Feb. 25 press release.

As previously reported, the city has been working with Pinnacle Bank and several other people to develop a plan for the park that would include the construction of a veterans memorial, festival/market area, restrooms and a splash pad. A splash pad, also known as a spray pool, is a recreation area, usually in a public space, with little to no standing water.

"Heritage Park will host activities such as the local farmers market, community events and be a home for a Veterans Memorial," the press release states. "The proposed site is 1402 Washington Blvd. at the intersection of highways 16 and 85. The community envisions this location as a welcoming stop for travelers and will further attract visitors into the downtown area."

The site is currently underdeveloped and will be donated to the city by Pinnacle Bank, the release notes. The site is valued at approximately \$250,000.

According to Mayor Pam Gualtieri, this grant is just the first step in the development of the area.

"This grant will basically do the blueprint for the project. Once we are done with that and find out the costs of actually doing the project, we will be applying for multiple grants," she said.



## James retires

On Friday, the Newcastle City office hosted a retirement party for Clerk/Treasurer Greg James, attended by members of the community along with city officials and former city officials and employees to offer him their well wishes. James said he plans to spend more time doing all the fun things he hasn't had time for and spending more time with his children and 20 grandchildren. James said he has enjoyed all of his 28 years of city government experience, including city councilman, mayor, and his clerk/treasurer roles. At left, Mike Moore, Newcastle city engineer, presents James with a plaque honoring his service with the city. Stacy Haggerty, newly appointed clerk/treasurer, below left, visits with Bobbie Jo Tysdal and Morgan Tysdal at the party. Below right, Councilman Daren Downs and Councilwoman Ann McColley smile as they visit with James and others.

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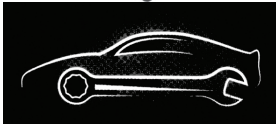


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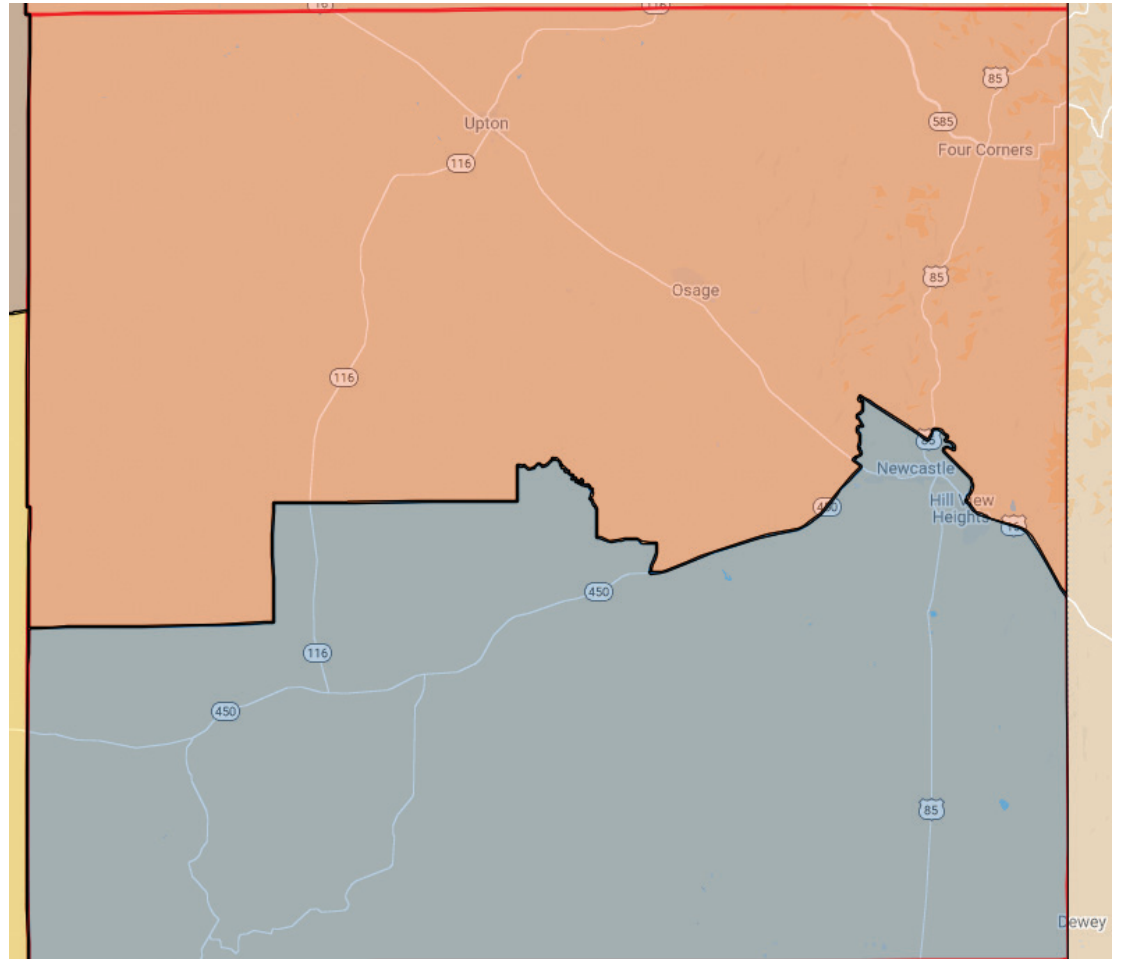
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Weston County will remain split for both House and Senate representation for the next 10 years under a new redistricting plan passed by both legislative bodies on March 11, according to information on the Wyoming Legislature's website. The newest redistricting plan for the state will expand the House to 62 members and the Senate to 31. The Senate approved the plan, which increases the size of the Legislature to 93 persons, on a 17-12-1 vote. The House passed the same bill on a 44-12-4 vote.

**Bills of interest in 2022, status as of March 13**  
*Source: Cheri Steinmetz, R-Lingle*

**Total number of bills this session: 269. Total number of enrolled bills: 115**

**House Bill 107:** This bill provides additional funds for state-match funding sources for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and Clean Water State Revolving Fund. For the clean water fund, this bill allows the state to use approximately \$132 million in federal infrastructure grants allocated to the state from 2022 to 2026. The drinking water fund will allow for the state to use roughly \$453 million in federal infrastructure grants from 2022 to 2026.  
*This bill is awaiting Gov. Mark Gordon's signature.*

**House Bill 89:** This monthly ad valorem tax revision enforcement bill allows for the regulation of oil and gas production by the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission on producers until unpaid taxes are paid.  
*This bill is awaiting the governor's signature.*

**House Bill 42:** This bill provides \$105 million in funding for cities, towns and counties.  
 This bill is awaiting the governor's signature.

**Senate File 102:** The Second Amendment Protection Act restricts Wyoming officials from the enforcement of federal mandates that infringe on the Second Amendment.  
*This bill is awaiting the governor's signature.*

**House Bill 92:** This bill would ban abortions in Wyoming should U.S. Supreme Court overturn Roe v. Wade.  
*This bill is awaiting the governor's signature.*

**House Bill 96:** This bill increases the salaries for state elected officials following the upcoming election.  
*This bill is awaiting the governor's signature.*

**Senate File 1:** The general government appropriations bill was passed by both the House and Senate. Gov. Mark Gordon vetoed several line items.  
**Senate File 66:** The American Rescue Plan Act appropriations bill passed both the House and Senate before having several line items vetoed.  
**Senate File 98:** Gov. Mark Gordon vetoed the federal emergency COVID-19 relief funding-limitations bill.  
*This bill was signed by the governor on March 10.*

**Senate File 80:** The Omnibus water bill provides \$46.6 million for water development projects; authorizes construction of designated water projects; describes projects and specifies terms and conditions for funding projects.  
 This bill is awaiting the governor's signature.

**House Bill 31:** This bill created the Wyoming's Tomorrow Scholarship Program, a new endowment fund providing scholarships for nontraditional students.  
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**Bill** from Page 1 .....

"I don't ever remember people wanting to know about our textbooks or whether they are offensive," LaCroix said. "I don't know where the fight is."  
 According to LaCroix, anyone interested in what is taking place in the schools is welcome to contact the district to schedule a visit. He said that the doors are open to parents, community members, stakeholders or legislators.  
 "If someone has a concern, let's go for a walk. I'll even buy lunch," LaCroix said. "We don't need a transparency bill. There is nothing to hide."  
 "All they have to do is let us know, we can go look at whatever they think is a concern," he added.  
 He noted that anyone wanting to visit the schools should probably prepare to spend a day visiting.  
 "It doesn't do much justice to run through a school in an hour to get the climate and purpose," LaCroix said.  
 Tina Chick, chair of the school board, noted that the hour spent in the schools with Gov. Mark Gordon last month did not allow for enough time to get an accurate picture of what is happening in Weston County schools.  
 LaCroix did clarify that schools in the district are secure, as well as open, but that individuals who want to visit the schools should reach out in advance to schedule a visit.  
 "We can look at anything you want to look at," he said.

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# Sports & Lifestyles

## News Letter Journal

**SPORTS SCHEDULES**

**NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL**  
NHS Track

3/18	Rapid City Central High School (Rapid City Developmental)	A	TBA
3/25	Laura Chord	H	TBA

**NHS Ladies' Soccer**

3/18	Scottsbluff	H	3PM
3/25-26	Jamboree Pinedale/Girls	A	TBA

**NHS Men's Soccer**

3/18	Scottsbluff	H	3PM
3/25-26	Jamboree Worland/Boys	A	TBA

### Timing is everything

The Lady Dogies just finished an amazing season, ending with a 23-3 record, which is the best I have ever seen in my 23-year tenure here at Newcastle High School.

Unfortunately, the timing of those losses meant that the team's goal of bringing home the first state championship since 1979 died a cruel death, and what makes it worse is that the ultimate 3A champions, the Douglas Lady Bearcats, had the same number of losses on the season, with two of theirs coming at the hands of Newcastle.

The first of the three losses came at the hands of the Belle Fourche Lady Broncos in just their second game of the season back in December. The Lady Dogies were out-sized and were testing their identity, ending up down 4 points at the end of the contest.

From there, they won and won and won. They won easily and they won big. In fact, for a few weeks' stretch, they won so handily that starters didn't play much in the second half of the game.



Sonja Karp  
Karpe Dogie

They handed Douglas their first, second and only losses from a 3A school in Wyoming in the past five years, and they did so definitively by controlling the powerhouse team for the entirety of the games. Those wins, added with all the others, bumped the Lady Dogies up in the rankings of the Coaches and Media Poll to number one in 3A.

Once they got there, they didn't relinquish the hold.

Newcastle ended their regular season with an 18-1 record and remained undefeated amongst teams in Wyoming.

Their second loss came in the semi-finals of the regional tournament against a tough and deep Buffalo Lady Bison team. That

— See Karpe, Page 16

## Ladies bring home hardware

**Sonja Karp**  
NLJ Sports Editor

It wasn't the trophy they had in mind as the Lady Dogies set out at the beginning of the season, but head coach Chad Ostenson's squad brought home the first one since 2008 as they finished as the Consolation Champions at the 3A State Tournament last weekend.

"We won as many games at the tournament as anyone except Douglas [state champs], but losing the first put us out of the fight for the title," Ostenson said with a sigh. "We played 11 quarters of really good basketball, but when you're going up against the best teams in the state, even one bad quarter can hurt you — and on Thursday morning, it did."

The Lady Dogies played the first contest of the 3A Tournament as they tipped off against the No. 2 seeded Lady Tigers of Lander at 9 on Thursday morning at the Ford Wyoming Center.

Other than the start of the first quarter where the Lady Dogies played pretty tight and struggled to adjust to playing on the wide open, big court of that venue, they played the Lady Tigers tough. Having to foul in the waning moments of the game, and good free-throw shooting by Lander inflated the score to a 7-point differential of 45-52 when the final buzzer blew.

"That first quarter was rough for us and it's tough to come back when you dig

yourself a hole to start," Ostenson began. "We didn't get out and run and throw the ball down the court like we usually do, but they played great defense and made it tough on us to do that."

It was six minutes in before Newcastle got their first points, but from there they settled in and played. Unfortunately, the squad who normally shoots very well struggled to dial in on the hoop which can be a challenge when they stand as solitary stanchions with nothing behind them to aid in depth perception.

"It's a little tough to get used to shooting at the hoop when there's nothing behind it," admitted Hunter McFarland. "We were also a little nervous because they play really good defense, and there was so much riding on that game."

The Lady Dogies found themselves down 5-11 at the end of the first quarter. After they settled in, though, they out-scored the Lady Tigers 13-8 to go into the locker room only down one, 18-19.

"We felt comfortable and confident going into the

Ladies, Page 16

Photo by  
Nicole McFarland/NLJ

**Shelby Tidyman had to fight off the aggressive defense of the Lander Lady Tigers in the quarter-final opening contest at the state tournament Thursday morning.**



### State send-off

Seniors Bailey Benshoof and Kaylee Munoz lead the Newcastle High School Lady Dogies through the halls of Newcastle Elementary School for a congratulatory send-off before they left for the 3A State Championship on March 9. After three days of play, the Ladies came home as Consolation Champions (see story above).

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Alyssa Morris, left, and Pate Tavegie, bottom, read a tester to determine if they have completed their wiring circuits correctly. Below, the classroom has several stations for student learning. Photos courtesy of Jill Pischke.



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Front Row: Janelle Ellis, Carmella Malone, Savannah Carr, Isabella Spencer, Callie Hiser, Dakotta Wheeler, Amesha Cummings, Jaylen Ostenson, Lidia Jerry, Caleb Hoover, Yestin Davis, Avery Chick, Duncan Cox, Logan Olson.

Not pictured:

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## Public 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 the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHWG or the Company), for authority to revise the Fuel, Lost and Unaccounted for Gas Percentages (FL&U) in all of its Divisions, as more fully described below.

1. BHWG is a natural gas public utility as defined by Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

2. On March 1, 2022, BHWG filed its annual Application requesting approval to revise its FL&U gas percentages for the Casper, Cheyenne, Cody, Gillette and Torrington divisions, effective June 1, 2022. The Company requests the following:

- Casper Division
  - (i) A decrease in the Transmission FL&U percentage from 2.115% to 1.587%;
  - (ii) An increase in the Storage Injection FL&U percentage from 3.042% to 3.325%;
- Cheyenne Division
  - A decrease in the Distribution and Gas Cost Adjustment FL&U for gas percentage from 0.778% to 0.439%;
- Cody Division
  - An increase in the Transmission and Gas Cost Adjustment FL&U for gas percentage from 2.062% to 2.114%;
- Gillette Division
  - (i) An increase in the Choice Gas Distribution FL&U for Gas Reconciliation percentage from 0.000% to 0.118%;
  - (ii) An increase in the Distribution and Gas

Cost Adjustment FL&U for Gas percentage from 0.176% to 0.433%;

- Torrington Division
  - (i) An increase in the Choice Gas Distribution FL&U for Gas Reconciliation percentage from 0.000% to 2.726%; and
  - (ii) An increase in the Distribution and Gas Cost Adjustment FL&U for Gas percentage from 0.000% to 1.535%.

3. This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect the Application at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours or online at: <http://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (enter Record No. 17013).

4. Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before April 1, 2022. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 30026-56-GA-22 in all correspondence with the Commission.

5. If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Dated: March 4, 2022.

(Publish March 10 and 17, 2022)

## Election Notice

### PROCLAMATION & NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR CAMBRIA IMPROVEMENT & SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING TUESDAY, MAY 03, 2022

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All qualified electors and landowners within the District's boundaries are entitled to vote, either in person at the Genealogy Room in Weston County Library or by absentee ballot. Polls will be open from 8:30 to 5:30. Absentee ballots may be obtained by calling the secretary or by written request to Cambria Improvement & Service District at P.O. Box 91, Newcastle, WY 82701.


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5. Pilgrimage to Mecca
8. 1968 hit "Harper Valley \_\_\_\_\_"
11. Turkish honorific
12. "I captained the Millennium Falcon in "Star Wars"
13. Inlet in Greenland
15. Map out
16. Pharaoh's symbol
17. Austin Powers and Shrek to Mike Myers
18. "I developed the theory of relativity"
20. Sailor's hail
21. Lyric poem
22. Solar System center
23. Portable stairs
26. "I am Sgt. George Baker's inept comic strip character"
30. Mine deposit
31. Shape
34. Fairy tale cannibal
35. Feline sneakers
37. Lawyer group
38. "I have a coiled shell and eyes on stalks"
39. Very dark black
40. Free from obstruction
42. \_\_\_\_\_ Aviv
43. Most buffoonish
45. Rest or hydration for common cold, e.g.
47. Hot springs resort

48. "...he found a crooked sixpence upon a crooked \_\_\_\_\_"
50. Japanese stringed instrument
52. "I am a runaway slave, an abolitionist, and a best-selling author"
55. Email destination
56. Jasmine of "Aladdin," e.g.
57. Food fish
59. Silly
60. Self-cleaning appliance
61. Ad staple
62. O in IOU
63. P in m.p.g.
64. Affirmative, colloquially


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1. Do like Drake
2. Eye up and down
3. Bangkok native
4. Like preserved peaches, sometimes
5. Sharpened
6. Like Huck Finn's dad, e.g.
7. "Some people call me the Rocket Man"
8. "I starred as Pam in the "Meet the Parents" movies"
9. "I used to host a sports show with Mike Golic"
10. Commercials
12. Buddhist's enlightenment
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14. "I am a WWE Champion, an actor, and my nickname is geology-related"

19. Vision correctors, colloquially
22. Greek letters on campus
23. "My rESumE includes Fly Girl and "American Idol" judge"
24. CuraAao neighbor
25. Evil one
26. Fence board
27. Popular gemstone
28. Shed tears
29. "I am an American who became Princess of Monaco"
32. Harangue
33. Network with an eye
36. "My TV role became synonymous with a hair style"
38. Perform at the bee
40. Canada's neighbor
41. Beginning
44. Strong adhesive
46. Contemptibly small
48. Dry white Italian wine
49. Radio receiver
50. Dr. Seuss: "The more that you read, the more things you will \_\_\_\_\_"
51. Piercing woodwind
52. Water quantity
53. Loafer, e.g.
54. Adventure story
55. United Nations labor agency
58. Homer's catchword

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**Public Notice**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1, SERIES 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13 SERIES 1967 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE  
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE, NEWCASTLE, WYOMING ORDINANCE NO. 13 SERIES 1967 IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1 — INTENT AND PURPOSE IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

The City of Newcastle establishes this ordinance to promote public health, safety, welfare and orderly growth; to preserve human values and property values; to develop for the City of Newcastle its own distinctive character arising from its special climate, topography, economy and people; to develop subdivisions with optimum view, air, sunlight, orientation and utilization of natural features; to make Newcastle visually appealing.

**SECTION 3 — DEFINITIONS**

**Paragraph 1 (Arterial Street) is hereby amended to read as follows:**  
**Arterial Street**

A street or road of considerable continuity which serves or is intended to serve principal traffic flow between separate areas or districts and which is the main means of access to collector streets and to the residential street or roadway system.

**SECTION 5 — SUBDIVISION DESIGN STANDARDS**

**Paragraphs 2(c), 2(f) and 2(j) are hereby amended to read as follows:**

- c. Dead-end streets or cul-de-sacs shall not be longer than five hundred feet and shall be provided at the closed end with a turn-around having a right-of-way radius of sixty (60) feet. If a dead-end street is of a temporary nature a similar temporary turn-around easement having a radius of sixty (60) feet shall be provided until provisions have been made for the extension of the street into adjoining properties.
- f. Street widths (back of curb to back of curb) shall not be less than follows:

	Minimum	Minimum
Street type	Right of Way Width	Roadway Width
Arterial	100 feet	52 feet
Collector	80 feet	44 feet
Minor	60 feet	33 feet
Cul-de-sac	60 feet (radius)	45 feet (radius)
Marginal Access	50 feet	23 feet
Alley-Residential	20 feet	16 feet

j. Street grades shall be more than one (1) percent and less than seven (7) percent for freeway and arterial streets, and less than ten (10) percent for all other streets. Vertical curves shall be provided at all breaks in street grades. The length of such vertical curves shall be provided at all breaks in street grades. The length of such vertical curve shall be such as to provide a sight distance of not less than one hundred fifty (150) feet but in no case shall the length of any vertical curve be less than two hundred feet.

**Paragraph 4(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:**

a. Easement with a right-of-way width of ten (10) feet shall be provided on each side of all rear lot lines and along certain side lot lines where necessary for utilities. During construction of utilities there shall be a twenty (20) foot temporary utility easement adjacent (both sides) to all permanent easements.

**SECTION 6 — PRELIMINARY PLAT (CONTENTS):**

**The first sentence of Section 6 — Preliminary Plat (Contents) is hereby amended to read as follows:**

The preliminary plat shall be clearly and legibly drawn on a sheet 24 x 36 inches.

**Paragraph 6(6) is hereby amended to read as follows:**

6. Existing and proposed contours with intervals of not more than five (5) feet where the slope is greater than ten (10) percent and not more than two (2) feet where the slope is less than ten (10) percent. Base elevations on sea level datum. (U.S. Geological Survey).

**SECTION 7 — FINAL PLAT (CONTENTS):**

**The first sentence of Section 7 — Final Plat (Contents) is hereby amended to read as follows:**

The final plat shall be clearly and legibly drawn, printed and certified in ink on a sheet of tracing cloth or other satisfactory, stable base material 24 x 36 inches.

**Paragraph 8(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:**

a. A certificate by a surveyor licensed in the State of Wyoming as to the accuracy of the survey in the draft of the plat. Signature of said surveyor or engineer to be notarized.

**SECTION 8 — PRELIMINARY PLAT (SUBMISSION PROCEDURE)**

**Paragraph 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

2. Seven (7) copies of the preliminary plat shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission at least ten (10) working days prior to the hearing at which such plat is to be considered.

Copies of the preliminary plat shall be submitted by the Secretary of the Commission to the following offices for their recommendations prior to the public hearing of the Commission: City Mayor, City Engineer, private utility companies serving the area, and public school administration. The preliminary plat shall be considered officially filed with the Planning Commission on the date of the Planning Commission meeting at which such plat is presented.

**Paragraph 3 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

3. The Secretary of the Planning Commission shall notify the subdivider of the time and place of a hearing by the Planning Commission on the proposed plat not less than five (5) days before the date fixed for the hearing. The Commission shall also publish a notice one time in a local newspaper five (5) days before a public hearing. The notice shall describe the proposed subdivision and set forth the time and place of the public hearing. Regular notice shall be given to the City Mayor; City Engineer, private utility companies serving the area and the public school administration of such hearing.

**The first paragraph of Paragraph 4 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

4. Within thirty (30) days after the hearing on the preliminary plat, the Planning Commission shall approve, disapprove subject to modifications to the said plat. Failure of the Planning Commission to act on the preliminary plat within thirty (30) days shall be deemed approval of the plat. If the plat is disapproved, reasons for such disapproval shall be stated in writing. If approved subject to modifications, the nature of the required modifications shall be indicated.

**SECTION 9 — FINAL PLAT (SUBMISSION PROCEDURE)**

**Paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 are hereby amended to read as follows:**

1. Seven (7) copies of the final plat shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Planning Commission at least ten (10) working days prior to the meeting at which such plat is to be considered. The final plat shall be considered officially filed on the date of the Planning Commission meeting at which such plat is formally presented. The Commission shall act on the final plat within thirty (30) days after official filing, unless such time is extended by agreement with the subdivider or his agent.

2. Within thirty (30) days after the meeting on the final plat, the Planning Commission shall approve, disapprove or approve subject to modifications of the said plat. Failure of the Planning Commission to act on the final plat within thirty (30) days shall be deemed approval of the plat. If the plat is disapproved, reasons for such disapproval shall be stated in writing. If approved subject to modifications, the nature of the required modifications shall be indicated. After the final plat has been approved by the Planning Commission, the original and one copy thereof shall be presented to the City Council for its approval and its acceptance of the areas dedicated to public use.

4. Before a subdivision plat is considered by the City Council the subdivider must present a copy of his agreement with the City Engineer concerning water supply and sanitary sewers.

**SECTION 10 — IMPROVEMENTS**

**Paragraphs 2 and 3 are hereby amended to read as follows:**

2. Public water, sanitary sewer, storm sewers, and fire hydrants shall be installed in accordance with design and construction requirements established by the City Engineer.

3. Surface improvements (sidewalks, pedestrian cross walks, curbs, and gutters, culverts, bridges, pavement of streets and alleys, street signs and other such necessary improvements) shall be constructed by the subdivider in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the City Engineer and after such construction will be subject to inspection and approval by the City Engineer. All required improvements shall be completed in accordance with grades officially established by the City. All streets shall be paved with all-weather surfacing of asphalt or concrete, per design and construction requirements established by the City Engineer. Curb and gutter will be required except in agriculture and Suburban Residential zoning districts.

**SECTION 11 — ENFORCEMENT**

**The third paragraph is hereby amended to read as follows:**

The City Building inspector shall not issue building or repair permits for any structure on a lot in a subdivision for which a plat has not been approved and recorded; nor shall the City Building inspector issue more building permits in any sub-divided block than one per approved platted lot unless said block should be re-subdivided. Except that the Council may, upon recommendation of the Planning Commission, authorize the Building inspector to issue a building permit on a tract of land which is not a subdivision, located inside the corporate limits of Newcastle.

**The fourth paragraph is hereby amended as follows:**

All subdivisions shall be required to make the necessary arrangements with the City Engineer for sanitary sewer and water systems.

**The seventh paragraph is hereby amended as follows:**

The subdivider shall pay a filing fee of one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars for subdivisions up to 10 lots and \$20 per lot thereafter for every preliminary plat submitted to the Commission for approval.

**SECTION 13 — PENALTIES**

Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction be fined a sum of not more than one hundred (\$100) dollars for each offense. Each day of the existence of any violation shall be deemed a separate offense.

Passed, adopted and approved this 7th day of March, 2022

City of Newcastle  
Pam Gualtieri, Mayor  
Attest: Gregory H. James  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Passed on first reading: 02-07-2022

Passed on second reading: 02-22-2022

Passed, approved and adopted on third reading this 7th day of March, 2022.

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION**

I Gregory H. James, City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Newcastle, Wyoming, hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1, Series 2022 was published in the News Letter Journal, Newcastle, Wyoming, on the 17th day of March, 2022.

Gregory H. James  
City Clerk/Treasurer

(Publish March 17, 2022)

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Default having occurred and all prerequisites to foreclosure having been met, notice is hereby given that the mortgage given by Jay W. Foster, a single person, mortgagor, in favor of Pinnacle Bank Wyoming, mortgagee, dated February 26, 2018, and recorded March 7, 2018, in Book 377 of Photos, Page 715, in the Records of the Clerk of Weston County, Wyoming, given to secure payment of a note in the original amount of Two Hundred Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars and 63/100 (\$203,739.63). The amount due as of February 18, 2022, is Two Hundred Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and 04/100 (\$208,385.04), plus accruing interest, fees and costs. Said mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of default the owner of the Note and Mortgage 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 days prior to the commencement of this publication. 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 the bid.

Therefore, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the real property described as:

A PORTION OF LOT 3, SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 47 NORTH, RANGE 61 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCING AT AN ALUMINUM CAPPED REBAR BEING ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF A COUNTY ROAD AND LAYS S 85°23'19" W A DISTANCE OF 328.70 FEET FROM THE NORTH ¼ CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 47 NORTH, RANGE 61 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., AND IS THE

POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 89°04'45" W ALONG SAID COUNTY ROAD BOUNDARY FOR A DISTANCE OF 416.39 FEET TO AN ALUMINUM CAPPED REBAR LAYING ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF U.S. HIGHWAY 85; THENCE S 18°46'00" W ALONG SAID HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A DISTANCE OF 176.88 FEET TO AN ALUMINUM CAPPED REBAR; THENCE N 86°07'32" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 464.89 FEET TO AN ALUMINUM CAPPED REBAR; THENCE N 04°09'38" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 129.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

-AND-  
ALL OF THE LAND LOCATED IN LOT 3, SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 47 NORTH, RANGE 61 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING WHICH LIES NORTH OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED IN THE WARRANTY DEED DATED AND RECORDED THE 28TH DAY OF APRIL, 2006 IN BOOK 286 OF PHOTOS AT PAGE 772, AND WHICH LIES EAST OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED IN THE WARRANTY DEED DATED AND RECORDED THE 22ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009 IN BOOK 319 OF PHOTOS AT PAGE 678 OF THE RECORDS OF WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING.

Which has the address of 24774 Highway 85, Four Corners, Wyoming 82715, to be sold by public auction by the Sheriff to the highest bidder, for cash, at 10:00 a.m. on April 5, 2022, at the front steps of the Weston County Courthouse, 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701. The sale will take place only if a representative of Pinnacle Bank Wyoming, or its agent, is present.

Pinnacle Bank Wyoming  
By: Michael J. Lansing  
Chapman Valdez & Lansing  
125 West 2nd Street  
P.O. Box 2710  
Casper, WY 82602  
(307) 237-1983

(Publish: February 24, March 3, 10, and 17, 2022)

**Public Notice**

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

Notice is hereby given that the State Transportation Commission of Wyoming has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming, acting through said

Commission, and Z & Z Seal Coating, Inc., The Contractor, on Highway Project Number B214019 in Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Sheridan & Weston Counties, consisting of crack sealing and surfacing and replacement, 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 April 27, 2022.

STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING  
(Publish March 17, 24 and 31, 2022)

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Highway Project Number B199007 in Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Lincoln, Laramie, Sweetwater, Uinta, Washakie, Crook, Big Horn, Park and Platte Counties, consisting of milling rumble strips 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 April 27, 2022.

STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

(Publish March 17, 24 and 31, 2022)

**Bid Notice**

**BID NOTICE**

Hot Iron, Inc. is soliciting quotes from DBE businesses and any other suppliers/subcontractors for the NEWCASTLE WELL NO. 5 COMPLETION PROJECT. Please submit bids no later than Monday, March 21st at 5:00 PM. Bid

documents can be obtained through the <https://www.questcdn.com>. Please submit quotes to Todd— fax (307) 682-0007; phone (307) 682-8702 or email bids@hotironinc.com

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## Newcastle City Council Minutes

### NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022

Mayor Pam Gualtieri called this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Gualtieri; Council members Daren Downs, Ann McColley, Lance Miles, Don Steveson and Tyrel Owens. Also present were Department Heads City Police Chief Sam Keller, City Engineer Mike Moore, City Attorney Mark Hughes and City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Ann McColley to approve the agenda as amended, adding 2 catering permit approvals. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ann McColley moved, seconded Daren Downs to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday February 22, 2022 and the Executive Session minutes of Tuesday February 22, 2022.

#### **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION:** None  
**CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION:**  
Mr. Gene Diedrich was present to receive his certificate of recognition for 60 years of service to the Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief James Curren invited the Mayor and Council to a dinner in Gene's honor at the Fire Hall Tuesday, March 8, 2022 in celebration of Gene Diedrich Day as Proclaimed by Governor Mark Gordon.

Police Chief Sam Keller accepted the certificate on behalf of the Newcastle Police Department for their efforts at a sentencing hearing on Monday, February 28, 2022. County Attorney Micheal Stulken thanked the Newcastle Chief and Department for their efforts on dealing with a very touchy situation during the sentencing hearing.

**CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—IN WRITING:**  
Don Steveson moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to pass Resolution No. 2, Series 2022 for the Water Master Plan funded by the Wyoming Water Development Commission (WWDC).

#### **MOTION CARRIED.**

Two requests for 24 hour catering permits were considered, both from the West End Bar & Grill catering at the Weston County Fair Grounds Event Center for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquets, on March 13, 2022 and the other for May 7, 2022. Don Steveson moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to approve these permits. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—VERBAL:** None  
**BID OPENING:** as advertised at 7:10 p.m. for the Dow Park Pre-Cast Restroom. Two bids were received, both non-resident bidders, both had bid bonds enclosed. Bid from UBC Pre-Cast, bid amount \$64,410.00. Bid from CXT, Inc., bid amount \$74,753.00. Bids will be reviewed by City Engineer Mike Moore for completeness and bid will be awarded at the March 21, 2022 Council meeting.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS:**  
Councilman Tyrel Owens addressed the Council, specifically regarding deer population reduction in town and Wyoming Game & Fish Permit Chapter 56. There were 44 calls for service through the Police Department last year regarding deer issues. Several matter were mentioned for future discussion such as carcass care, testing for Chronic Wasting Disease, disposal of meat, who might manage the taking of deer, and other issues. Game biologist Joe Sandrini will cover these issue and how to apply for a Chapter 56 Permit at a meeting on April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. ahead of the regular Council meeting. Mr. Brad Troftgruben was present to inquire about who might be liable if deer attacked a dog or person, City Attorney Mark Hughes replied the answer is nobody is liable for such potential injuries.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**  
City Engineer Mike Moore reported the plans for the remodeling for the Police Department should be ready in the next couple of weeks. Street crack sealing is planned for later this spring and summer. The issue with the trailer on the corner of Rodeo and Frontier has been addressed. Pothole patching will get started as the weather permits. Sewer crossings under the railroad tracks near Timber Ave. are being dealt with. There are 46 active building permits. Jeremy Deal obtained his Commercial Driver's License (CDL) on March 1, 2022 and was recommended for a \$.50 per hour raise. Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Don Steveson to approve this request. **MOTION CARRIED.**

City Police Chief Sam Keller reported 718 calls for service year to date, 398 for February and 68 so far in March. Officer Frank is doing well at the Academy. Chief Keller asked to advertise for a new dispatcher. That was granted by consensus.

City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James had no report other than Heather Draine, the new Deputy Clerk was doing very well.

City Attorney Mark Hughes read Ordinance No. 1, Series 2022 on third and final reading. The heading reads: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13 SERIES 1967 AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Don Steveson moved, seconded Ann McColley to pass Ordinance No. 1, Series 2022 on third and final reading. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Hughes then brought for discussion a resolution vacating a portion of a City Street, preparing a deed transferring the vacated street to the Loretta and Sheldon Murphy. After consideration, Ann McColley moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution and deed when presented in final form. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Hughes also noted some zoning changes were being prepared for consideration regarding carport construction and setbacks.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None  
**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** None  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Daren Downs moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to go into Executive Session reference Personnel per W.S. 16-4-405(ii) at 7:59 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.** Daren Downs moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to return to regular session at 8:07 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.** There was no action coming out of this Executive Session.

**CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY:** Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Lance Miles to pay the claims against the City dated March 7, 2022. **MOTION CARRIED.** Daren Downs moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to adjourn this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 8:08 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Claims: American Engineering Testing, landfill testing, \$8752.72; Wade Andersen, water deposit refund, \$100.00; AT&T Mobility, cell phone, \$20.71; John Baker, reimburse fire dept. parts, \$38.70; BCN Telecom, Inc., long distance service, \$101.76; Bearlodge Engineering & Surveying, survey and mapping, \$2340.00; Black Hills Energy, electric service, \$12,595.28; Bomgaars Supply, supplies/materials, \$463.75; Butler Machinery Co., parts, \$484.46; Cambria Supply, supplies/materials, \$924.91; Campbell County EMS, March 2022 ambulance service, \$8333.33; Century Link, E-911 data service, \$924.91; City of Newcastle, WA/SW/GA office/fire dept./law enf. ctr., \$536.48; Computer Info Systems, Inc., CIS maintenance & support, \$28,080.00; Department of Revenue, sales tax refund, \$1021.15; Derek's Field Service, machinery repair, \$2968.00; Double D, fire dept. battery, \$124.94; R. Douglas Dumbrell, March 2022 municipal judge, \$1078.40; Dustbusters Enterprises, Inc., ice kicker salt, \$4789.20; Eastern Wyoming Equipment CO., Inc., parts, \$2572.74; Engineering Associates, Well #5 work, \$2343.76; ESO Solutions, Inc., fire package, \$1504.20; Ferguson Waterworks #1116, valve parts, \$6621.48; First State Bank, fire dept. CD, for new truck, \$25,000.00; FOCUS, Family Violence Center, 3rd quarter payment, \$1250.00; Frontier Home Ranch & Hardware, supplies/materials, \$1340.08; Galls, sergeants stripes, \$137.06; Leroy & Valerie Giesinger, water deposit refund, \$58.05; Gillette News Record, ad, call for bids, \$165.00; Jennifer Hokanson, water deposit refund, \$80.93; Hughes Law Office, March 2022 attorney fee, \$3500.00; Sig Larson, water deposit refund, \$44.70; Marco Technologies, LLC, copier lease, \$304.53; Mastercard, supplies/materials, \$1781.30; Midwest Injection, Inc., release retainage, \$22,056.43; Mountain View Plumbing & Heating, expansion tank, \$353.00; Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce, 3rd quarter payment, \$3250.00; Newcastle Police Department, reimburse petty cash, \$61.45; Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept., reimburse expenses, \$1179.18; News Letter Journal, legals/minutes/office supplies, \$2212.10; NORCO, Inc., welding cylinder rent, \$35.28; Northern Wyoming Mental Health Center, Inc., 1st-3rd quarter payments, \$4875.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc., valves & parts, \$11,596.01; Personnel Concepts, labor law posters, \$476.00; Pollardwater.com East, parts, \$57.00; Powerphone, training, \$658.00; Genell Rothleutner, PD cleaning, \$200.00; Salt Creek Water District, sewer service, \$555.00; Short Stop Fuel Mart, fuel purchases, \$4237.17; Bryand Streeter, March 2022 airport wages, \$1333.33; Lucky Teigen-Grummons, fire hall cleaning, \$300.00; Verizon, cell phones, \$754.78; Becky Vodopich City office cleaning, \$300.00; Weston County Children's Center, 3rd quarter payment, \$2250.00; Weston County Road & Bridge, fuel purchases, \$397.53; Weston County Humane Society, 3rd quarter payment & food fee, \$5017.00; Weston County Senior Services, 3rd quarter payment, \$7500.00; Wyoming Home Services, 3rd quarter payment, \$1500.00; Wyoming Refining Co., @Ecova, Inc., water deposit refund, \$23.08.

Pam Gualtieri, Mayor  
ATTEST: City Clerk/Treasurer, Greg James

(Publish March 17, 2022)

# Cowboy State Look-In

Courtesy of the  
Wyoming News Exchange

## Senators support postal reform

PINEDALE (WNE) — U.S. Sens. John Barrasso and Cynthia Lummis released statements earlier last week supporting bipartisan postal reform legislation.

The Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 passed in the Senate by a 79 to 19 vote on Tuesday.

"While this reform bill is far from perfect, it gives USPS the resources it needs to keep our post offices open and operating at full speed," Sen. Barrasso said.

Sen. Lummis also said it's far from perfect but said it was the better alternative to a bailout.

"People across Wyoming, especially our

most rural residents, rely on the postal service for everyday necessities, and I'm confident that this bill will address some of the challenges they have been facing, particularly in terms of reliability and speed of service," Sen. Lummis said.

Key provisions in the bill include: Required six-day delivery, elimination of retiree health-care pre-funding mandate, non-postal services like hunting and fishing licenses, rural newspaper sustainability and requiring an integrated network for parcel and package delivery.

*This story was published on March 11, 2022.*

## Yellowstone's first grizzly of 2022

Cody (WNE) — Yellowstone National Park's first bear of the year is out quite early.

On Monday, a pilot supporting Yellowstone National Park wildlife research observed the first grizzly bear of 2022. According to a Park news release, the adult bear was seen walking in a meadow in the west-central part of the park.

The first bear sighting of 2021 occurred on March 13.

Male grizzlies typically come out of hibernation in early March. Females with cubs emerge in April and early May. When bears emerge from hibernation, they look for food and often feed on elk

and bison that died over the winter. Sometimes, bears will react aggressively to encounters with people when feeding on carcasses.

All of Yellowstone National Park is bear country: from the deepest backcountry to the boardwalks around Old Faithful.

The Park offered the following safety guidelines to outdoor recreationists:

- Prepare for a bear encounter.

- Carry bear spray, know how to use it, and make sure it's accessible.

- Stay alert.

- Hike or ski in groups of three or more, stay on maintained trails, and make noise.

Avoid hiking at dusk, dawn, or at night.

- Do not run if you encounter a bear.

- Stay 100 yards (91 m) away from black and grizzly bears. Approaching bears within 100 yards is prohibited. Use binoculars, a telescope, or telephoto lens to get a closer look.

- Store food, garbage, barbecue grills, and other attractants in hard-sided vehicles or bear-proof food storage boxes.

- Report bear sightings and encounters to a Park ranger immediately.

*This story was posted on March 9, 2022.*

## Northwest College names next president

POWELL (WNE) — The Northwest College Board of Trustees voted unanimously on Wednesday to retain Lisa Watson as president of the college.

Watson has been serving as interim president since November 2020 since the previous president, Stefani Hicswa, resigned to pursue a position at the University of Montana-Billings.

Watson was one of two finalists for the position.

Watson had previously worked under Hicswa at Miles Community College in Miles City, Montana, and served as interim president there when Hicswa left for NWC.

Watson was hired at NWC in 2014 as the vice president of administrative services and finance. She holds an MBA with a specialization in international business from

the University of Miami and a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Colorado-Boulder.

She's currently working toward her doctorate in higher learning administration from the University of Wyoming.

Watson agreed to serve as acting president for one year while a search was conducted for a permanent president. The search was originally expected to be completed by summer 2021. However, with a number of challenges facing the college — including the uncertainties of the pandemic and budgetary challenges — the board delayed the search and voted to extend Watson's contract through June 2022.

*This story was published on March 10, 2022.*

## Gov. rescinds Public Health Emergency

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Gov. Mark Gordon signed an Executive Order on Monday rescinding the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

To facilitate efforts to address the state's nursing shortage, the governor signed a separate executive order to allow working nurses time to get licensed in Wyoming, according to a news release.

Executive Order 2022-03, "Executive Order Rescinding Declaration Of A State Of Emergency And Public Health

Emergency," immediately rescinds Executive Order 2022-02.

"Wyoming has done a wonderful job in persevering through the pandemic," Gordon said in a prepared statement Monday. "The emergency is over, but people's responsibility to one another is not. There is one lingering concern — Wyoming's shortage of healthcare workers. This shortage includes nurses, and has existed long-before COVID and was only exac-

erbated by the pandemic. Therefore, Executive Order 2022-02, "Nurse And Nursing Assistant Staffing Emergency And Temporary Relief," is effective today and remains in effect for 60 days."

That order allows nurses and nursing assistants licensed in other jurisdictions to provide nursing care in Wyoming in order to address staffing shortages.

*This story was published on March 14, 2022.*

## Energy company investigates turbine collapse

CHEYENNE (WNE) — After one of its wind turbines collapsed last month near Cheyenne, an energy company is still investigating the cause.

The turbine, which fell on Feb. 23, was located at the Happy Jack wind site west of Cheyenne. Charlotte, North Carolina-based Duke Energy runs the site.

Duke Energy spokesperson Valerie Patterson said earlier this week that the cause of failure was still unknown.

"We are approaching our removal and cleanup efforts methodically and with care," she wrote in an email. "There are standards and requirements that must be followed when removing this material, and we are taking all the necessary steps and following state and other regulations as part of our efforts."

There were no injuries as a result of the inci-

dent, Patterson said, adding that the company had "notified the appropriate agencies."

"Clean-up efforts are being conducted by site personnel, our engineering team and a third-party engineering firm," she said.

Patterson said "everything that has fallen" would be cleaned up "to restore the area to its original condition."

The materials primarily consist of steel, as well as fiberglass, she said.

Located in Laramie County, the wind site has 14 turbines and supplies energy to Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power, a division of Black Hills Energy, according to Duke Energy's website. The site began operating in 2008.

*This story was published on March 11.*

## DEADLINE FOR LEGALS IS FRIDAY

### Police Blotter

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**Mackenzie Conzelman tries to get the jump on a Lady Tiger defender in the Ford Wyoming Center on Thursday. The Lady Dogies lost a heartbreaker in the quarter-final contest, ending their quest for a state title.**

half,” McFarland said. “We were ready to play our game and not play the way they wanted us to play.”

Both teams traded blows in the third frame and scored 13 points each, and then in the fourth, Lander was able to put up 20 points to Newcastle’s 14.

“I’ve got to give credit where it’s due; the kids did battle back to tie it with three minutes left,” Ostenson said. “I thought we might just get over the hump, but then they hit a pretty big 3 down the stretch.”

The Lady Dogies had their chances right down to the wire. With 8 seconds to play, Shelby Tidyman dribbled baseline under the basket, passed out to MacKenzie Conzelman on the left side wing and Conzelman drained her first 3 of the game to tie it. However, the official called Tidyman for stepping on the baseline prior to the pass, so the shot was called off.

“I actually got shoved pretty hard on that baseline drive,” Tidyman said. “I don’t think I stepped on it, but then one of their players yelled that I stepped on the line and the official called it. But not until Mack’s shot had already fallen.”

Tidyman led the team with 20

points while Jaylen Ostenson scored 14. Hunter McFarland added 7 points and Tiernan Stanton chipped in 4 on the day.

The Lady Dogies had less than 24 hours to mourn the loss of winning a state title and dust themselves off before they took on the Mt. View Lady Buffaloes on Friday morning, playing once again at 9 a.m. The winner of this contest would have a shot at the Consolation Champion title.

“The loss to Lander was pretty heartbreaking because we knew we could have, and probably should have won,” said Stanton. “But then we had to get the mentality that it wasn’t over yet, and we could either crawl in a hole and cry, or we could use it as a way to push through our next games.”

The team that took to the court that morning was the team that Dogie fans had watched all season. Where they had struggled a bit, comparatively, to shoot from beyond the arc in their last few contests, they exploded off the tip and were dialed in from downtown.

“Mack the Gun” Conzelman was back in town as she went 5-7 from 3, McFarland hit 2-3, Ostenson 2-4 and Tidyman 1-3, which added up to 30 of the

ladies 58 points in the contest.

“Things just started to click for us,” Conzelman said. “I think it was the shoes. I wore Jaylen’s shoes in the Lander game and then went back to mine for Mt. View.”

Newcastle took the lead and never looked back as they cruised to their 58-40 win over the Lady Buffs.

“We played great defense and ran the court well against them on Friday morning,” Ostenson said. “We also turned around and shot much better at the college than we had at the Ford Center, and it just put a smile on my face when I saw Mack hit that first 3 because then you know they all are going to start falling and we’re going to be okay.”

The Lady Dogies led 17-10 at the end of the first quarter and 32-19 when they hit the locker room at half time. In the second half they out-scored Mt. View 26-21 to grow their lead to 18 and guarantee themselves one more game for their season.

“We played like we normally played, and were the team we’ve watched all year,” Ostenson said. “I’m glad they played like they did so everyone could see why we were ranked No. 1 for a good portion of the season.”

Ostenson led the team with 17 points, Conzelman was next with 15 and Tidyman was right behind with 14 points. McFarland had another 7 and Stanton added 5 and pulled down 10 rebounds.

The win set them up to take on the Lady Trailblazers of Torrington in the Consolation Championship, which was played at 9 o’clock on Saturday morning. Going into the contest, the Lady Dogies were determined to bring home some hardware.

“We got pretty good at playing that early game,” chuckled Ostenson. “But this was an important one because we wanted to win the last game of the year. There are only three teams who get to do that, and we wanted one of those to be us.”

Things began a little slow for both teams with Torrington striking first hitting a 3-point shot. After the initial long-ball, both teams traded points from beyond the arc, with Newcastle hitting only from the outside in the quarter. The Lady ‘Blazers finished the first frame with the 15-9 lead over the Lady Dogies.

“We were playing a little slow so at the quarter we had a heart-

to-heart about whether they wanted to do it or not,” Ostenson said. “They then dug down, got the ball out and started pushing the ball down the court.”

After the discussion at the break, the Lady Dogies hit the court for the second quarter and ran over the ‘Blazers 24-11 to take the 33-26 lead into the locker room. Once they took the lead, they never looked back.

“We got our butts chewed a couple of times there in the first quarter so that kind of got us going,” Jaylen said. “Between that and running our 1-3-1 defense, we stepped it up and got going.”

Torrington made a valiant effort to try to get back in the game, and did manage to stay with Newcastle a little better in the second half, however the Lady Dogies led by as much as 15, before the ‘Blazers were able to take advantage of the last couple of minutes to score 5 unanswered points and pull to within 10. The 64-54 win gave Newcastle the first trophy since 2008 as they were awarded the Consolation Championship.

Ostenson once again led the team with 23 points, Conzelman had 20 and Tidyman was also in double figures with 14 points. McFarland scored 5 points and Jayde Harrington rounded out the scoring with 2.

Winning the final game was a great way to cap off the season for the Lady Dogies, and already



the team is turning their eyes to next season.

“I feel like we have unfinished business,” declared McFarland. “It was nice to end on a win, and it was better than last year — but we want more.”

The Lady Dogies lose only one from their roster as senior Bailey Benshoof finished her career. As sixth man, Benshoof provided great minutes for the team throughout the season, and Coach Ostenson said he is on

the hunt for someone to step up to fill her shoes.

Looking at next season, Buffalo will be returning seven solid players, and gave Newcastle their first loss to a Wyoming team at regionals.

“I think it’s okay to have Buffalo in our heads over the summer,” Jaylen said. “I feel like we’ve got a little bit of a chip on our shoulder, and we want to prove we’re the better team.”



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**The Lady Dogies were fired up for their Friday loser-out contest against the Mt. View Lady Buffs. Here Hunter McFarland goes up for 2 in her team’s decisive 58-40 win over the west side team. Top of page, The ball falling through the hoop on a Lady Dogie shot at Casper College is the perfect illustration of Newcastle’s last two games of the 21-22 season. After shooting woes impacted two of their losses over the last two weekends, the team ended on a high note.**

### NHS Ladies’ Basketball

**Newcastle @ 3A State Tournament in Casper 3/10-12/22**  
**Newcastle v. Lander 3/10/22: 45-52**  
 Jaylen Ostenson: 14 points, 9 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal  
 Shelby Tidyman: 20 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal  
 Hunter McFarland: 7 points, 2 rebounds  
 MacKenzie Conzelman: 1 rebound, 2 assists, 1 steal  
 Tiernan Stanton: 4 points, 6 rebounds, 1 block

**Newcastle v. Mt. View 3/11/22: 58-40**  
 Jaylen Ostenson: 17 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals, 1 block  
 Shelby Tidyman: 14 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals  
 Hunter McFarland: 7 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists  
 MacKenzie Conzelman: 15 points, 1 rebound  
 Tiernan Stanton: 5 points, 10 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block  
 Jayde Harrington: 2 rebounds

**Newcastle v. Torrington 3/12/22: 64-54**  
 Jaylen Ostenson: 23 points, 3 rebounds, 7 assists, 3 steals  
 Shelby Tidyman: 14 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists  
 Hunter McFarland: 5 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal  
 MacKenzie Conzelman: 20 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assists  
 Tiernan Stanton: 7 rebounds, 1 block  
 Bailey Benshoof: 1 rebound  
 Jayde Harrington: 2 points, 2 rebounds, 3 steals  
 Emilia Lichtenberger: 1 rebound

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loss meant they would take the No. 3 seed, instead of the first, from the East into the state tournament and would ultimately put the top three ranked teams in the state on the same side of the bracket.

Going in, I did feel pretty good about how things lined up, but after the fact, the what-ifs remain.

If the Lady Dogies had been regional champs, they would have had Mt. View in the quarter-final contest, and given how they played

against that team in the consolation semis they likely would have advanced to the championship semis.

However, the semi-final regional loss had them facing Lander in the quarter-final match-up. Lander had gone on a 17-0 run in the West heading into their regionals, and were also upset, so came out with the No. 2 seed.

On Thursday, the Lady Dogies took their third, final, and most heartbreaking loss as they dropped

a tightly contested quarter-final match-up against the Lady Tigers in the opening game of the 3A State Tournament.

It was one heck of a ball game with both teams exchanging blows. The two teams are very similar in the style of basketball they play and it was a heart-pounding 32 minutes of basketball.

Unfortunately, the team played tight for the first six minutes of the game, and when you’re up against the

top teams in the state, there’s not a lot of give.

It did come right down to the wire, though. The ladies clawed and fought their way back and if not for an inch or so of tennis shoe on the end line, would have tied the game with eight seconds to play.

At the state tournament, if you lose in the quarters, the best you can do is the consolation championship, which is fifth place.

The Lady Dogies did achieve that

and left the tournament on Saturday with the first hardware since 2008, and the same record as second and third place, but it just wasn’t the hardware they were shooting for as they entered it on Thursday.

Three losses on the season is a great accomplishment which no one can deny. But timing is everything when you’re shooting for a state title.

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