

# News Letter Journal

Weston County

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Newcastle, Wyoming

Year 136 Week 20

## School district approves raises

**Alexis Barker**  
NLJ News Editor

The cost of salaries in Weston County School District No. 1 will increase by \$787,369.20 in the next school year after

the board of trustees approved a slew of raises during two separate meetings.

On May 4, the board approved salary increases for administrators and directors at a total cost, including ben-

efits, of \$146,473.20 a year, according to business manager Deb Sylte. During the board's April 27 meeting, as previously reported, a total of \$640,896 in raises were approved for certified and classified staff. Sylte

maintained that it is important to remember that these numbers are projections.

These raises, according to Superintendent Brad LaCroix, will bring all of the district's staff closer to the average pay in

Wyoming for each position. He noted that the costs associated with the raises will be covered in part by funds saved by not replacing four retiring faculty members, three of whom are teachers (see "School District

works to 'right-size' itself," on page one of last week's paper).

At its most recent meeting, the board unanimously approved \$6,000 raises for the food service

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## NEWC HIGH NEWS

Dogie Tails from Newcastle High School

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Nikki Bartlett

## Back-to-back Bartlett speeches

**Avery Chick**  
NLJ Intern

Just a year ago, Newcastle Middle School Principal Tyler Bartlett stood at the podium in Crouch Auditorium to say farewell to the class of 2021. His words inspired many and left the crowd reminiscing about long-ago memories and lessons that would serve those graduates a lifetime.

This year, another Bartlett will be at that podium, in a different year, with a different commencement speech and a different farewell. Nikki Bartlett will be saying the final words to the class of 2022 as Newcastle High School students.

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## The class of 2022



Photo courtesy of Emily Hartinger/Skull Creek Studio

Pictured is the Newcastle High School graduating class of 2022. Commencement will take place on Sunday, May 22, at 2 p.m. in the Crouch Auditorium at NHS.

## Double diplomas for two NHS seniors

**Hogan Tystad**  
Newc High News Reporter

While members of the class of 2022 are wrapping up their senior year and preparing to walk across the stage to receive their diplomas, two of them will receive more than just one diploma. Kayley Munoz and Autumn Mills have pursued their associate degrees while finishing up their

high school credits. This was not an easy feat, as both girls agree that the workload was tough to handle. However, the outcome is as good as it gets.

"Financially, the EWC (Eastern Wyoming College) Outreach Program is a dream. The Outreach Program lets you obtain a degree for free, compared to paying thousands of dollars to obtain it following high school," Autumn said.

Autumn's mother, Brittney Osborne, is over-the-moon excited with what Autumn has accomplished.

"Her whole family is so proud of her and all her accomplishments so far," Osborne said. "We wish her nothing but the greatest moments and successes in her future. We will always be her

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## Four to be valedictorians

**Gabby McVay**  
Newc High News Reporter

Valedictorian is the highest rank of a graduating class. Students strive to maintain a 4.0 GPA and straight A's throughout

**Slade Roberson, Zade Orsborn, Ezra Anderson, and Tristan Troftgruben are the valedictorians for the Newcastle High School graduating class of 2022 and will speak at commencement on May 22 at 2 p.m.**

their high school career, but only a few succeed. This year's Newcastle High School graduating class welcomes four valedictorians: Zade Orsborn, Slade Roberson, Ezra Anderson and Tristan Troftgruben.

### Zade Orsborn

Zade Orsborn is known as the guy who everyone knows will not only complete every task asked of him but will complete them better than most. Many teachers have dreaded the year Zade will graduate because he will be a tough young man

to replace with all that he is involved in. While not only maintaining good grades, he is also executive president of NHS, FBLA president, member of Sources of Strength, graphic designer for Newc High News and has multiple jobs outside of school: the hospital, the pool, and his entrepreneurial business of website design and marketing/graphic design. He managed the cross-country team, swims, and plays a varsity position on the soccer field.

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### WEATHER FORECAST

**Thursday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
Hi 59, Lo 34



**Friday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
Hi 44, Lo 30



**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 51, Lo 32



**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 58 Lo 37



**Monday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 61, Lo 42



**Tuesday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
Hi 67, Lo 46

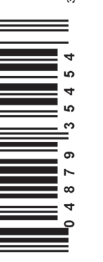


**Wednesday**  
Showers  
Hi 66, Lo 46




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# To chicken? Or not?

**Alexis Barker**  
NLJ News Editor

Standing true to his campaign platform, Newcastle Councilman Tyrel Owens proposed that the City of Newcastle explore allowing backyard chickens in city limits. The city will be holding a town hall to discuss the topic on May 25 at 6 p.m. in the council chambers.

The presence of negatives, from inflation to avian flu, make it the perfect time for the council to consider allowing laying hens in city limits, Owens said.

"I think people would like to have the peace of mind, to have a couple of laying birds in their backyard," Owens told the council on May 2.

In a small community like Newcastle, he said, people should have the ability to raise a few hens who lay eggs, especially because some larger communities allow the practice.

"They can have chickens in Cheyenne, in Rawlins, Laramie and Gillette, but we can't have chickens in Newcastle, Wyoming, for some reason," Owens said. "It has always bothered me. I don't want to incriminate myself, but I have had bootleg chickens in the past that I have had to remove."

Owens acknowledged that concerns have been raised by a portion of the population.

"Most of the people don't care. It's the rule of one-thirds: 33% care, 33% don't care, and 33% have no idea what we are talking about," he said.

One of the main objections to allowing chickens in town revolves around a belief that they will generate unwelcome odors, but Owens suggests

that poor care by owners of any type of animal will produce such a result.

"I know smell has been a concern," he said. "There are people that don't take care of their dogs. Dogs stink something fierce."

Owens recalled his time as a city employee who read water meters and came across some of the yards where animals weren't properly cared for or cleaned up after, to argue that chickens are no more troublesome than other pets that are allowed in town.

"Chickens, if they are cared for properly, I don't believe they are an issue," Owens said.

He also disagreed with the argument that if you give people the ability to have chickens in town, they will only want more and more animals.

"Chickens are not a gateway drug to pigs," he scoffed.

Councilman Don Steveson said that some people in the community are against backyard chickens, specifically mentioning his neighborhood in Frontier Addition, and Owens suggested the council give the community an opportunity to be heard on the issue.

"Most people are pretty excited," Owens said. "I think a public hearing would be in order."

Council members accepted Owens' suggestion and will host a town hall to discuss a potential ordinance allowing backyard chickens in city limits. The community is encouraged to participate and let council members know whether chickens should be allowed to roost in Newcastle's backyards.

Those who wish to share their opinion should plan to attend the May 25 meeting.

Chickens are not a gateway drug to pigs."

—Tyrel Owens,  
Newcastle Councilman



Photo by Katelynn Slaamot/NLJ

## WYO HELP looks at ways to act

**Katelynn Slaamot**  
NLJ Reporter

A WYO HELP meeting was held at the Weston County Senior Center in Newcastle on April 19, to discuss community action in Weston County.

WYO HELP aids in distributing funds to the people in the areas they serve — Carbon, Crook, Goshen, Niobrara, Washakie and Weston counties. The organization receives most of its funding from the Wyoming Department of Health's Community Services Block Grant, as well as the

CSBG CARES grant. They also offer case management services for the Wyoming Emergency Rental Assistance Program, through the Wyoming Department of Family Services, in addition to other various grants or donations.

With these funds, the organization provides a number of services such as health help, home help, senior help and more.

During the meeting, WYO HELP Executive Director Kyle Borger, pictured with Data Specialist Caleb Kinnaman, shares with meeting attendees some of the goals and needs

that WYO HELP has for operations in Weston County.

Borger said that the biggest need they have is for community members to partner with them to bring more boots-on-the-ground action in Weston County. Without community partnership, it's difficult for WYO HELP to help as much as they could.

The organization's projected budget for 2023 is between \$1.2 million and \$1.5 million, but they still need community partnership in all of their counties to be as effective as possible.

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## Raises

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director, community education director and data coordinator. With the raises, the food service director will make \$42,000 a year, the community education director will make \$67,007, and the data coordinator will make \$41,197. All of the listed individual salaries do not include benefits.

Directors and managers — including the technology director, special education director, maintenance director, transportation director, business manager and curriculum coordinator — will all receive \$8,000 raises. The total annual salary after the raise is \$80,500 for the technology director, \$79,000 for the special education director, \$75,250 for the maintenance director, \$59,500 for the transportation director, \$98,750 for the business manager and \$69,687.50 for the curriculum coordinator.

The principals at each of the three schools in the district will receive \$10,000 raises. According to LaCroix, both Newcastle High School Principal Bryce Hoffman and Newcastle Middle School Principal Tyler Bartlett currently make \$73,250, over \$21,000 less than the average pay for each of those positions in the state.

Bartlett and Hoffman will now make \$83,250 a year. Brandy Holmes, principal of Newcastle Elementary School, will make \$87,750.

The board also approved another \$20,000 a year for LaCroix, bringing his salary to \$146,750.

As previously reported, the district approved a number of raises on April 27, including increasing teacher salaries by \$3,500 a year. Trustees also agreed to reimplement steps and lanes.

According to edweek.org, most school districts have "step and lane" salary schedules for teachers, specifying how much raises are worth.

"Teachers earn a 'step' increase for each additional year of experience, with many teachers

peaking with the highest 'step' at around age 55," the website says. "Teachers can also earn more by having more education (those are the 'lane' increases). Some districts pay teachers holding a master's or doctoral degree a premium, while others move teachers into a higher pay column when they earn a certain number of credit hours of professional development."

This increase will raise the base teacher pay to \$50,000, making the district one of the top-12 in the state for teacher pay, according to information provided by LaCroix. There are a total of 48 districts in the state.

The total salary for each teacher will vary depending on their salary before the raise. According to the annual salary publication for the district, teachers earned between \$46,000 and \$64,000 a year before the raises. Sylte said the average salary for teachers during the 2021-22 school year was \$53,200.

Next year, after the raises are implemented, the lowest-earning teacher will make \$50,000 and the highest will make \$67,350.

An additional \$1.70 an hour for classified staff was also approved by the board, and substitute teacher pay levels were also increased to \$115 and \$120, up from \$85, \$95 and \$100 a day.

The overall hope for the raises, LaCroix said, is to retain good personnel. He noted that it also makes the district more enticing during recruitment situations.

"If things have to change, we can recruit the best," LaCroix said. "We are hoping to retain the best. We know there is a huge teacher shortage out there."

He noted that there are currently 56 pages of school district positions openings on the Wyoming School Board Association website.

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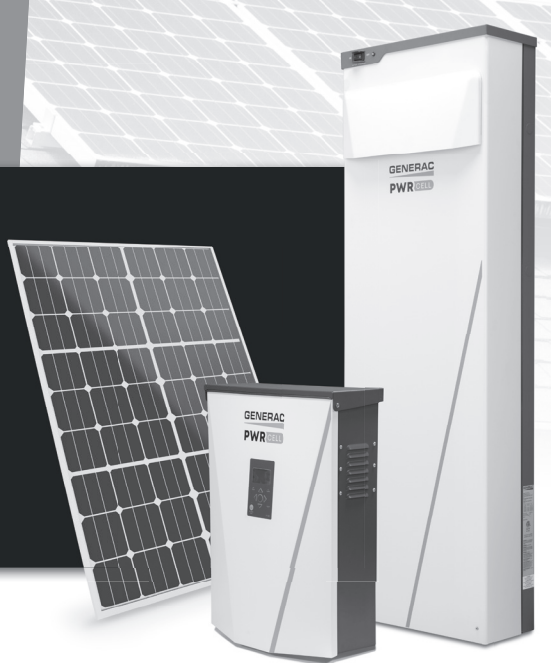
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## Our View

# Newc High News takeover

We really hope that you all enjoy this week's Newc High News', Newcastle High School's school newspaper, takeover of the News Letter Journal. Almost everything in this week's paper highlights students from Newcastle High School with the main focus being on the class of 2022.

These students have worked hard to share stories highlighting the best of Newcastle High School's graduating class of 2022.

The Newc High News staff deserves a big thank you from all of us at the News Letter Journal for working with us to create this first of its kind publication. If you

see any of these students out and about, make sure they know how much you enjoyed their work.

It is not easy putting yourself out there for the entire community to judge and we applaud these young writers for allowing us to share their work with the community.

Congratulations to the class of 2022! The NLJ is offering a free online subscription to NHS graduates. It's our way of saying we are proud of you, and you can take your hometown news along on your future endeavors. Send your email address to circulation@newsjlj.com to activate.

## POLL of the WEEK

QUESTION: Are graduation ceremonies and senior nights more for students or parents?

- Students
- Parents

Go to newsjlj.com to vote! Look for results in next week's News Letter Journal.

### RESULTS:

Who is the best steward of your tax dollars?

- Wyoming State Legislature...32% 6 votes
- Weston County Commission...21% 4 votes
- Newcastle City Council...11% 2 votes
- Weston #1 School Board (Newcastle)...37% 7 votes

# A graduation realization: growing up

By Angel Perez

I stand on the stage watching, as the smiling faces and congratulatory cheers echo out. Moving the tassels from right to left,

My hands shift to my lap waiting for that final line and everything flashes before me.

The shutter of a camera and I am back at...

18. The number in which a late teen turns into a young adult. The final number in which the law has given you this meaningless label. But to you this label means everything, it means freedom, and it means happiness.

17. The year of big wins, from both individual accomplishments to big team successes. As goals shot across the field, as people ran to the finish line. We win.

16. The sweetest of numbers for those who adore it. Or for those who were stuck inside with their families during an endless pandemic. The year of controversies to cases, with medical masks leading the stock markets.

15. The first number that is given to you when you first walk into the doors. The one representing one's own individuality and the five meaning those five friendships you knew were gonna change forever.

14, 13, 12. Blurred timelines as you try everything in your power to forget those dramatic old ages of middle school. Where everyone thought they could be anything and were

everything in a matter of minutes. The ages in which we needed a major reality check.

11. We are all excited to finally become the big kids, but the anxiety fills my brain, and I have this pit in my stomach as I move to a new bigger school.

10. Finally the double digits, the big one oh. Oh no, does that mean what I think it means. Who knew puberty could hit so early for a young girl's life. And everyone knows mom and dad were in for one hell of a ride...

9. A year in which I just memorized the whole dance number to 'What makes you beautiful' by One Direction from Just dance 4.

8. The beginning of times tables and adding numbers together more than just 10. Funding even more passions than I have before.

7, 6, 5. I gear up for the first time. Crayons in one hand and pencils in the other. There's a lot more kids here than I thought... I squeeze my mom's hand as my heart beats faster. A woman walks up to us, and I grip harder, she calls herself Mrs. and that is the moment I know it will be okay.

4. Fired frenzies and imaginative minds zip across the skies and in my head. I dream of flying with the fireflies, running with the cheetahs, screaming like a baboon. At this age kids wanted to be animals, and I wanted to be every single one of them.

3 or 2. Parents will tell you these are the ages they do not miss. They

will say that your terrible twos, terrible threes made them question if staying... was a mistake. Moms will say this was their birth control and Dads will say you just would not be quiet. But Grandparent's will say that you were simply a go-getter.

1. The people who will raise you, look and ponder. They say to themselves, this child will be strong, they will stand for everything they believe in.

They will want to do everything and anything. And they will do it, because that's the type of person they will want to become.

0. You are born into light and the first sound you hear is...

The shutter of a camera And I am back at...

The crowd, my peers and I smile.

My hand moves to the beat of my heart.

Waiting for the final line in his speech...

Then finally... peace.



LaKacee Lipp

NHN Morning Tea Columnist

Original Artwork by LaKacee Lipp

# Graduation horoscopes by Olivia McVay with NHN

### Virgo (Aug. 23rd-Sept. 22)

As the hardest working sign of the zodiac, graduation will be a particularly major day for you, Virgo. Not only will you be showing off your honor cords, but there is a good chance you will be up there at that podium, giving a speech. Honors or not, this day will speak for four years of efforts that you put into getting where you are today. You have earned a pat on the back as you embark on what is sure to be another fun and victorious chapter in your life.

### Libra (Sept. 23rd-Oct. 22)

You are a peacemaker, and you are not about to graduate without making sure you are not on good terms with everyone. You are willing to let bygones be bygones because living a life of harmony is what helps you sleep at night. It is not that you feel pressured to remain in touch with all these people after you leave campus, but you would rather be civil with your classmates going on in the world.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23rd-Nov. 21st)

Graduation is going to be tough for you in some ways, Scorpio. You will be reliving hundreds of memories but knowing you will not see some of your class again, will make you emotional. But you will manage to keep your cool, while some of your friends will be hauling tissue boxes.

You know this will be a sad day, but you are always looking forward to the future, knowing that this is just one more step with much more excitement to come.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21st)

Sag, you sure will be popular on Grad Day. Why? Because you can make everyone laugh. Not only will you loosen up to your classmates before the ceremony, but afterward, you will be pulled in a million different directions. Everyone will want to introduce you to their parents. Your positive attitude will get you through the day.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22nd-Jan. 19th)

Graduation Day is very by-the-books for you. You will attentively sit through the ceremony, gracious waiting for that diploma, say goodbye to some friends, and head to your party. While you are certainly proud of yourself for receiving your diploma. Many opportunities will come your way soon, so be prepared!

### Aquarius (Jan. 20th-Feb. 18th)

You are a deep thinker, Aquarius. Your love for communication has no bounds. The moving valedictorian speech is going to really get to you. You will analyze their thoughts and think about how their inspirational speech will apply in your life. Also,

Aquarius, you have a unique way of learning and know how to use and find relevant information. Good luck in college, smarty pants!

### Pisces (Feb. 19th-March 20)

You are the most caring and selfless sign of the zodiac. You have seen the good in everyone during high school, which makes saying farewell particularly tough. Next year, you will be achieving and accomplishing every one of your dreams. Make sure to take the necessary risks that feel right. Also, do not listen to negative people. Be confident and positive going into the future.

### Aries (March 21st-April 19th)

Aries, you are an ambitious person. You have hustled all through high school, you have worked your butt off from getting good grades, playing sports and extracurricular activities. While you might be thrilled for college, you will be a bit sentimental at graduation. You have bonded with many students, faculty, and teachers because of all your involvement. Saying goodbye will be bittersweet for you.

### Taurus (April 20th-May 20th)

You are ready to graduate, and you are not too caught up in the ceremony, Taurus. You will be having some fine travels after graduation. This

summer before college you will be a workaholic and devote your time to being your best self. Also be prepared to have a fun summer before you head off to college.

### Gemini (May 21st-June 21st)

Ah, Gemini. Graduation will be a mixed bag of emotions for you. You are both carefree, but also tend to have a sociable and serious side, restless side, your moods on this day will be up and down. You are partly excited but also a little anxious. Live up these last few moments you have with each other and get excited for your future.

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Despite the rollercoaster of emotions you faced in high school, you are going to start realizing this is a big day, and you want to make the most of it. This is the last time your class will be all together, so make sure to fill it with fond memories. You are ready to move on but try to make this day special.

### Leo (July 23rd-Aug 22nd)

While some people prefer to live a life of exclusiveness, you will crave a spectacle. There is no way you will be walking out of the ceremony without the attention drawn to you. Be proud of your efforts, because they are likely to bring desired results that will enable success in college.

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## CITY OF NEWCASTLE PUBLIC MEETING

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Newcastle Country Club  
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1-4pm



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### Obituaries

**FRANKIE ESQUIVEL**  
Oct. 4, 1931–May 2, 2022

Frankie Esquivel passed away on May 2, 2022.

Frankie was born on Oct. 4, 1931, in Edgemont, S.D. to Ascension and Eleanor Gallegos Esquivel. Raised in Belle Fourche, S.D., he joined the Army National Guard during the Korean War.



**Frankie Esquivel**

He married Phyllis "Sally" Jones on Sept. 1, 1953. Together, they had four sons. Frankie worked in management in bentonite plants in Upton and Lovell, Wyo., before ultimately retiring to Upton.

Frankie loved camping with his grandchildren each summer, and was an avid gardener.

He is survived by his wife; his sons, Mickey (Carmen), Douglas Ray (Constance) and Mark Allan; daughter-in-law, Kim; five grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and sister, Theresa Davies.

He was preceded in death by son, Ronald Frank; daughter-in-law, Susan; parents; sisters and brothers.

Funeral services will be May 28 at 1 p.m. at Greenwood Cemetery in Upton. Reception will follow at Sunset Amigos.

**LAURA DEE GOODE**  
Dec. 15, 1953–March 7, 2022

Laura Dee Goode was the second of six siblings born and raised in Newcastle, Wyo., by Mimi and Harvey Goode. She was a graduate of Newcastle High School's class of 1972. She was funny, outgoing, adventurous and generous to a fault. She was a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, serving first in Newcastle, before transferring to Laramie and serving 10 years.

She finished back in Newcastle. Then she became disabled after routine surgery damaged nerves in her legs. She was the mother of Cody Emiel Raben (who preceded her in death in August of 2011), and grandmother to Sadie Ann and Levi Watson. Laura was also preceded in death by her parents and her older sister, April.

She is survived by her grandchildren and

four siblings, Wendy (John), Harvey (Fran), Matthew (Andrea), and Greg (Dixie), as well as four nephews, a niece and two grand-nieces and a grand-nephew.

The family will have a private service at a later date. Donations, if desired, may be made to Alley Cat Crossing Rescue in Newcastle, in Laura's name.

**JOSEPH 'JAY' MANUEL LEE**  
Aug. 25, 1934–Dec. 8, 2021

Services for Joseph "Jay" Manuel Lee will be held at the Four Square Church in Newcastle on Saturday, May 21, at 1 p.m., with Pastor Mick Bohn officiating. The church is at 1525 S. Summit.

Mr. Lee, 87, passed away at Weston County Health Services Dec. 8, 2021.



**Joseph Lee**

**HOWARD CHARLES PICKERD**  
May 25, 1947–April 7, 2022

Howard Charles Pickerd, 74, of Cheyenne, Wyo., passed away April 7, 2022, at home.

Howard was born in Sundance, Wyo., on May 25, 1947, to Henry and Ruth (Hauber) Pickerd. They lived in Alva and Aladdin, Wyo., near his family's sawmill.

Howard attended the one-room Eothen School, grades 1-8. Growing up he spent time with extended family in Sundance and at the 4W Ranch near Devils Tower. They moved to Sundance in 1961, and he graduated from Sundance High School in 1965. He attended Casper College, then CSU in Ft. Collins, Colo. Howard majored in forestry, graduating in 1970.

Howard was hired by Wyoming State Forestry and married Mary Casey in 1970. They lived in Cheyenne where their three daughters were born.

In 1977, Howard was promoted to district forester and they moved to Newcastle, Wyo. Howard enjoyed his work, especially forest management and fighting wildfires. Howard and Mary divorced in 1992.

He transferred back to Cheyenne in 1994. Howard married Mary O'Hare in 1995. They enjoyed hosting family and

friends, their pets, and gardening. Howard retired in 2004 and started Wyoak, a small nursery. He was active in church and liked woodworking. His wife, Mary, passed away in 2021.

Howard was a loyal and steadfast husband, a loving and supportive father, and a generous friend. He was quick with a smile, a joke (recycled), or a hug.

Howard is survived by his children, Suzanne (Gil) Navarro of Champlin, Minn., Jennifer (Roman) Roberts of Spearfish, S.D., Jessica (Mack) McCahan of Columbus, Ga., Bill (Cindy) Herrin of Surprise, Ariz., and Kristy (Dave) O'Hare of Cheyenne; 17 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his sister, Mary (Terry) Benson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth and Henry; his wife, Mary O'Hare Pickerd; and nephews, Justin Roberson and Glenn Roberson.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, May 29, at Frontier United Methodist Church in Cheyenne at 2 p.m., followed by a meal at the family home.

**TIMOTHY CHARLES RAWHOUSER**  
Dec. 14, 1966–April 18, 2022

A celebration of life for Timothy Rawhouser will be held Saturday, May 21, at Farnsworth Services in Newcastle, beginning at 2 p.m. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Memorials and condolences may be sent to the family at 1497 Beaver Creek Rd., Newcastle, WY 82701. Expressions of sympathy may also be made online at westriverfuneral.com.

**RICHARD A. 'DICK' TAYLOR**  
Oct. 19, 1934–Oct. 23, 2021

Military services for Richard A. "Dick" Taylor, 87, will be held on May 26 at 10 a.m., at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, S.D.

Dick entered eternal rest on Oct. 23, 2021. He was born Oct. 19, 1934, the oldest of three children born to Carolyn Marie Beckton and Albert Bert Taylor of Newcastle, Wyo.


He transferred back to Cheyenne in 1994. Howard married Mary O'Hare in 1995. They enjoyed hosting family and

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### Daily Devotional Reading

<p><b>May 20</b> 1 Samuel 15:1-9</p> <p><b>May 21</b> 1 Samuel 15:10-35</p> <p><b>May 22</b> 1 Samuel 16:1-23</p> <p><b>May 23</b> 1 Samuel 31:1-13</p>	<p><b>May 24</b> 2 Samuel 1:1-27</p> <p><b>May 25</b> 2 Samuel 5:1-16</p> <p><b>May 26</b> Acts 1:1-26</p>
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Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

- **ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm
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- **CAMBRIA COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH:** 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Youth (6-12 grades) and Adult Bible Study Sunday Evening 6-7 pm; Wednesday Night Youth and Adult Bible Study 6 pm; Life Recovery Bible Study Sunday Night 7 pm
- **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. haydishall@hotmail.com. Service times: Sunday 10 a.m
- **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Rob Carr, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am
- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Ty Checketts, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am
- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service Tuesday 6 PM; Undeafated Youth/children's ministry (3 years old- 12th Grade) Wednesday 6:00 pm
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 8 am; Weekday Mass 7 am
- **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10 am
- **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Interim Pastor Ben Roberts, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm;

- AWANA Clubs Wednesday 6:30 pm
- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Ron Sample, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7 pm
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## A PIECE OF HISTORY

**25 Years Ago**  
**May 22, 1997**

Once again Newcastle High says good-bye to another graduating class. This year's group of seniors graduated on May 18, and were awarded their diplomas by members of the school board. The graduating class numbering 67 students marched down the aisle to a new beginning. Some of the students glad to get out of high school, some fearing the future, and others sad to say good-bye.

Community Education Director Judy Turner figures whoever broke into the School District #1 Educational Resources building on Birch Street had to be slime enough to fit through a tall, narrow pane of glass. According to Turner, one of more people entered the building sometime between

Friday night and Saturday night and made off with some valuable electronic equipment.

Several Weston County cowgirls and cowboys competed at the Casper High School Rodeo last weekend. Over 300 contestants came from all points in Wyoming, along with some from Colorado. At Saturday's performance, Teri Jo Vore won the pole bending with a quick time of 20.482. Lindsey Merrill tied her goat in 8.71 to be 2nd out of 31 goat tyers.

The regional track meet was held in Newcastle last Friday and Saturday. Eight teams competed for the regional title and to qualify their athletes for the state meet. Boys' regional results were not available, but head girls' coach Pat Hayman said his young team did well with 12 qualifying for the

state meet.

Track season is winding down, but not all tricksters are. Some of them are just cutting back to one practice a day. It's time to play ball, and the Northeast Eagles American Legion team opens their season against Belle Fourche on Wednesday night.

**50 Years Ago**  
**May 18, 1972**

Newcastle's first merchandise fair will be held Friday evening from 7 to 9. In cooperation with the Newcastle Distributive Education clubs of America chapter, the fair will feature special priced merchandise, fashion displays, demonstrations and other retailing activities.

A spectacular fire damaged part of Tesoro Refinery's oper-

ation in Newcastle Wednesday morning. A rupture in a fuel line in a boiler unit caused flames to shoot some 200 feet in the air. The fire and heat destroyed a crane, a transformer unit and damaged the boiler unit, the extent of which was not known at press time of the News Letter Journal.

The Green Mountain Schoolhouse, which is being restored by the Weston County Historical Society, was moved from the fairgrounds to its new home near the Anna Miller Museum last week.

Eighty-one Newcastle high school seniors will be honored at baccalaureate services Sunday, May 21, and at commencement on Monday, May 22.

Recipients of the Chapter Homemakers degree in Newcastle Chapter of Future Homemakers of America this year were Dana Davis, Libby Chittim, Karen Shook, Bonnie Jean Hamilton, Deborah Ward, GERALYN Christensen and Cynthia Grimm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Streets will celebrate their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary Sunday, June 4. An open house in their honor will be held at their home from 2 to 6 in the afternoon. All friends and relatives of the honored couple are invited to attend.

The Ladies of the Newcastle Country Club will have a guest day luncheon Wednesday, May 31. The luncheon will begin at noon. A micro-oven demonstration will be presented by the Black Hills Power and Light Company.

Quite a number of people from this area attended the sale at St. Onge, S.D. Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perino were callers in Newcastle Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Felix Perino, Mary and Bob were callers in Newcastle Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perino were callers of Louis Micolini Sunday evening.

**100 Years Ago**  
**May 18, 1922**

The retiring mayor, P.J. Kinney and his council have accomplished much during their term of office for the city welfare and their final meeting and the installation of the new officers took place in the council room at the city hall Thursday evening, last.

Fletcher Bros., of Newcastle, Wyo., have just closed a deal with Jay Walker, barker and oil operator of Alliance, Nebr., for eighty acres of oil land in 25-46-64 for a cash price of \$30,000.

News of the effects of last week's blizzard is coming in gradually from the stock districts ranging in the Beaver Creek and Hampshire vicinity. With an interview of the News-Journal representative, with the Beaver Valley Live Stock Co., they reported about 20 per cent loss in all lambs less than a week old, not effecting any of the older stock.

Work now being done in the Osage field, and in the Beaver Creek valley in the vicinity of Newcastle by the Illinois Pipe Line Company presages development of the utmost importance to Newcastle and to the field generally.

On Thursday, May 25th, the high school will have an inter-class track and field meet at the fair grounds commencing at 1:30.

The ranch home of I.N. "Bud" Smith on Stockade Beaver, including the bunk house, and all contents of both dwellings were totally destroyed by fire about noon yesterday. Mrs. Smith was washing in the bunk house when she noticed the fire in the bunk house stove flue and before Mrs. Smith and children could get the blaze under control the wind carried the blaze over to the main residence.

There was a ball team organized in Clifton Sunday. The boys have some real good players and played a very interesting game.



Courtesy of Weston County Historical Society/Charles Rankin Collection

This is a photograph of the homestead of Miss Louise Rankin in 1913.

## WHAT'S UP

### May 2022

#### Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

<b>Fri. May 20</b>	8AM 9AM 1PM 5:30PM	TOPS #322 Caramel Rolls Bridge BINGO	W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center VFW Hall
<b>Sat. May 21</b>	1-4PM	2nd Annual Cave Man Fun Run, registration open now Ernie Hamlet's 80th Birthday Celebration	Newcastle Country Club
<b>Mon. May 23</b>	9AM 7PM	Exercise Class Alcoholics Anonymous	W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center
<b>Tues. May 24</b>	11AM 1PM 1PM 3:30PM	Story time Bridge Dominoes Alzheimers/Dementia Support	W.C. Library W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center Zoom
<b>Wed. May 25</b>	6:30-8:30AM 9AM-1PM 9AM 6PM	Wellness Wednesday GiGi's Closet Exercise Class City of Newcastle Public Meeting	WCHS First United Methodist Church W.C. Senior Center City Council Chambers
<b>Thur. May 26</b>	7AM NOON 1PM 7PM	TOPS #218 WCHS Foundation Meeting Crafts Alcoholics Anonymous	W.C. Senior Center WCHS Board Room W.C. Senior Center W.C. Senior Center
<b>Fri. May 27</b>	11AM-2PM	Farnsworth Serv. Veterans' Appreciation Dinner	58 Fairgrounds Rd.
<b>Sun. May 29</b>	NOON	Placing Memorial flags, volunteers needed	Greenwood Cemetery
<b>Mon. May 30</b>	10AM	Memorial Day Services	Greenwood Cemetery
<b>Tues. May 31</b>	2PM	Remove Memorial flags, volunteers needed	Greenwood Cemetery

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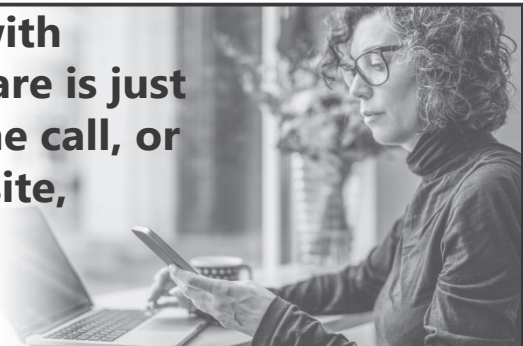
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# Five Dogie athletes will play at collegiate level

**Zade Orsborn**  
Newc High News Reporter

Most kids grow up playing various sports may hope to continue to compete in those sports at the collegiate level. The Newcastle High School class of 2022 has five senior athletes who are planning to be collegiate athletes.

## Avery Chick – Men’s Volleyball

Avery Chick will be the first graduate of NHS to play men’s volleyball in college. He signed to play the sport at Campbellsville University in Kentucky.

“I want to play in college because my dad played football in college, and it would be super cool to carry on that tradition, and also because sports have been a huge part of my life. It also will help keep off the so-called ‘freshman 15,’” he said.

Avery says he has learned many great skills from playing sports. His favorite memories are beating Douglas, playing Powder Buff Volleyball and being named all conference in cross-country. Avery isn’t sure if he will still want to play volleyball beyond college.

Keeley Anderson, who has been the closest thing Avery has to a coach here in Newcastle, says the senior hasn’t let his home state’s lack of men’s volleyball stop him.

“Coming from a state that doesn’t have men’s volleyball, I never imagined for one second that Avery would one day be calling me to tell me he got an offer to play in college,” she said. “He never let the limits of where we live influence the possibilities for his future, and I’m so proud of him for that.”

## LaKacee Lipp – Soccer

LaKacee Lipp is the Lady

Dogies’ starting center defender. She has signed to play soccer at Northwest College in Powell. LaKacee said that she wants to play soccer in college because she has played the game for so long and that it is an outlet from school. Soccer relieves the stress of school and other parts of her life, she said. Soccer has been a major part of LaKacee’s life, and it has taught her many life lessons and skills.

“Sports have also taught me the challenges faced in everyday life, like loss, defeat and disappointment,” she said.

LaKacee’s favorite memory as a Dogie was getting a red card this year during the home Douglas game.

“Now, I do not agree with the calls that were made, nor did I intend on getting a red card to make my team play with one less player in the second half,” she said, “but I think it is pretty hilarious I have to take an anger management and sportsmanship course to play again. Not to mention my new nickname is ‘Red.’”

Kristine Rhoades, one of LaKacee’s coaches, said, “LaKacee’s best trait is her ability to read an offense and shut them down. She also has a great cut to fool any player.”

## Josh Womack – Wrestling

Josh Womack, a Dogie state champion wrestler, has signed to compete for Northwest College in Powell. Josh said that he wants to continue his wrestling career so that he can be exposed to better competition. Sports have shown him what hard work and dedication looks like, he said.

“It had put me in a group of peers that I had no choice but to interact and get along with,” he explained, “and we turned into a family.”

Josh’s favorite memory as a Dogie is winning state his senior year. Not only is Josh a member of a wrestling family at school, but his biological family has played a huge part in his success too. His older brother, Bryce Womack, was an NHS

state champion wrestler in 2017. “Competing in wrestling has helped Josh learn how to be part of a team while simultaneously working on his own personal goals,” says Jen Womack, Josh’s mom. “Our family is excited to watch him compete at the college level while he works on a degree in civil engineering.”

## Hayden Overman – Soccer

Hayden Overman is the Dogie soccer team’s starting goalie. Hayden did not officially start out playing goalie, but after team roles changed late in the season last year, everyone quickly saw that he had a talent for defending the net. Hayden’s plan after high school is to play soccer for the Rustlers at Central Wyoming College. Hayden’s favorite memory playing for the Dogies is beating Douglas in 2021. Hayden was asked how sports have benefited him.

“Well, it’s gotten me to college,” he said.

Before signing with the Rustlers, Hayden planned on training to be a hunting guide, but now he will be continuing his education in college. Elyse Dickey, the NHS head soccer coach, had praise for Hayden’s talents.

“Hayden is a very athletic kid who has found his spot in goal. He has great hands and can read the ball well,” she said. “His athletic ability really helps him in goal. He is very fun to watch and always surprises us with his saves. My advice to Hayden is to enjoy this next adventure and learn as much as he can about soccer, school and life, in general. Take it all in and put yourself out there. Have so much fun and work hard.”

## Aidan Chick – Basketball

Aidan Chick, one of Newcastle’s varsity basketball starters, plans to play college basketball. “It’s been my dream for as long as I can remember,” the senior said.

While he hasn’t signed to play yet, he has visited Missouri Baptist University and is pretty sure he will go there. After college, he wants to continue to play basketball. Aidan’s favorite memory as a Dogie is playing regional basketball in The Dome his sophomore year. Allen Von Eye, Dogie head basketball coach, had some great words to share about Aidan.

“I feel that it is awesome that Aidan is getting the opportunity to continue playing the sport that he loves at college, and I am incredibly excited for him. He put in a good deal of work last spring and this summer to try to put himself in a position where he could get this opportunity. Being in the area that we live, we no longer have many NAIA options for our athletes who want to play at the next level,” Von Eye said. “This requires them to go further to find opportunities, which also means that



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**Avery Chick, pictured signing his letter of intent with his family, was the first of five senior athletes to commit to extending his athletic career. Chick will be continuing his men’s volleyball career as part of the Campbellsville University’s team in Kentucky.**

they have little to no exposure there. I am so glad that Aidan had the chance and the drive to go help market himself in a totally new area to help make sure his dream came true.”

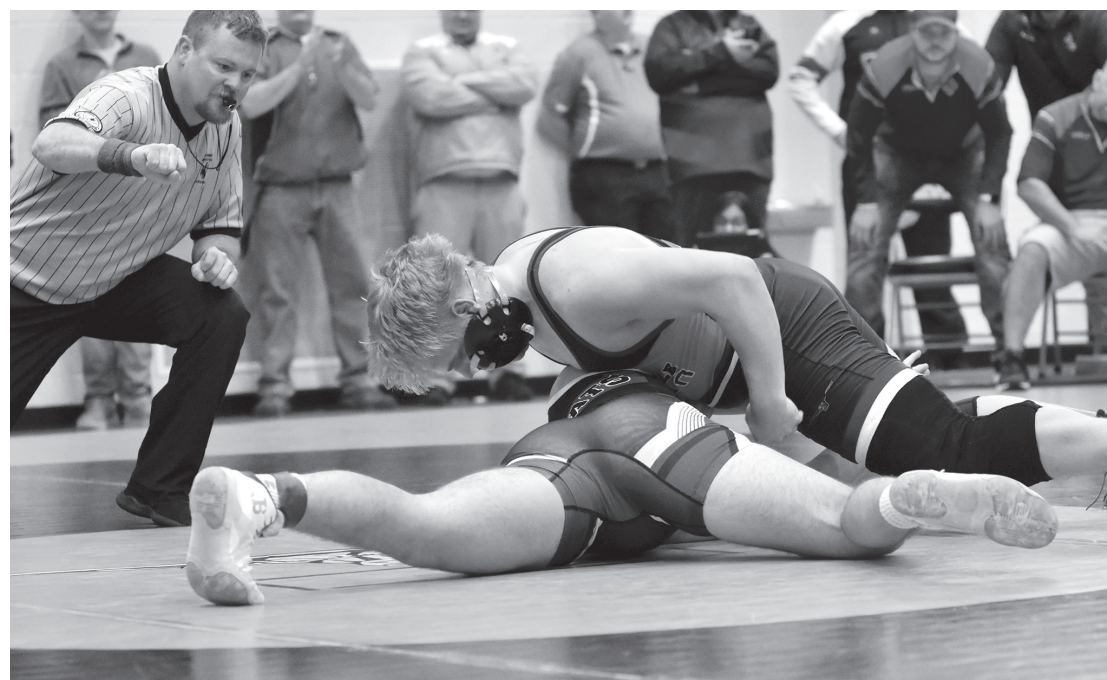
“Aidan is not afraid to work hard and put in necessary hours to help himself get better and I think this is one of his greatest traits as an athlete,” Von Eye

continued. “My advice to him would be to never lose that fire or that drive. Always understand that anything worth having is also worth working for, and will require great effort. Do not accept no for an answer. Just find a way to work a little harder, improve a little more and to take advantage of every opportunity that is granted.”



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**Longtime soccer player LaKacee Lipp will bring her defensive knowledge with her as she joins the women’s soccer team at Northwest College in Powell.**



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**3A State Champion wrestler Josh Womack will continue his career on the mat, joining classmate LaKacee Lipp at Northwest College this fall.**



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**Although he is yet to commit to a specific school, Aidan Chick plans to continue his basketball career outside of the Dome.**



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**Hayden Overman began his journey as a goalie last year, quickly learning the ropes. The young athlete will continue his career in the goal after signing to play for the Rustlers at Central Wyoming College.**

## Double

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biggest fans.”

She also said that Autumn has always been a goal-oriented person.

“She holds herself to high expectations and challenges herself,” Osborne said.

Kayley is not the first person in her family to receive her associate degree. This is a generational accomplishment in the Munoz household. Both of her older sisters, Alondra and Cassie, have also earned their associate while in high school. Kayley doesn’t break the chain as she goes above and beyond the average high school expectations. However, she made the decision to pursue the degree on her own. Along with the serious workload, Kayley also found the time to manage several sports teams in Newcastle. She also participates in FBLA and student council, and she was accepted into the National Honor Society.

“It’s such an honor seeing her graduate with two diplomas,” said her parents, Jose and Adela Munoz.

Kayley is kind of proud of her accomplishment too.

Both girls received their associate in interdisciplinary studies on May 2. Autumn’s degree is an Associate of Science, Kayley’s is an Associate of Arts. The duo will be receiving their high school diplomas on May 22. Autumn will graduate with an outstanding 3.65 GPA. Kayley will graduate with a 3.7 GPA. Kim Conzelman is the director of EWS Outreach. She said that students need a total of 61 concurrent credits to receive an associate degree.

“Since Kayley’s and Autumn’s freshman year, I have enjoyed getting to know them on a personal level. Even though a majority of our meetings were to plan and register for college courses, we also

took time to visit about goals and ambitions and plans for the future. I couldn’t be more proud of Kayley and Autumn. They both overcame some tough and stressful situations by staying focused and driven through it all,” Conzelman said. “I am so proud of you two young ladies. Completing an associate degree and a high school degree at the same time is not an easy task. I commend you for your effort, stamina and positive insight. I believe you both have set the stage for a productive future. I wish you all the best.”

Photo courtesy of Kim Conzelman  
**Autumn Mills and Kayley Munoz earned their associate’s degree while completing high school. Mills earned an Associate of Science degree, while Munoz earned an Associate of Arts degree.**





# Bartlett from Page 1

Bartlett was chosen because of her connection to the class. As their seventh grade English teacher, she has had many experiences with the students she will be addressing. Bartlett has not only taught the entire graduating class of

2022, she also has had the pleasure of coaching many of them. Bartlett was and still is the acting middle school head soccer coach. As a coach and teacher, she was influential in the development of her charges. As a student of Bartlett's,

this reporter can say with confidence that she cares far more about students and who they are as people rather than as just students. She forms very deep connections with most of her students because of how caring and personable she is. Since

we've had Bartlett as a teacher, not one person has ever had a significant issue with her. Speaking to a graduating class comes with great pressure and often a lot of stress. However, I have no doubt that Bartlett the English teacher will

blow everyone at the ceremony away with her wise words of wisdom for the class of 2022. A lot of thought was put into the selection of the 2022 commencement speaker. Nikki Bartlett is the ultimate choice because of her ability to form

a great connection with the class of 2022, beginning in middle school. After teaching, coaching and forming personal relationships with many of the seniors in the 2022 class, Bartlett now takes the stage to bid them farewell.

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However, while he claims that his "motivation to do schoolwork has been dwindling since the beginning of the year," he still perseveres in completing all his tasks at a high level.

His mother, Piper Allard, describes Zade.

"Zade always liked school and always wanted to do well in school. He works hard and always does his best. I am very proud of Zade for receiving this honor," she said. "I know he pushes himself to always do his best when sometimes he would love to slack off."

She also admitted to paying her kids for their grades when they were young.

"When the boys were in grade school, I did pay them for good grades on their report cards," she said. "\$5 for A's, \$3 for B's."

Clearly, that little incentive was all Zade needed to have the intrinsic drive to keep being a high achiever. He will also graduate with 37 college credits, which is not an easy feat with all the projects Zade stays busy with outside of school.

### Slade Roberson

Slade Roberson is another multi-sport member of NHS. He is notorious for being on the football and basketball teams through middle and high school. He also participates in FBLA. Slade is known to be a natural leader, hard worker and positive friend.

His mother, Alysha Engle, describes Slade:

"Slade's work ethic is honestly the strongest I've ever witnessed. I have six children, so I've witnessed a variety of personalities and levels of commitment when it comes to schoolwork. Slade's work ethic, in regard to schoolwork, was evident at a very young age," she said. "He's known since the fifth grade that he wanted to be the valedictorian. I can honestly say that I've never bribed Slade to get good grades. He has spent many a late night and long weekend making sure his assignments are completed not only on time but also high-quality work. I'm obviously extremely proud of Slade. But, honestly, his leadership skills and compassion for people and what he believes in make me prouder than his academic achievements."

His dad, Clay Roberson, expresses his pride in Slade.

"Slade is highly self-motivated, loyal and a very hard-working individual. It doesn't matter the conditions, if he's supposed to be at a branding, practice, or a job you can bet he'll be there. We are extremely proud of him," he said. "To be honest it doesn't surprise us a whole lot. When Slade decides to try something he has a desire to completely master that endeavor. I did promise him that if he became valedictorian that I'd buy him a fishing boat, but we're really hoping

that he forgot about that."

Slade also pushed himself by taking higher-level courses while still reaching for that valedictorian goal. He tackled 29 college credits, which further emphasizes the validity of his work ethic.

### Ezra Anderson

Ezra Anderson is most known for his soccer passion. He has played soccer his entire life, whether on indoor teams or outdoor teams, and he played his junior and senior year with a captain's band around his arm. He also participated in FBLA. He has worked multiple jobs while in high school: Decker's, the weight room, and the pool. Ezra is known to be a well-disciplined individual and trusted friend.

His mother, Dawnyell Burleson, stated that "Ezra never had to be told to do his homework. Ever. In fact, I was worried he was going to give himself an ulcer stressing about school and his grades so much!"

She did give him a little extra push when he was younger, though.

"Ezra has had his sights set on being valedictorian since he was in first grade," she said. "To watch that dream come to fruition, makes me proud and happy beyond description! I feel extremely proud! It all started with him getting paid for A's in grade school. I had to up the ante a little for valedictorian."

Ezra added extra stress to his schedule by completing 34 college credits during his high school career at NHS.

Ezra's father, Matt Anderson, had this heartfelt statement about his son, "Ezra has wanted to be valedictorian for as long as I can remember. He's self-motivated and I've never had to hound him with anything school related! I'm so proud of how hard he's worked to achieve this honor and so proud he's my son!"

### Tristan Troftgruben

Tristan Troftgruben, better known as "Ruben," is the fourth valedictorian this year. Tristan worked during the school year either life-guarding or teaching swimming lessons. During the summers, he would take off to North Dakota and work in the Ski and Bike Shop. He can be found in the weight room or sleeping on Mrs. Unterseher's couch in the library on A-Days. Tristan, an avid runner, decided to try football this year, and he also participated in FBLA.

His father, Brad Troftgruben, commented on his son's drive.

"Tristan is extremely driven when he has a goal he is trying to reach," he said. "If he sets his mind on something, he doesn't let anything distract him from reaching it. Tristan has a love for the outdoors and adventure, so I could see him being an entrepreneur to

something that caters to that."

His mother, Jessica Troftgruben, says her son has stayed true to himself.

"Being valedictorian wasn't something we really discussed or pushed for at home. It was more important to us that Tristan just be an all-around good human. I'm not the kind of parent to bribe for good grades and academic achievements, but I did bribe him to stay out of trouble," she said. "I told him if he didn't consume illegal beverages and stayed out of trouble during high school, he would get a cash graduation present. He hasn't given me any reason to believe otherwise, so far! I'm mostly proud of him for his abilities to stay true to himself while navigating difficult teenage years."

Tristan will be able to add that good-behavior money to his college savings with the additional money he will be saving from the 48 college credits he completed in high school.

These four students have made an impact on the student body of Newcastle High School. All four young men display the traits necessary to become valedictorian. They were able to balance sports, work, clubs and hobbies, all while adding college credits to their class load and maintaining a 4.0 GPA. They will continue to accomplish great things in the future and attract success. We will miss you and all of the class of 2022!

# INSURANCE

## FLOODING NOT COVERED ON MOST POLICIES

### Most homeowner's and renter's policies do not cover flooding.

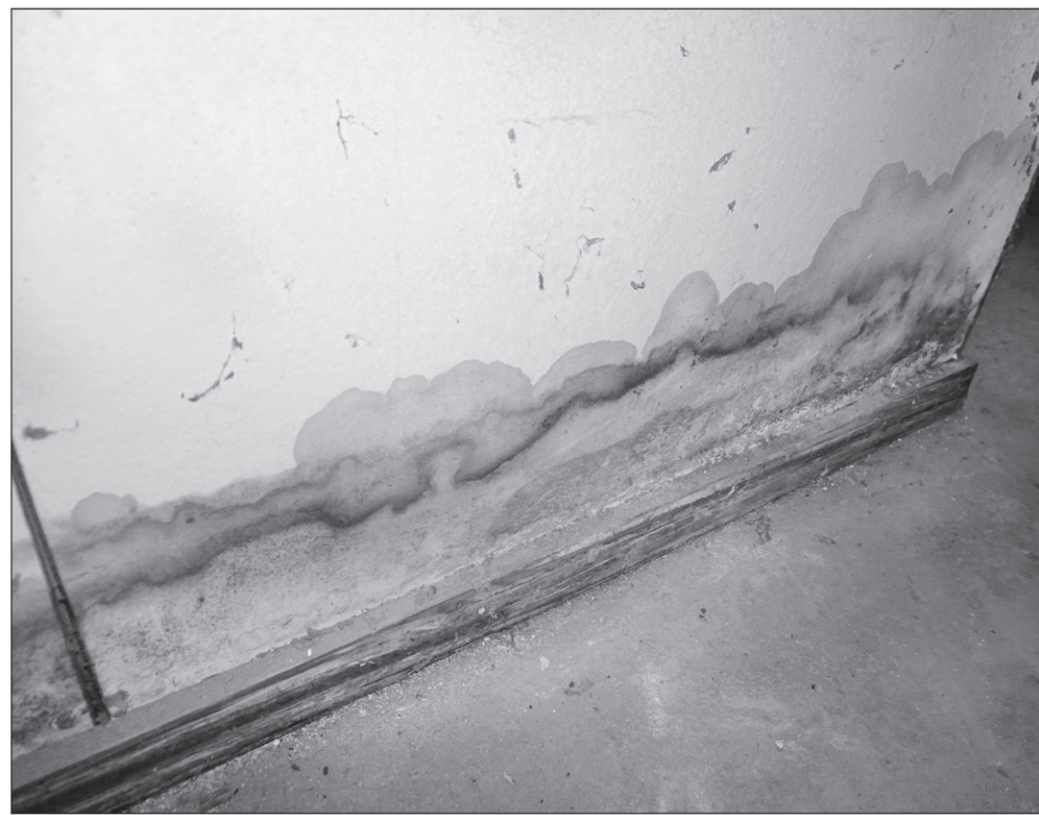
Spring runoff can result in considerable flooding in parts of Wyoming. Flooding is the most frequent and most expensive natural disaster in the U.S. Annually, floods cost our nation approximately \$8.2 billion, yet, a 2018 poll found that only 15% of Americans have flood insurance. The Wyoming Department of Insurance (DOI) offers this information to help you better understand flood insurance, your risk, and what to do in the event of a flood.

#### What is flood insurance?

The most important thing to understand about flood insurance is what it is and what it isn't. Flood damages are **not typically** covered in most homeowner's and renter's insurance policies. Flood insurance is a separate type of coverage you can buy from an agent, directly from a private insurer, or from an insurer participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Contact your insurance provider to learn more about flood insurance, to learn if your community participates in the NFIP, or to get a quote. If your community doesn't participate in NFIP, ask your agent or insurer if there are any private insurance options available to you or if they can refer you. As with any other type of insurance, shop around and compare coverage and premiums before you purchase a policy.

It is worth noting that recently, NFIP implemented its "Risk Rating 2.0" system to calculate premiums for policyholders. This new rate schedule allows premiums to be based on the property's individual flood risk rather than a national average, which could save some Wyoming policyholders quite a bit of money. In fact, NFIP projected that 561 Wyoming poli-



cies will see a decrease in monthly premiums. Some policyholders will still see a premium increase, but not as many as would have been the case under their previous rating system. Note that, unless purchased alongside a new mortgage, NFIP policies do not go into effect until 30 days after they were bought.

#### Do I need flood insurance?

As with any other type of insurance, this is dependent on your risk tolerance. To start, determine your flood risk. The FEMA flood map service available online allows you to assess risk levels, which are divided into three categories:

- **High-risk areas** have at least a 1% chance of flooding each year. Homeowners in these areas are frequently required to buy flood insurance to obtain a mortgage on the property.
- **Moderate to low-risk areas** have

less than a 1% chance to flood each year, but there is still a possibility the area could flood. Flood coverage isn't typically required in these areas, but is strongly recommended. Some mortgage lenders may still require insurance.

• **Undetermined risk areas** are areas where flood hazard analysis has not yet been conducted, but risk still exists.

It is important to note that approximately 20% of flood claims come from properties outside of high-risk areas. In short, "where it can rain, it can flood."

#### What should I do in the event of a flood?

The DOI suggests the following steps in the event of a flood:

- **Plan ahead.** Learn the evacuation routes in your community and designate a point of contact in another state in the event your family is separated. If you are

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- **Prepare your home.** Move items you want to protect to a higher floor and turn off electricity.

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• **Keep insurance agent and/or company contact information handy.** Contact your insurer as soon as possible when it is safe to do so. Your policy may require you to notify them within a certain time frame.

• **Take pictures of any property damage.** Try to prevent further damage by cleaning and drying wet items.

• **File a claim.** Contact your insurance company to formally file a claim. Most companies have toll-free numbers that are designed to handle new claims. If you need assistance finding a company contact, call the DOI at 1-800-438-5768 for assistance.

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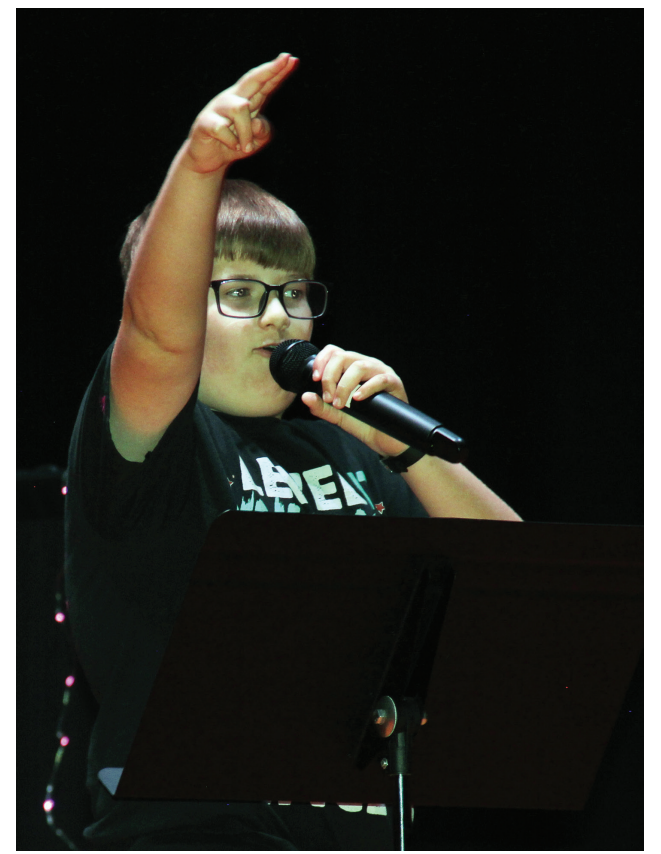


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Talent in spades



Photos by Alexis Barker/NLJ

On May 12, families, friends, and neighbors packed the Crouch Auditorium to watch the 17th annual Newcastle Elementary School Talent Show. The show featured music, jokes and dancing. Top left, fifth-graders Bella Bond and Chevy Bryan perform the song “Cups” with four of their friends. The song, made famous by the movie “Pitch Perfect,” featured cups for percussion. Top right, Treyden Purviance entertained the crowd with his quirky humor and teacher “roasts,” performing as a stand-up comedian during the annual talent show. Above, Isabelle Stillabower wowed the crowd with her energy and stage presence during her performance with two of her friends. At left, Kayla Oleson and Payton Overman were two of five singers performing the song “We Don’t Talk About Bruno,” made famous by the Disney film “Encanto.”

Accomplishments

**Wainscott, Purviance make Dean’s List**

Chadron State College has announced that 346 students met requirements for the Dean’s List for Fall 2021 by earning at least a 3.5 grade point average. To qualify, students must have completed at least 45 credit hours, be enrolled in 12 credit hours of coursework, be seeking their first bachelor’s degree, and have no incomplete grades during the semester. Hometowns listed reflect the student’s preferred home address.

Two Newcastle students were named to the list. They are Gunnar Wainscott and Zachary Purviance.

Chadron State College, which was founded in 1911, is the only four-year, regionally-accredited college in the western half of Nebraska. As a public institution with its roots in teacher education, Chadron State takes pride in its accessibility and affordability. Nearly 3,000 undergraduate, graduate and online students currently attend



Chadron State and its curriculum has grown to offer programs and courses in more than 50 majors and endorsements and eight master’s degree programs.

**Wyoming students graduate from CSC**

There were 218 undergraduates who received bachelor’s degrees from Chadron State College, and 65 graduate students who received mas-

ter’s degrees in a combined ceremony in the Chicoine Center on May 10. Dr. Paul D. Turman, Nebraska State College System Chancellor, was the commencement speaker.

Of those students, four are from Newcastle. They are Teigen Marchant of Newcastle, Bachelor of Arts, Arianna Anderson, Cum Laude Bachelor of Arts, Rachel Henkle, Magna Cum Laude BS in Education, and Melody Norris, Summa Cum Laude Bachelor of Arts.

An additional 65 graduate students received master’s degrees.

From Newcastle, they are Channing Jons, Master of Arts in Education, Patricia Miller, Master of Education, and Alondra Munoz, Master of Education.

**Ault inducted into Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi**

Christia Martens Ault of Newcastle was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi,

the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Martens Ault was initiated at University of Wyoming.

Martens Ault is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has

chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is “To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”

More About Phi Kappa Phi Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization’s notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards more than \$1 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit [phikappaphi.org](http://phikappaphi.org).

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# Sports

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## SPORTS SCHEDULES

NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL			
NHS Track			
5/19-21	State Track Casper	A	TBA
NHS Ladies' Soccer			
5/19-21	State Soccer in Cheyenne	A	TBA
HS Rodeo			
5/28/22	Sheridan	A	
5/29-30/22	Buffalo	A	
6/7-11/22	Wyoming HS State Finals Johnson County Fairgrounds Buffalo	A	
6/19-25/22	NJHFR, Perry GA	A	
7/17-23/22	NHSFR, Gillette	A	

## If you can't commit, don't sign them up

I've noticed a concerning trend in youth club sports this spring season. Parents are signing their children up to participate, and then the kids aren't showing up.

They're not showing up to practices, and they're not showing up to games.

Both soccer and volleyball have struggled to put together practices when too few athletes are present to participate, and then when it comes to tournaments, more than a few have had to be canceled or played with not enough players because there aren't enough participants there to make a full team.

This is a problem. Without players at practice, it's hard to prepare a team to compete. The players who don't come aren't ready when it's time to play the game. They don't know the offense and defense,

they don't know their roles, and they don't know the roles of their teammates. For the players that do show up to practice, it's frustrating

because they are not able to work with their team to become a cohesive unit, and then during competitions those teammates are not doing what they are supposed to be doing or are in the wrong positions.

Then when players skip out on tournaments, their team is left bereft of players causing those that do show up to play entire contests without a break, or worse, forcing the coach to withdraw from the tournament. Then those kids that did work hard

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Sonja Karp  
Karpe Dogie

# Six qualify for state meet

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Editor

Newcastle played host to 1A, 2A and 3A East Conference teams Friday and Saturday as the regional track meet for all three classes took place at Schoonmaker Field.

As head coach Chad Ostenson predicted last week, half a dozen Dogies/Lady Dogies qualified to extend their season and earn a state berth.

"We had a pretty solid showing, especially for how young we are," Ostenson said. "The future of Dogie track is looking pretty bright."

For the Lady Dogies, Newcastle High School junior Shelby Tidyman punched her ticket in both the 100 Meter Dash and the Long Jump, and just barely missed the 200 Meter Dash by finishing one out of qualification in ninth place.

"Shelby looked great in the 100 in prelims, and ran really smooth," Ostenson said. "Then on her third jump, she really flew and I think we've got another 6 to 10 inches that we can get out of her before this weekend."

Classmate Tiernan Stanton threw her way into the state meet by finishing second in the Shotput with a 33 foot, 5 1/2-inch toss and followed that up with a third-place finish in the Discus where she hurled it 108 feet, 5 inches, which surpasses the 3A qualifying mark and was a personal best for the junior as well as she improved her previous best mark by 24 feet.

"This was only Tiernan's second meet after her surgery," Ostenson began. "The discus was crazy. She really got under it and let it fly and it was quite a throw.



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Cage Hardy clears a hurdle with room to spare at the 3A East Regional Track meet last weekend at Schoonmaker Field in Newcastle.

She is made for the discus because she has the perfect build for it, so it's exciting to see what else she can do."

The men qualified four different athletes for the meet, and also had a few who finished in ninth place, just short of punching their tickets.

Freshman Thatcher Troftgruben had a strong regional meet where he experienced both the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. The

thrill came as he finished sixth in the 3200 Meter Run with a personal best time of 10:57.72, thereby punching his ticket to the state meet in that event.

The agony of defeat was a result of his ninth-place finish in the 1600 Meter Run, where although he ran a personal record of 4:57.20, he was just out of contention to compete this coming weekend.

"Thatcher had a solid meet, and ran a smart race in the two

mile," Ostenson reported. "He sat in the sixth to 11th place throughout most of the race and then in the last two or three laps, he took over and moved up and did a nice job."

Senior Braden Jenkins had a parallel regional experience as he threw for a PR and seventh-place finish in the Discus, sending it 122 feet, 1 inch, thereby earning a state berth. However, despite another personal best throw of 41 feet, 8

1/4-inch toss in the Shotput, ended up just out of state contention in ninth place.

"Braden had a great throw in the shotput so it was a let-down that he didn't get in with that," Ostenson said. "His first two throws in the discus weren't all that great, so he only had one more to get in. It was potentially the last throw of his career, so there was a lot riding

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# Ladies finish season on the road

Sonja Karp  
NLJ Sports Editor

Having secured a spot at the 3A State Tournament, the Lady Dogie soccer team set out for rematches against Douglas and Riverton last week on the road. A few weeks ago, Newcastle fell to the Lady Bearcats by 1 point in overtime and also dropped the match against the Lady Wolverines by 2.

On Tuesday, the Lady 'Cats prevailed 8-1 over head coach Jessie Stearns' crew, and Riverton bested them 5-0 on Saturday.

"Douglas was rough and I'm not

really sure what happened," Stearns admitted. "We didn't really play well together and our defense fell apart so much that we played a totally different formation in the second half."

The Lady 'Cats got six goals to Newcastle's one in the first half, so over the break Stearns reworked field positions to have three players on the back line, five in the midfield, then two forwards for the remainder of the contest.

That strategy worked better as Douglas was only able to add two more to their total in the remaining 40 minutes of play.

"Making that change did help, and

we played much better in the second half," Stearns reported. "I'm not sure if we were a little more relaxed knowing the outcome of the game didn't matter regarding whether or not we got to state or what, but they just weren't playing as hard as they did against them the last time."

The contest took place on turf, so it was a different playing surface, which causes the ball to travel faster and bounce higher. Newcastle had not played on turf since early in the season, so that took some adjustment as well.

Alli Olson and Bailey Wright each scored a hat trick for Douglas, which

is three goals each, while Newcastle was only able to come up with one.

That goal came as a result of a free kick with six and a half minutes to play in the first half. Gabby McVay lined up from about 25 yards out and sent a high ball over the keeper's head into the back of the net.

"Douglas had a lot of breakaways which left Angel [Perez] one-on-one against their attack," Stearns explained. "They have a lot of speed, too, which made it a challenge for our back line."

Newcastle got 15 shots off, with

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# Dogies wrap up season

**Sonja Karp**  
NLJ Sports Editor

The Dogie men's soccer team headed into their last week of regular season play knowing that a state berth was out of reach, however head coach Elyse Dickey's crew was determined to finish strong.

They had a challenge ahead of them as they traveled to Douglas on Tuesday, then to Riverton on Saturday, as both teams had gotten pretty decisive wins over Newcastle in their previous match-up a few weeks ago. Although they were unable to prevail in either match, the scores were much closer this time, as they lost to the Bearcats 0-4, and to the Wolverines 0-2.

“We were much improved from the first time we played Douglas where we lost 7-0,” Dickey said. “For the most part, our defense stepped up to stop their attack and we created some of our own chances as well.”

Cael Holmes, starting center midfielder, was out due to a stress fracture in his foot, so Dickey replaced him with Skylar Cummings who was tasked with defending the Bearcat's leading scorer who did much of the damage in the first contest.

“I just told Skylar to mark up to him man to man and just not let him get the ball,” Dickey chuckled. “He did get two really quick goals at the beginning of the game while Skylar was getting the hang of what he was supposed to do, but then he did a really good job of shutting him down.”

Douglas was up 2-0 with only seven minutes off the clock, but then the Dogies held them scoreless for the remainder of the first half.

Cummings' Bearcat player was able to once again catch him and the Dogies off guard to get another one in at the beginning of the second half, but from there he was denied the opportunity to get any more into the back of the net.

“Skylar had him really frustrated,” Dickey said. “He finally dropped way back to try

to create some opportunities for himself, but Skylar also stopped him from turning those situations into goals.”

Offensively, the Dogies had some opportunities, however they were a little off on making connections to get the ball down the field into dangerous territory.

The final Bearcat goal came at about 15 minutes to play, and from there Newcastle defended well.

The Dogies got off three shots on goal throughout the contest and keeper Hayden Overman ended with 20 saves on the day.

On Saturday, Newcastle headed to Riverton for their final match of the season.

“The first half was not our best half of soccer, and that's when they took advantage to score their two goals,” Dickey

said. “But at halftime we came together and played a much better half.”

In those final 40 minutes of play, the Dogies had a lot more opportunities on goal, a couple of which were just really close and barely missed a good finish. The last time Newcastle played Riverton, they lost 0-4 so the Dogies also upped their game against them.

The squad ended the contest with seven shots on goal while Overman closed out his Dogie career with 13 saves and Avery Chick made one save of his own.

With the season at an end, the Dogies will say goodbye to seven seniors in Aidan and Avery Chick, Ezra Anderson, Holmes, Overman, Zade Orsborn, and Mads Svensson, so are looking to underclassmen to step up and fill those roles next year.

“We will really miss those guys, but we've got some younger kids ready to step up,” Dickey said. “They've come in from time to time this season and did a good job for us so they got some experience which will be great next year.”

“We saw a lot of improvement from last year,” Dickey continued. “They are a fun group and I appreciate how hard they worked, and overall it was a fun season.”

# Ladies

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nine of those being on frame, so they had their opportunities to score, and Perez ended the contest with 12 saves.

With a couple of days to recover, the Lady Dogies jumped on the bus for the long trip to Riverton on Saturday to finish the regular season against the No. 3-ranked Lady Wolverines, who also enjoy the top seed from the East Conference.

“It was another game that we played on turf, and this time it was hot,” Stearns said. “It was in the 70s and sunny and on the turf, it felt more like the mid-90s.”

There were also four girls who did not make the trip, and Stearns only had three substitutes to give her starters a break.

“I tried to work them into the game as best I could, but there is only so much time that you can give someone a break before the next person needs it,” Stearns said, frowning. “We also decided to play the same formation that we did in the second half of the

### NHS Ladies' Soccer

**Newcastle @ Douglas 5/10/22 1-8**  
Gabby McVay: 1-4 shots on goal  
MacKenzie Conzelmann: 0-2 shots on goal  
Ruth Rose: 0-2 shots on goal  
Aspen Bloom: 0-1 shot on goal  
Angel Perez: 12 saves

**Newcastle @ Riverton 5/14/22 0-5**  
Hailey Beaström: 0-1 shot on goal  
Angel Perez: 26 saves

Douglas game which means more running for those five in the midfield.”

Stearns described the game as a “battle to stay onside,” as Newcastle forced nine off-sides calls on Riverton while committing 11 off-sides violations on their offensive end of the field.

“They were really fast in both their attack and their defensive line,” Stearns acknowledged. “That held up our attack quite a few times.”

Riverton scored their first goal on a well-timed run where they stayed onside but got past the Lady Dogie defensive line, and the first half ended 1-0 in favor of Riverton.

Unfortunately, the second


half kind of got away from the Lady Dogies and fatigue and heat may have been contributing factors.

“We were really tired and some girls ended up playing the entire game, so I think we ran out of gas a little bit,” Stearns said. “But, we played so much better than we did on Tuesday, and I was really happy, because we were holding our line instead of dropping with them, which helped us force those off-sides calls. We were frustrating them that they were getting those calls, because it messed up their runs.”

Perez ended the game with 26 saves and the Lady Dogies got off 10 shots, with one of those being on goal.


The 3A State Tournament kicks off Thursday in Cheyenne and the Lady Dogies will take the field at 4 p.m. against the No. 1-seeded Cody Fillies from the West Conference. From there, the schedule will depend on wins/losses, but will wrap up on Saturday.

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# Track from Page 9

**NHS Track & Field**  
**Newcastle @ 3A East Regional Track in Newcastle**  
**5/13-14/22**

<p><b>Women's Team Results:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Torrington 160</li> <li>2. Buffalo 138.5</li> <li>3. Rawlins 118</li> <li>4. Wheatland 88</li> <li>5. Burns 86</li> <li>6. Douglas 44.5</li> <li>7. Thermopolis 34</li> <li>8. Newcastle 16</li> </ol> <p><b>Women's Individual Results:</b></p> <p>100M Prelims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Shelby Tidyman 13.53 Q</li> <li>12. Julie Morris 14.38</li> <li>23. Sara Huey 15.62</li> </ol> <p>100M Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Shelby Tidyman 13.81 Q</li> </ol> <p>200M Prelims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Shelby Tidyman 28.77</li> <li>22. Julie Morris 31.45</li> </ol> <p>800M Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20. Taylor Conklin 3:06.80 PR</li> </ol> <p>1600M Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20. Taylor Conklin 7:21.24</li> </ol> <p>Long Jump Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Shelby Tidyman 15-02 Q</li> <li>12. Julie Morris 14-05 PR</li> <li>18. Elizabeth Rushton 13-00 PR</li> <li>21. Taylor Conklin 12-05 PR</li> </ol> <p>Shot Put Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Tiernan Stanton 33-05.5 Q</li> <li>17. Julie Morris 26-05</li> <li>27. Sara Huey 22-02 PR</li> </ol> <p>Discus Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Tiernan Stanton 108-05 PR 3AQ</li> <li>20. Elizabeth Rushton 70-04</li> <li>27. Sara Huey 49-04</li> </ol> <p><b>Men's Team Results:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Torrington 147</li> <li>2. Douglas 125</li> <li>3. Buffalo 115.5</li> <li>4. Rawlins 97</li> <li>5. Wheatland 94.5</li> <li>6. Burns 94</li> <li>7. Newcastle 9</li> <li>8. Thermopolis 6</li> </ol>	<p><b>Men's Individual Results:</b></p> <p>100M Prelims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Colton Vanderpool Mobley 12.05</li> <li>25. Aidan Butler 13.01</li> <li>27. Cage Hardy 13.13</li> <li>28. Duncan Cox 13.88</li> </ol> <p>200M Prelims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Colton Vanderpool Mobley 24.80</li> <li>27. Aidan Butler 28.38</li> <li>28. Duncan Cox 28.86</li> <li>29. Robert Humes 28.87</li> </ol> <p>400M Prelims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Colton Vanderpool Mobley 56.64 PR</li> <li>15. Jacob Prell 1:00.03</li> </ol> <p>800M Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18. Jacob Prell 2:17.60 PR</li> <li>21. Logan Olson 2:22.49 PR</li> <li>26. Thomas Prell 2:30.96</li> </ol> <p>1600M Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Thatcher Troftgruben 4:57.20 PR</li> <li>16. Sam Scribner 5:20.90</li> <li>18. Logan Olson 5:23.94 PR</li> </ol> <p>3200M Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Thatcher Troftgruben 10:57.72 PR Q</li> <li>11. Sam Scribner 11:27.49 PR</li> </ol> <p>110M Hurdles Prelims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Elijah Morrill 20.55 PR</li> <li>11. Cage Hardy 22.75</li> </ol> <p>High Jump Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Cage Hardy 5-08 PR Q</li> </ol> <p>NH. Logan Olson</p> <p>Pole Vault Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Sam Scribner 10-00 Q</li> </ol> <p>NH. Thomas Prell</p> <p>Long Jump Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17. Sam Scribner 16-04</li> <li>18. Elijah Morrill 15-11</li> <li>23. Jayden Corley 15-07.75 PR</li> <li>24. Cage Hardy 15-07</li> </ol> <p>Triple Jump Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Elijah Morrill 32-11.75</li> </ol> <p>Shot Put Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Braden Jenkins 41-08.25 PR</li> <li>12. Jacob Prell 38-07</li> <li>13. Travis Scribner 38-00.5 PR</li> <li>31. Neil Whitney 29-06.75</li> </ol> <p>Discus Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Braden Jenkins 122-01 PR Q</li> <li>11. Travis Scribner 104-00</li> <li>21. Jacob Prell 86-00</li> <li>27. Nate Strickland 76-02</li> </ol>
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Photos by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Above, Newcastle High School junior Elizabeth Rushton's determination was written all over her face as she competed for a state berth in the Long Jump at the regional track meet last weekend. Though she didn't make the cut, she was able to finish her season with a personal best leap of 13 feet. Below, junior Shelby Tidyman punched her ticket to the state meet with an eighth-place finish in the 100 Meter Dash and the Long Jump, and just missed qualifying in the 200 Meter Dash where she finished ninth.

on it, and he got it done.” Freshmen Sam Scribner and Cage Hardy were the other two Dogies to continue their season for another week. Scribner did so with his eighth-place finish in Pole Vault, where he cleared 10 feet, while Hardy took sixth in High Jump with a personal best leap of 5 feet, 8 inches.

“I am pretty tickled for our three freshmen, because they qualified in three pretty tough events,” Ostenson said. “And it's pretty cool that we have a pole vaulter qualified because I don't remember the last time we've done that. The pole vault and high jump are pretty hard for freshmen to qualify against those older kids.”

Other close calls included Colton Vanderpool Mobley, who finished ninth in the 400 Meter Dash with a personal best time of 56.64 seconds, and Elijah Morrill also came in ninth in the 110 Meter Hurdles with a PR of 20.55 seconds.

“I really thought that Eli would get there in the hurdles, but he missed it by two-tenths of a second,” sighed Ostenson. “We ended up with five kids

who were in that ninth position in different events.” Though they didn't finish among the top eight qualifiers in their events, several Dogies ended their season on a high note with personal best marks.

Taylor Conklin picked up PRs of 3:06.80 in the 800 Meter Dash and a leap of 12 feet, 5 inches in Long Jump. Elizabeth Rushton also posted a personal best in the Long Jump, clearing 13 feet, and Julie Morris did as well with a 14 foot, 5 inch jump. Sara Huey got her own PR in the Shotput as she marked a toss of 22 feet, 2 inches.

Jacob Prell finished the 800 Meter Dash with a personal best time of 2:17.60, while Logan Olson did the same, finishing in 2:22.49 in that event and picked up another one in the mile, finishing in 5:23.94. Sam Scribner ran a personal best time of 11:27.49 in the Two Mile Run, Jayden Corley leaped a PR of 15 feet, 7 ¾ inches in the Long Jump and Travis Scribner marked a PR in the shot, putting it just over 38 feet.

“The regional meet went great!” Ostenson said. “I have

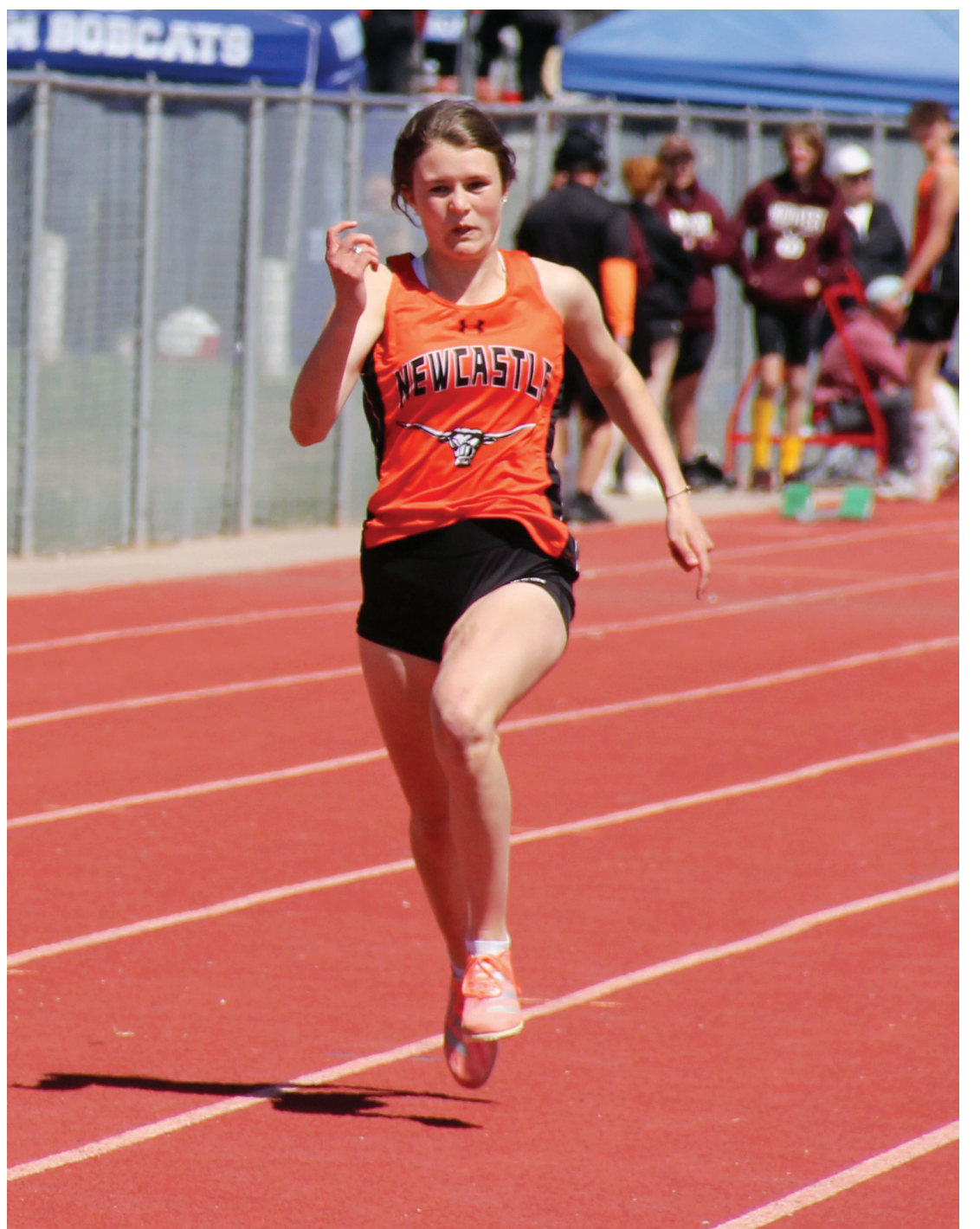
to give Mike [Gregory] and Carrie [Manders] a lot of credit for getting all of that ready and pulling off a pretty big event so well.”

The 3A State Meet begins this Thursday in Casper with Troftgruben and Tidyman starting things off. The remaining qualifiers will begin competition on Friday and the meet will conclude on Saturday.



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From left, Duncan Cox (lane 8), Colton Vanderpool Mobley (lane 6) and Aidan Butler (lane 1) bust out of the blocks in the 200 Meter Dash at the 3A East Regional Track Meet last weekend.



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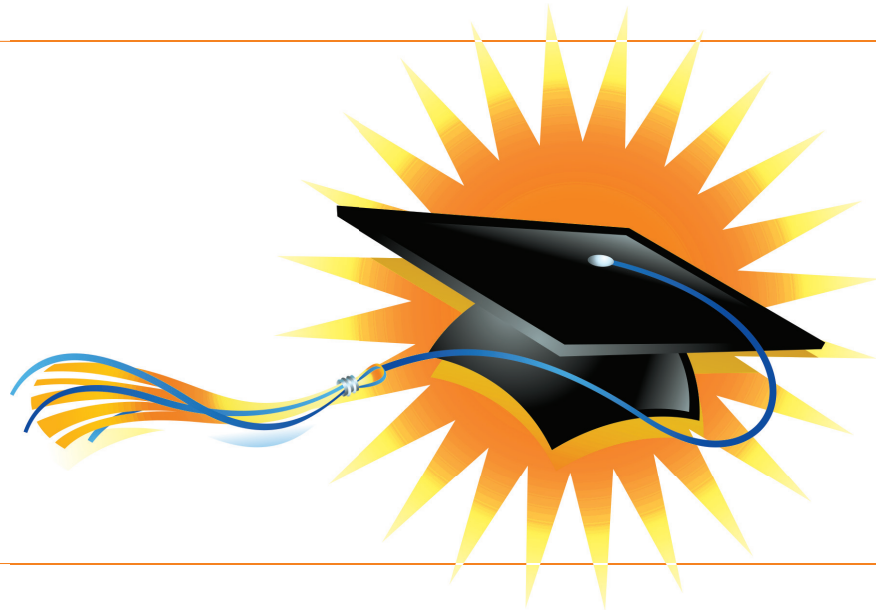
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## Police Blotter

**May 1**  
Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Assist Other Agency. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Welfare Check Requested. Trespassing Issue Reported. Dog Issue Reported. Extra Patrol Requested.

**May 2**  
Domestic Issued Reported. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Medical Assist. Medical Assist. School Walkthrough. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Complaint. Welfare Check Requested. Extra Patrol Requested. School Walkthrough. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. VIN Inspection Requested. Medical Assist. Abandoned 911. Drunk Driver Reported, Arrest Made. Horses Running at Large. Domestic Problem Reported. 911 Misdial. Suspicious Person Reported, Arrest Made.

**May 3**  
Medical Assist. School Walkthrough. Animal Control Reported. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. School Walkthrough. Attempt to Locate Child Reported. Scam Reported. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued.

**May 4**  
Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Cat Problem Reported. Found Property Reported. Report of a Dog at Large, Impounded. Public Assist. VIN Inspection Requested. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Hazard Reported. Report of a Dog at Large.

**May 5**  
Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Medical Assist. Traffic Complaint. Assist Other Agency. School Walkthrough. School Walkthrough. VIN Inspection Requested. VIN Inspection Requested. VIN Inspection Requested. Drunk Driver Reported. Public Assist Requested. Traffic Stop, Verbal Warning Issued. VIN Inspection Requested. Assist Other Agency.

**May 6**  
Ministerial Assistance Requested. Report of a Dog at Large. School Walkthrough. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. School Walkthrough. VIN Inspection Requested. Traffic Complaint. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Motorist Assist Requested. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Phone Harassment Reported. Traffic Stop, ERO Issued. Traffic Stop, ERO Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued.



**May 7**  
Commercial Burglar Alarm Reported. Traffic Hazard Reported. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. School Walkthrough. Medical Assist. Bank Alarm Reported. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Assist Other Agency. Assist Other Agency. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued.

**May 8**  
Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Welfare Check Requested. Suspicious Vehicle Reported. Civil Matter Reported. 911 Misdial. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Trespassing Reported. Welfare Check Requested.

**May 9**  
Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Public Assist. School Walkthrough. VIN Inspection Requested. School Walkthrough. Assist Other Agency. Public Assist Requested. Traffic Complaint. Drunk Driver Reported, Arrest Made. Report of a Dog at Large.

**May 10**  
Medical Assist. Residential Burglar Alarm Reported. Alarm Reported. School Walkthrough. Assist Other Agency. School Walkthrough. Lost Property Reported. Arrest Warrant Issued. Arrest Warrant Issued. Arrest Warrant Issued. Fight Reported.

**May 11**  
Assist Other Agency. Domestic Problem Reported. Harassment Reported. School Walkthrough. School Walkthrough. Parking Violation Reported. Theft Reported. Natural Death Reported. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued.

**May 12**  
Medical Assist. Abandoned 911. School Walkthrough. School Walkthrough. Trespassing Order Requested. Traffic Complaint. Trespassing Order Requested. Report of a Dog at Large, Impounded. Arrest Warrant Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Hazard Reported. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Welfare Check Requested. Assist Other Agency.

**May 13**  
Welfare Check Requested. Traffic Stop, ERO Issued. VIN Inspection Requested. Abandoned 911. School Walkthrough. Public Assist Reported. 911 Misdial. Extra Patrol Reported. Assist Other Agency. 911 Misdial. Extra Patrol Requested. Noise Complaint. Fire Alarm Reported.

**May 14**  
Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Civil Standby Requested. School Walkthrough. Domestic Problem Reported. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued.

### DEADLINE FOR LEGALS IS FRIDAY

### Meeting Notice

#### WESTON COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The Weston County Natural Resource District will hold a special budget meeting on Wednesday, May 25th at 3 pm at their office at 1225 Washington Blvd, Newcastle, WY. The meeting is open to the public.

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FIND THE SOLUTIONS IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER

### Gwamma

by JaNel M. Farnsworth

Hey Jack, where's your socks?  
I don't do socks on weekends!



**Public Notice**

**FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE**

WHEREAS, to the lack of occupancy in the property, a default has occurred under the terms of a Promissory Note (the "Note") dated March 12, 2008, executed and delivered by David G. Paulley and Elsie Marie Woodard ("Mortgagors") to Cherry Creek Mortgage Co., Inc., and a real estate Mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagors, to said Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded on March 17, 2008, at Reception No. 701924, in Book 305, at Page 0319 in the public records in the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust

Assignment dated: October 26, 2021  
Assignment recorded: November 1, 2021  
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 770849, in Book 403, at Page 997

All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, Wyoming.

WHEREAS, a Judgment was entered by the Weston County District Court on March 31, 2022 and recorded on April 7, 2022, in Book 406, at Page 938, at Reception No. 771472, for the amount of \$159,041.97, plus interest, costs expended, late charges, and attorney's fees accruing thereafter through the date of sale, and ordering the foreclosure of the real property referenced below pursuant to Wyoming's Foreclosure Statutes; and

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

WHEREAS, if the foreclosure sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of his/her/its money paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, Mortgagor, Servicer or their attorneys;

NOW, THEREFORE Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on June 7, 2022 at the Weston County Courthouse located at 1 West Main, Newcastle, WY 82701, for application on the above described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 5 through 12 and Lots 14 and 15 in Block 32 of Nefsy Addition to Osage, Wyoming and a Tract of land including Lots 5 through 9 and Lots 14 and 15 and vacated alley in Block 32 of Nefsy Addition to Osage, Wyoming, more particularly described as follows:

Starting at the intersection of the West boundary of the CB&Q Railroad right-of-way with the North boundary of the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 9, Township 46 North, Range 63 West; thence

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With an address of 886 Nefsy Avenue, Osage, WY 82723 (the undersigned disclaims liability for any error in the address).

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.

Mortgagee shall have the exclusive right to rescind the foreclosure sale during the redemption period. In the event that the sale is rescinded or vacated for any reason, the successful purchaser shall only be entitled to a refund of their purchase price and/or statutory interest rate.

Dated: April 14, 2022

Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust

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# Cowboy State Look-In

Courtesy of the Wyoming News Exchange



## Tick and skeeter season

JACKSON (WNE) — Slap on some bug repellent, tuck your pant legs into your socks and scan yourself for creepy-crawlies.

In a seasonal advisory, the Wyoming Department of Health warns that ticks can spread tularemia, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Colorado tick fever, and mosquitoes can transmit West Nile virus.

"The reported case numbers from the diseases ticks and mosquitoes can cause are usually not high compared to other illnesses, but we see some activity each year, and the results can be quite serious for some people," Department of Health epidemiologist Courtney Tillman said in a press release. "Avoiding these insects and their bites is key."

To guard against ticks, the department

recommends using insect repellents with 20% or more DEET and/or picaradin and wearing light-colored clothing so you can see critters on you. Pet owners should check their furry pals for ticks and use tick control products recommended by their vets.

Insect repellent containing DEET is also recommended for thwarting mosquitoes, the press release said. Picaradin and oil of lemon eucalyptus can also work.

The department recommends wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts in light colors and tightly woven material, plus shoes and socks. Also, be aware that mosquitoes like to feed at dawn and dusk.

This story was published on May 12, 2022.

## One Grizzly 399 cub hazed

JACKSON (WNE) — Grizzly 399 and her four cubs have officially separated, spreading out into different areas of Grand Teton National Park and the unincorporated areas of Teton County on Thursday and Friday.

One cub, one of two that was collared last year, was hazed with vehicles and cracker shells Friday morning after spending the evening in the Solitude subdivision with a collar-free sibling.

Wyoming Game and Fish Department Large Carnivore Supervisor Dan Thompson said the bear had not gotten into a conflict or accessed human-related foods.

Rather, it was hazed to keep it out of a residential area and

let the two-year-old subadult know "it's not an area we want [it] to habituate to," Thompson told the Jackson Hole Daily.

The Friday morning operation came after 399's cubs were emancipated over the previous 48 hours, an action that wildlife managers have widely expected since the five bears emerged from their den on Easter weekend.

Grizzly cubs usually separate from their mothers about two years after being born. Grizzly 399 first emerged from the den with her four cubs in 2020.

"This is fully what we were anticipating," Grand Teton National Park's bear management specialist Justin Schwabedissen said. "As the

family group separates and these cubs go off on their own, we're certainly concerned that some of these cubs may move south outside of the park and head onto private lands."

The grizzly family's official split seems to have been spurred by a large male grizzly that has shown up to court 399.

At some point in the last 48 hours, one of 399's two collared cubs separated from its mother and three siblings. The other three littermates also left 399 at one point, Schwabedissen said.

But those three cubs returned sometime Thursday night, only to be chased away by the male bear.

This story was published on May 14, 2022.

## I-80 bridge work complete

CHEYENNE (WNE) — The eastbound off-ramp bridge over Interstate 80 at exit 316 in Laramie has reopened. This is four months after a January semitrailer crash that damaged a support on the bridge.

The Wyoming Department of Transportation recently reported that the department and S&S Builders have completed the repair.

The good news is that this wrapped up three weeks ahead of schedule.

Crews continued working this past week to remove shoring, barriers and traffic control

measures put up to direct traffic. Motorists can expect to still experience lane closures on I-80 until that's completed.

The bridge was damaged when a semitrailer crashed into a support. WYDOT reported at the time there were no injuries in the crash.

The impact to a beam on the opposite side of the bridge weakened the structure. While it was able to hold the weight of the overpass, the off-ramp couldn't also take the weight of live traffic.

This story was posted May 15, 2022.

## Bachelor degrees bestowed

CODY (WNE) — For the first time in Wyoming's history, community college graduation ceremonies included Bachelor degree recipients.

Beginning on May 6th at Central Wyoming College, and continuing on May 13th and 14th at Western Wyoming Community College and Laramie County Community College, graduates of the first class of Bachelor of Applied Science students will be recognized during commencement ceremonies.

During the 2019 Legislative Session, the community colleges were authorized to begin offering Bachelor of Applied Science degrees.

This was in response to the

establishment of Wyoming's Educational Attainment goals, which seek to increase the percentage of adults with a postsecondary credential, such as a certificate, an Associate degree, or a Bachelor degree.

Many working adults who may benefit from a Bachelor's Degree are unable to move to another city, or are unable to pursue an online degree that is tailored to their local economy.

By allowing the community colleges to offer limited Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degrees that are customized to meet the needs of the local business and industry needs, a larger share of Wyoming citizens

now have access to this level of training and education.

Since 2019, five community colleges have received authorization and approval from the Wyoming Community College Commission and Higher Learning Commission to offer BAS degrees, with CWC, LCCC, and WWCC launching their programs in 2020-21.

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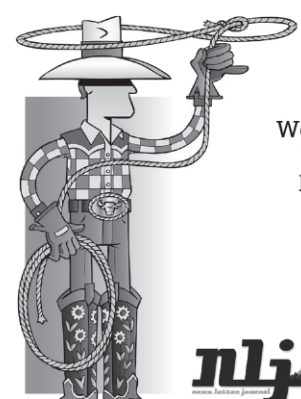
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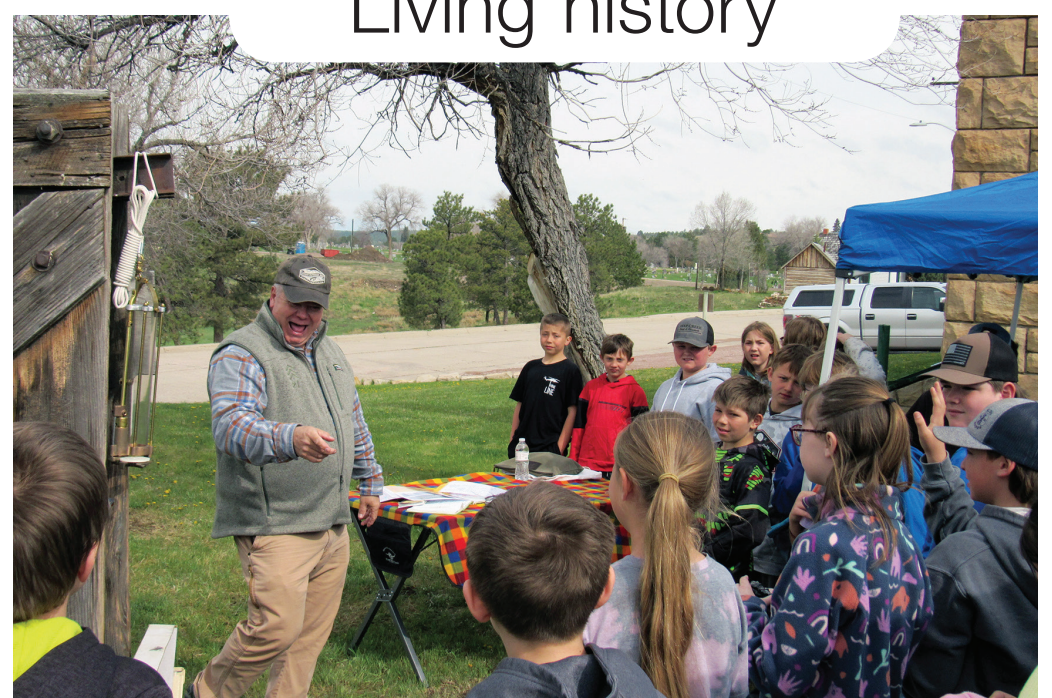


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Living history



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Living History Days occurred at the Anna Miller Museum on May 12 and 13. The event was a huge success, with more than 400 elementary age students attending, from Newcastle, Upton, and home school. The event was themed "Fossils & Rock Art" this year. Top of page, Seth Vandenberg with the Mammoth Site in Hot Springs, S.D., shared a presentation about fossils of the Ice Age. Above, Jim Hutchinson spoke about the Weston County oil industry. Below, Emily Berry, from the South Dakota School of Mines Geology Museum, gives a presentation about Badlands fossils and animals.



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during the week miss out on the opportunity to play, which is why they signed up in the first place.

It can also create a situation in which the team has to play down a player or two, which puts them at a huge disadvantage as they compete against full teams.

What boggles my mind is that you have to pay to play club sports, so if you don't intend to make sure that your child (or yourself if you're old enough) is going to be at practices and games, why sign them up in the first place?

It's a waste of money, and worse, it teaches them that it's okay not to follow through on commitments that you make.

I get that it takes a lot of time to get your kids to practice and to the out-of-town games on weekends. It also can cost quite a bit of money between gas driving to and fro, and possibly on hotel rooms and food if it's a two day tournament or starts early.

I've experienced the demands that signing my child up for club sports present. I've spent many a weekend on the road, in hotel rooms and sitting in a gym all day long to give her the opportunity to play and to hone her skills.

It's not easy.

But it's important.

These club sports are the building blocks of successful high school programs because it provides young kids the opportunity to learn the game and to work on fundamental skills which will help them when they get to middle and high school.

It also teaches them how to be a teammate that is dependable and committed to the team and the program.

If you're not sure you can commit to a youth club sport, pick one that is more individual in nature such as swimming or wrestling. Though those sports also have a team element, they are not as dependent on everyone showing up to give them a fighting chance to do well.

When it's a team sport, you have to show up and you have to be a part of that team, not only for yourself, but also for the good of the team. So, if you can't commit, don't sign them up.