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WCHS talks vaccine mandate

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

On Aug. 19 during the regular board meeting, the Weston County Health Services board of trustees discussed

the Biden administration's announcement that COVID-19 vaccine mandates for nursing home employees could be released next month. And those mandates could mean staffing shortages and a loss of revenue for

the county's health services facilities. According to CEO Maureen Cadwell, if employees are not vaccinated, the facility will lose Medicaid funding from the federal government that is needed for operations.

Last year alone, the Manor received \$3,154,556 in Medicaid monies, she said.

But, if vaccines are mandated, the Manor will potentially lose employees who refuse to get the shot. Currently,

according to Cadwell, 46.5% or 47% of Manor employees are vaccinated, including those who work in dietary, housekeeping, physical therapy and

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City, county wrangle over dispatch

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After meeting in executive session on Aug. 16, the Newcastle City Council voted to rescind a motion to pay the county \$294,592.50 for dispatch equipment and software. Before the executive session, the council held a special meeting, also in executive session, to discuss contracts.

Following Monday's decision by the City Council, the Board of Weston County Commissioners held a special meeting in executive session on Aug. 19. The reason for the meeting was not provided in the notice of meeting, and neither County Clerk Becky Hadlock nor Chairman Marty Ertman could be reached by press time for clarification on the meeting.

The city and county have been holding meetings for months to discuss dispatch issues and the county recently drafted a letter to the city stating it was going to hold E-911 funds until a joint powers board was created to oversee dispatch services.

Dollar General coming soon

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Dollar General will soon be the newest store in Newcastle. It will be located at 833 S. Summit Ave., the site of the old Stardust Motel, which was demolished to build the store.

"At this time, a store opening is slated for fall 2021, but understand that construction progress may alter this date," said Katie Ellison, senior manager for Dollar General Corp. public relations.

The store, once completed, will employ six to 10 people, depending on the need of the store. Anyone interested in joining the team can apply at www.dollargeneral.com/careers.

The store, Ellis said, will sell quality name-brand and private-brand merchandise, including foods, health and beauty products, home cleaning supplies, housewares,

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Teen builds award-winning chair



Submitted photo

Connor Stolhammer works with his dad, Lucas, to build a cedar chair made from wood obtained just a few miles from their property. The chair won two ribbons at the 2021 Weston County Fair.

Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent

Many kids showed their talent for craftsmanship at the 2021 Weston County Fair through their static exhibits, and Connor Stolhammer's wooden deck chair secured ribbons for both champion woodworking and overall craftsmanship. Guided by his dad, Lucas, the 14-year-old had fun building the chair while also learning an important skill set.

"It's fun to do, and it's a good thing to know how to do," Connor said.

The idea to build the chair came from Lucas, who had already built one of pine wood. One day as Lucas and Connor were

looking for firewood, they found some cedar trees and decided to make two more chairs. "All this wood came from a couple miles from our house," Connor said.

Not long after the project was started last winter, Connor said, it was put on the back burner for some time. When fair week was approaching, son and father thought it would be fun to finish the chair together and enter

it into the fair.

A friend of theirs, Bob Martin, converted the tree into boards, and the process of sanding, routing and staining began. Lucas has done many woodworking projects in the past, and Connor said he couldn't have done it without him.

"Dad's good at it, and he helped a fair amount with it," Connor said. "It would have been a lot more challenging if Dad hadn't helped."

He said dealing with cracked wood was a challenge that made it difficult, but in the end, it all came together. By July, it was finished. Evidently, the judges thought so too

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Turner Reservoir construction complete, filling is slow



Bri Weigel
NLJ Correspondent

Recent construction on Turner Reservoir's infrastructure is complete after it drained in 2019, but now the reservoir is filling at a much slower rate than anticipated. JTR Excavation, of Mills,

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Recent work at Turner Reservoir has been completed, however it is not filling nearly as quickly as all involved anticipated. The spring-fed reservoir is expected to naturally refill now that construction is complete.

Wyoming, began work on the reservoir in late January and finished in May, according to Aaron Voos, public affairs specialist for the U.S. Forest Service.

Turner Reservoir, a popular 4-acre recreational reservoir, sits about 7 miles northwest of Osage. The reservoir was built around 1993, according to a 2019 interview with Ryan Nupen, a U.S. Forest Service engineer. The reservoir drained the summer of 2019 due to an "infrastructure failure," as stated by a U.S. Forest Service press release following the drainage.

Jeremy Ross of JTR Excavation said the old infrastructure essentially rusted

away, allowing water to run around it and wash out the dam. Jim Darlington, range manager for the Inyan Kara Grazing Association, also said the culvert rusted away and a big flood overwhelmed the system. To fix the issue, Voos wrote that JTR Excavation installed a new outlet pipe, control gate and spillway, along with completing construction on the dam embankment.

"The way that dam works is, it fills up with water and it just keeps filling up because it's filled by a natural artesian well. Well, that just runs water constantly — the reservoir is fed by that — the way to control that

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Mostly Cloudy
Hi 81, Lo 55



Friday
Sunny
Hi 87, Lo 55



Saturday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 78, Lo 51



Sunday
Sunny
Hi 80, Lo 55



Monday
Sunny
Hi 89, Lo 58



Tuesday
Sunny
Hi 90, Lo 59



Wednesday
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Hi 84, Lo 58




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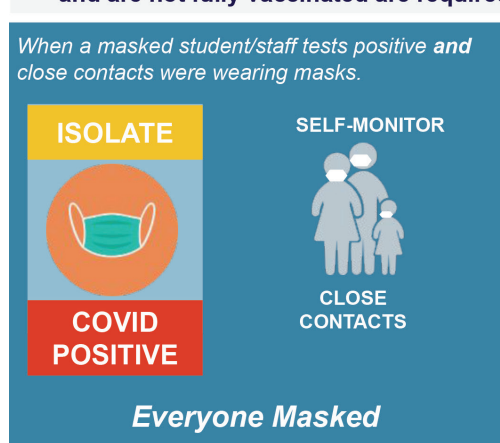
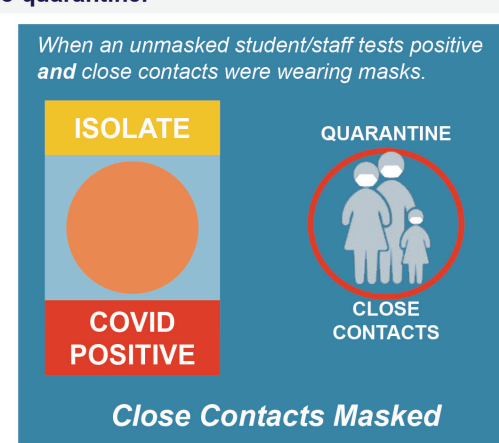
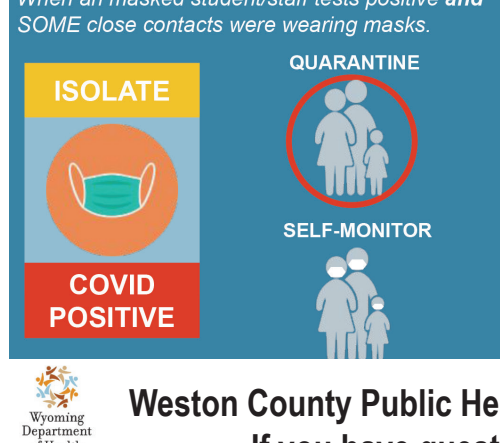
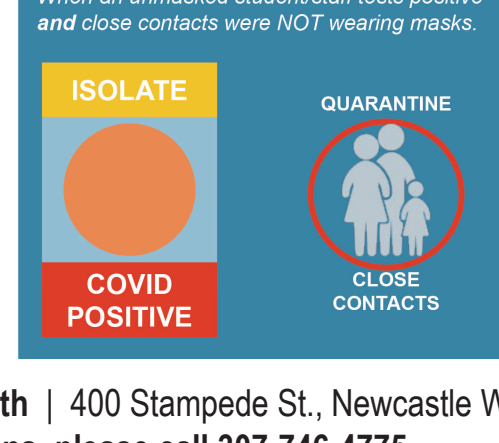
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COVID-19 RESPONSE


Investigations: K-12 Settings

- In all scenarios below, a student or staff is considered a close contact when they are within **6 feet of the COVID-19 positive individual for 15 minutes or more.**
- Contacts asked to self-monitor should monitor themselves closely for COVID-19 symptoms during the two weeks after exposure. If they develop symptoms, they should stay home and contact a healthcare provider about testing for COVID-19. If contacts who are self-monitoring develop symptoms but do not get tested, they should remain home until at least 10 days after symptom onset.
- In all scenarios below, **individuals who are fully vaccinated and identified as close contacts do not need to quarantine.** However, if they have an exposure which otherwise would have resulted in quarantine, it is recommended that they be tested 3-5 days after the exposure.
- K-12 students or staff who are close contacts due to exposure to a household member and are not fully vaccinated are required to quarantine.

<p>When a masked student/staff tests positive and close contacts were wearing masks.</p>  <p>Everyone Masked</p>	<p>When an unmasked student/staff tests positive and close contacts were wearing masks.</p>  <p>Close Contacts Masked</p>
<p>When an masked student/staff tests positive and SOME close contacts were wearing masks.</p>  <p>Self-Monitor</p>	<p>When an unmasked student/staff tests positive and close contacts were NOT wearing masks.</p>  <p>Quarantine</p>

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Misty morning



Thursday morning brought a heavy mist over Newcastle that later turned to rain. Some areas of Weston County received an inch of rain and more.

Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Price set for clinics

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

under the same umbrella. Hopefully, it will be less confusing that way."

Weston County Health Services has been operating the Newcastle and Upton clinics for over a month now, but the final valuation price of the purchase was only just announced at the Aug. 19 Weston County Health Services board of trustees meeting.

According to CEO Maureen Cadwell, the district will pay \$98,462.31 to Monument Health for purchasing the clinics, a price that includes both the capital and the cost of minor equipment and supplies.

When other expenses are included, the total cost for the acquisition and transition will reach approximately \$446,601.83, according to information provided by Cadwell.

These expenses include computers, staffing costs, emergency medical record recording system implementation, new signs and other costs associated with the transfer of the clinics.

The process of purchasing the clinics from Monument Health began late last year. As previously reported, the district will be able to use several programs, including the 340B program, to operate both the clinics and hospital.

Cadwell also hoped that moving the clinics under the Weston County Hospital District umbrella will help the public realize that they, not Monument Health, own the local facilities.

"We are owned by the citizens of Weston County and the hospital district. We rely on the taxpayers to support many things that we have done," Cadwell told the *News Letter Journal*. "For the people, we can bring their health care

Two new providers
Two new health care providers will be joining the community next year if everything goes as planned. The couple, whose names are yet to be released, will be relocating from Oregon, bringing interests in different specialties, including sports medicine and obstetrics-gynecology.

On Aug. 19, the Weston County Health Services board of trustees approved a promissory note of \$100,000 to each of the providers that will be paid in cash on their start date. Over the course of five years, the \$100,000 will be forgiven at the rate of \$20,000 per year.

According to Cadwell, the promissory note is common practice in the medical field, and if either provider leaves before the five years has elapsed, they owe the district whatever funds remain.

"If that is standard, I would be all for it. To get two in one shot, that is pretty rare and fantastic," said trustee Jeff Virchow, before the promissory note was approved.

"They have come out to do interviews and are looking at buying land," Cadwell said.

She noted that during their interview, Cadwell drove with them north on U.S. Highway 85. When returning to town, they came upon a motorcycle accident.

"They (the two providers) got out to help until the ambulance arrived. We were out there about 30 minutes. I joked when they got back to the car that this was their interview and they did great," Cadwell said.

Manor

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the pharmacy.

"If we (WCHS) get this regulation, we are told (to) do this or we don't get paid," Cadwell told the *News Letter Journal*. "We don't have a choice. We may need to talk about what we do staffing-wise. It is what it is."

Board Chairman Connie James said that the facility is "between a rock and a hard place."

"It is an extremely complicated situation," James said. "It is difficult; everyone has their opinion and we understand that totally. If we mandate, we will lose people. ... It is a hard decision to make."

"Do we need money for the facility? Yes. Do we want to hurt employees? No," she added.

With the new regulations expected to come out in mid-September, Cadwell said, Weston County Health Services is actively weighing its options and looking at

potential scenarios.

"Closing, that would be the extreme. If we don't have the staff to take care of residents appropriately, we are going to have issues. If we don't get paid from Medicaid, we are going to have issues," Cadwell said. "We could limit admissions to keep numbers down. ... Where are we going to get staff?"

With staffing issues already plaguing the state, Cadwell said, finding people to fill positions vacated by those who refuse to get the vaccine could lead to another issue.

"It is a hardship, and we are not sure how to handle it. We are talking about options and we are not the only ones," Cadwell said. "We had a call with the (Wyoming) Department of Health, and every (Wyoming) nursing home is facing these same issues."

As previously reported,

Weston County Health Services already uses traveling certified nursing assistant programs to fill open positions, and as the pandemic continues, this avenue for relief becomes expensive and limited.

"We are already in trouble, and it is going to get worse. Temp companies are going to charge \$680 an hour for a CNA," Cadwell told the board on Aug. 19. "It is very scary."

In addition to normal staffing issues, she said, the facility also faces potential shortages for quarantined individuals. Cadwell noted that the facility is dealing with COVID-19 issues in the Manor.

"We are just trying to do everything we can so they can see their families. That's probably the saddest part," Cadwell said. "But if the state walked in tomorrow, we could be fined again if we are not following the rules. There is not a lot we can do about it."

CLARIFICATION

On page 8 of the Aug. 19, 2021, Weston County Fair results, the Jr. Livestock Sales results were incomplete and did not include any Add-Ons received by the sellers, and did not include a buyer listing of the Joey Johnson benefit lamb. The NLJ regrets the omissions, and has reached out for the correct information, which was not available as of press time.

CORRECTION

On page 3 of the 2021 Weston County Fair Results, Ryder Casler received a purple placing in the 4-H Static Exhibits Visual Arts and was awarded Overall Junior Visual Arts Exhibitor.

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Concerning trends for towns

At first glance, Wyoming's census numbers show the state is growing — albeit slowly. Over the last decade, the Equality State's population increased by 2.3%. That's the slowest growth rate of any state in the West, but it's still a positive development considering many people left Wyoming after last decade's energy bust.

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Guest Column

Still, a county-level examination shows concerning trends. Of Wyoming's 23 counties, only nine grew over the last decade, census figures show. The other 14 experienced population losses. What's more, much of the growth occurred in the counties that were the most populated to begin with. For example, Laramie County — the state's largest — grew by the greatest amount (9.6%). Natrona County, the second most populated county, grew by nearly 6%. In fact, of the nine counties that grew, seven were already among the state's most populated.

Meanwhile, the state's small counties got smaller. Of the state's 10 most lightly populated counties, nine saw an outflow of residents during the past decade, the census figures show. Two — Washakie and Sublette counties — experienced double digit losses, nearly 10% and 15% respectively.

Some Wyomingites might react to the numbers with a shrug — or even view the trends as good. Many people come to Wyoming for the small-town feel, the wide open spaces and the slower pace of life. An influx of new residents, this reasoning goes, might threaten those qualities. But if these trends continue, our small towns will get smaller. And as these small towns are nowhere near self-sustaining, that will have real consequences for the entire state.

For one, the proportional costs of providing government services increases with smaller populations, whether that's educating children or keeping communities protected from fire and crime. As the population declines in smaller communities, providing those services could become increasingly expensive at a time when Wyoming's traditional revenue streams are declining.

Wyoming schools are required to provide an equal education to all students, whether they live in Casper, Cody or Cokeville. But economies of scale matter. What happens when the cost of educating relatively few students in shrinking towns becomes unsustainable? Already, the state pays a shocking

\$90,000 per student in some of the state's smallest schools. We fund 48 separate school districts, when 36% of the population live in only five cities. As our larger counties grow and the

smaller counties shrink, can we continue to fund services in the same manner as in the past?

Moreover, many of our young people want to live in communities with a certain level of amenities. Those amenities, whether for entertainment, shopping or recreation, require the population base to support them. If towns are getting smaller, it stands to reason that many young people will continue to flee for other, larger communities. If Wyoming is to ever diversify its economy, it will need to retain its young talent. We need them to set down roots here, not in Denver or Salt Lake City.

The census figures are also important for what they illustrate. Wyoming lawmakers have long contended that low taxes and light government regulation are the key for attracting people to our state. But if that was the case, why are the places with the lowest taxes and least regulation also the communities that are losing residents? If it was simply a matter of cutting taxes and waiting for the crowds to show up, shouldn't we have seen that by now? Why are other Western states with higher taxes and more regulations growing while so much of Wyoming is trending in the wrong direction?

It appears that people are voting with their feet. And it behooves us to pay attention to the choice they are making. The census figures show us that if we want to thrive, we need to change from the one-room schoolhouse way of life. There is a path that allows us to grow while still retaining Wyoming's character. The question is: Will we take it?

Letter to the Editor

Whislin'

Just whistle past the graveyard, and you'll have a happy day; No need to concern yourself 'bout what's happenin' half a world a way.

Just whistle past the graveyard, tweet a happy little song; If you just stay blind and deaf, there's nothing could go wrong.



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Just whistle all the night and day, and never watch the news, Then you will never come up with any contrary views.

Just whistle past the graveyard, then you won't have to wonder, Why things are going south so fast, with each political blunder. Whistle right on past the tombstones, and walk a little faster, Then maybe you'll be able to ignore the latest man-made disaster.

Just keep on whistlin', stay in your happy place, Then instead of frowning, you can keep a smile upon your face.

Please keep on whistling folks, only pay attention to what is local,

And if you've thoughts about the rest of the world, don't ever make them vocal.

-Jim Darlington 8-18-2021

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American withdrawal from Afghanistan and the War Clause

How many more Americans would have to die before the United States made the inevitable decision to withdraw from war in Afghanistan, after 20 years of war, at the cost of more than two trillion dollars and the loss of 2,500 lives? That was the illuminating question that guided President Joe Biden's decision to pull U.S. troops out of "the graveyard of empires." Indeed, how many more?

The decision to withdraw was inevitable, as every president ensnared by the war — Bush, Obama, Trump and Biden — knew painfully well. The putative Afghan government and military were riddled with incompetence and, worse, deep corruption that upended the noble efforts of the United States and its allies to liberate the country from the Taliban and pave the way for the emergence of some form of democracy. America's decision to retreat is right for America, though it is a human rights tragedy of indescribable dimensions for the Afghan people.

The end of America's longest war recalls its origins when Al Qaeda, the terrorist organization led by Osama bin Laden, attacked the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. It recalls as well how the War Clause of the Constitution governs the initiation of military force and the significant legal questions surrounding the decision to invade Afghanistan.

The War Clause of the Constitution — Article I, section 8 — provides that Congress shall have power to "declare" war. The framers of the Constitution, to a man, agreed that this provision placed in the hands of Congress, not the president, the sole and exclusive authority to take the nation to war, whether through a formal declaration or authorization of war. Congress, alone, would decide whether to initiate full-blown war, or commence lesser military hostilities. Delegates to the Constitution

Convention, as James Wilson of Pennsylvania explained, "did not one man to hurry us into war." Their radical break from the universal practice in the 18th Century of unilateral executive war making reflected as well their commitment to the republican principle of collective decision-making, the premise that the conjoined wisdom of the many was superior to the wisdom of one. This was particularly important when it came to the use of military force and the initiation of war, which required, the framers unanimously agreed, a vote by representatives in both the House and the Senate.

When Congress named an enemy of the American people, through either a formal declaration or simple authorization, the decision informed the citizenry that the nation had been placed on a war footing, which triggered a variety of laws, including those that prohibited trading with the enemy. A congressional determination and identification of the enemy, rather than a presidential determination, was critical to keeping the war power in the hands of Congress. A president free to name an enemy of the people could engage the nation in war at his pleasure, a power that would rob Congress of its authority — and duty — to decide for war or peace.

The framers, it will be recalled, did not vest the war power in the president. Although the president was appointed by Article II, as "Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy when called into the actual Service of the United States," it is Congress that does the calling. This constitutional assignment vested in the president, as both James Madison and Alexander Hamilton explained in the Convention, the authority to direct war, "once authorized or begun." Congress would authorize war; a foreign nation might "begin" a war by attacking the nation. In the case of an invasion, the president bears the responsibility of driving the invaders out of the nation. Once the invasion has ceased, it is for

Congress to decide what course of action the United States might pursue, a decision that invites a range of options, including authorization of the use of force against the nation that attacked the United States.

Following the 9/11 outrage, President George W. Bush submitted to Congress proposed legislation — "The Use of Force Act" — which would authorize the president to use "all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided" the attacks on the United States. On September 14, the bill easily passed in both chambers — in the Senate by 98-0, and in the House, 420-1. At first blush, it appeared that the administration and Congress were both adhering to the War Clause. A closer look, however, reveals important flaws in the actions of both branches.

The first problem is that the grant of authority to the president, a delegation of the war power, contradicts the War Clause and the framers' aims and purposes. The vice in the Use of Force legislation is found in its grant to the president of authority to take military measures against those whom "he determines planned, authorized, committed or aided" the attacks on the United States. Note that Congress did not name an enemy of the people, as required by the War Clause. Instead, Congress delegated or transferred that choice to the president. Congress, in other words, abdicated its constitutional responsibility to decide for war, against a named enemy. Congress is prohibited from delegating to the president the authority to go to war, just as it is prohibited from delegating the lawmaking or appropriation powers.

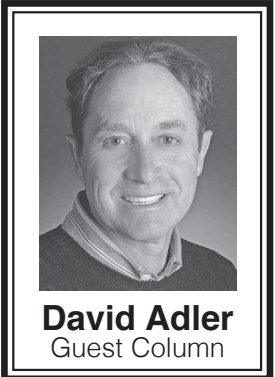
The second constitutional flaw in the process is found in President Bush's report to congressional leaders, two days after the initiation of military activities in Afghanistan. President Bush stated that he had undertaken the combat actions "pursuant to my constitutional authority to conduct U.S. foreign relations as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive." Bush did

not cite the "Use of Force" legislation as authority for his acts, but only as "support," for his decisions, which he claimed he could make independently of Congress.


President Bush's language reflected his belief that as president, he might engage in unilateral executive war making. As we have observed in previous columns, the president was granted no authority to take the nation to war. The congressional power over matters of war and peace are so sweeping as to permit Congress, in the words of Madison, to "commence, continue and conclude war." Congressional authority to commence war could be usurped by presidential war making, just as congressional authority to conclude war might be aggrandized by presidential assertion of constitutional power to end war. The congressional power to "continue" war, as Madison explained, requires congressional possession of authority to impose instructions and directions upon the president, ordering or prohibiting troop deployments, for example, a broad authority upheld by the Supreme Court at the dawn of the republic.

The legal and constitutional problems surrounding the initiation of military force in Afghanistan are recurring problems and require an informed and vigilant public to warn officials to avoid making a similar mistake in the future.

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It is with profound sadness that the family of Martha Hampton announce her peaceful passing on the 16th day of August, 2021, at the age of 85 years.



Martha Hampton

Martha was an only child, born May 20, 1936, in Mapleton, Iowa, and raised in Sioux City, Iowa. As high school sweethearts, Martha and Don married and soon after moved to Wyoming. They spent the last 20 years between Upton, Wyo., and Green Valley, Ariz. She will be lovingly remembered by her

husband of 67 years, Don; children, Julie Kershner and Steve Hampton (Christi); grandchildren, Chad Kershner, Candice Hampton Watt (David), Riley Hampton (LaShel), and Melissa Hampton; seven great-grandchildren, Olivia, Kendall and Greyson, Keaton and Fletcher, Hudson and Kellan; as well as other numerous family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lyle and Alice Riley.

Martha enjoyed playing bridge, golfing, and travel. She and Don traveled to numerous countries around the world and enjoyed several cruises. She was fortunate to have visited every state in the United States, with the exception of Alaska.

Martha cherished her time with her great-grandchildren and close friends. She always looked forward to the

morning coffee club.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date. As Martha was an avid reader, memorial donations will be directed to the Upton Branch Library.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff at the Weston County Home Health Care.

YVONNE SNYDER

July 25, 1929–July 15, 2020

Yvonne Snyder passed away on July 15, 2020, in Newcastle, Wyo. She was 10 days shy of her 91st birthday. She was born July 25, 1929, in Rapid City, S.D., to Carl and Amanda Eastman.

Services were postponed in 2020 due to COVID-19. Services will be held Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 224 West Rd., Newcastle.

Wedding



PENFIELD–GRAY

Paige Penfield and Christopher Gray were wed in an intimate family ceremony on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021. They were joined in marriage by their good friend, Kaitlin Macke, in the forest north of Newcastle. Parents of the bride and groom are Pam and Ted Penfield, and Robin and Pat Gray, all of Newcastle. The couple, along with their children, Kinley and Dawson, look forward to a lifetime of happiness together.

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Daily Devotional Reading

Aug. 27 Judges 15:9-20	Aug. 31 Zephaniah 3:1-20
Aug. 28 Numbers 6:1-27	September 1 Luke 11:14-28
Aug. 29 Isaiah 29:15-24	September 2 Luke 11: 29-54
Aug. 30 Isaiah 43:1-28	<i>Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society</i>

- **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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- **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** Rev. Wendy Owens, 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; Celebrate Recovery (18+) & Undeclared Youth (Infant- 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;

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- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Brenda Torrie, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7 pm
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, 12 Old Hwy. 85, Evangelical Free Church, Bible Study 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am. Call 949-0869
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- **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer
- **OSAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH:** 348 Sheridan St. in Osage, 465-2341. Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am and 6 pm
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- **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, Upton. Sunday Mass 5 pm
- **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Donnie Holt, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am
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This photograph was taken in 1955. Left to right is Emor and Anna Huskinson and Mark and Ruby Sheehan.

Recapture

A PIECE OF HISTORY

25 Years Ago August 29, 1996

James R. Berge, one of five finalists for the Newcastle police chief position, accepted the post last week ending months of speculation as to who would inherit the top cop job.

Father Larry Fare, O.D., former Newcastle High School teacher, visited long-time friend Kay Townsend Linton, formerly of Newcastle, while vacationing in Anchorage, Alaska. Also visiting was long-time friend Mary (Thorson) Gullickson. They recalled their days in Osage and Upton.

The Blotter: Aug. 19 – A dog running loose attempted to bite a restaurant employee. A man was arrested for a stop sign violation. Aug. 20 – Campers were seen dumping waste in gutters. Aug. 24 – A woman requested assistance after she found a wasp's nest in her bedroom. Aug. 25 – A group of juveniles were reported playing frisbee on U.S. Highway 16.

Sara Elizabeth, 5 lbs., 6 oz., and Benjamin Gregory, 5 lbs., Garcia were born to Brenda and Gil Garcia on Aug. 13 in Rapid City. Maternal grandparents are Bill and Shirley Haley of Newcastle.

Rev. Benjamin R. Wright, former assistant rector at St. Mark's Church in Casper has accepted the call to serve as Vicar in the Newcastle-Sundance field of Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming.

Wyoming Game & Fish is the first to donate to the library and museum's joint annual auction. The department's donation consisted of proceeds from the auction of a game license. The library/museum auction is Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. at First State Bank. Tickets to the auction are \$5.

The Newcastle Swim Team has high hopes for becoming state champions this year. Coach Todd Quigley said that last year, the team took fourth place at the state meet, and that they can do better this year.

Newcastle's cross-country team is running hard in preparation for their first meet Aug. 30. Coach Pat Hayman said he hopes for a good season this year, and that there is a lot of potential for runners.

50 Years Ago August 26, 1971

All schools in District Number One will hold their first day of school on Monday, Aug. 30. Sessions on the first

day will be all day, the lunch room will be in operation and buses will run on a regular schedule, also swimming classes will begin Aug. 30.

The Newcastle Dogies will open their 1971 football season Sept. 3 when they host the Gold Diggers of Lead, S.D. The Dogies won from the Gold Diggers 24-13 in their game last year.

Sandee Siel, 13, of Newcastle showed "Majestic Sabre" and took the Quarterhorse stallion championship at the 1971 Wyoming State Fair. Sandee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Siel of Newcastle.

The annual Newcastle Sideline Club steak fry at Mallo Camp will be held tonight (Thursday). The dinner will start at 6:30 for all interested men.

Dilts Bowl will open Monday for the fall season under the ownership of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dilts. The lanes have been refinished and some remodeling of the building has been completed.

Richard Dumbrill, Newcastle, is a candidate for second vice-president of the Wyoming State Historical Society. Weston County has never had a State officer and people of the Northeast part of Wyoming

are being urged to support the local candidate.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kennedy and family were in Newcastle Tuesday for medical appointments and physical checkups for school.

Larry Joe Abbott of Lance Creek was a brief caller at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abbott Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patterson and daughter of Newcastle were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Mellor.

Kent Waugh of Buffalo was a weekend houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones and family. Mrs. Ellen Bear and Wes and Sherry Bear spent from Wednesday to Friday in Casper visiting at the home of relatives.

100 Years Ago August 25, 1921

W.C. Giles, well known in Newcastle and vicinity, arrived in the city last Friday morning from Casper. Mr. Giles is the geologist who first saw evidences of oil structure around Osage, and who later, after an exploration of the region, laid out the field which has proved to be one of the best in Wyoming.

Fifteen carloads of cattle were shipped from Newcastle Friday afternoon to the Omaha market. The shippers included John Mead, Wady Jones, Harry Dobson, Herbert Scott, Charles Shank, Lissolo Bros., Frank Zerbst, Carl Schmidt and Frank Bartusek.

On September 1 of this year the law firm of Wakeman & Dolezal will be launched. The individual members of the new co-partnership are E.E. Wakeman and W.V. Dolezal, both well known attorneys of Newcastle.

The Carter Oil company drilling crew will arrive in Newcastle Saturday and work will be resumed on the well in the Beaver Valley structure, south of town the first part of next week.

The Newcastle baseball team left for Denver Wednesday evening to take part in the Denver Post tournament which starts in that city Friday, August 26, and continues for nine days.

John Gilholm was struck by lightning and instantly killed August 16 on the Andrew Mickelson ranch. John and his brother-in-law, Arthur Christensen, had been making hay when a heavy rain came on, and they started to the house. Arthur went on ahead to get some wood, and while only a few feet ahead he heard a loud report and looking around he saw that Mr. Gilholm had fallen to the ground, and on examining him the boy could not tell if he was dead. He carried the man into the house and went for help.

Wednesday morning, August 24th, at 8 o'clock, a large congregation of well wishers were present at Corpus Christi Catholic church to witness the marriage of Miss Magdalena Mary Lissolo to Charles Patrick Downey of Butte, Mont.

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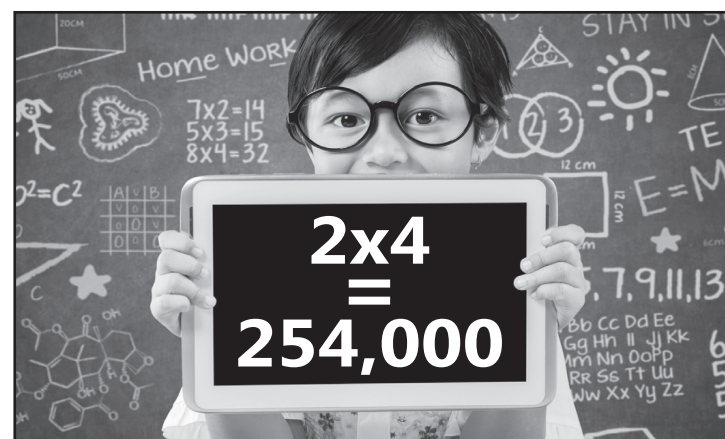
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WHAT'S UP

Aug./Sept. 2021

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

Thur. Aug. 26	2-4PM	Retirement party for Donna Bombeck	First State Bank Lobby
Aug. 27-28		NE Wyoming Battle of the Bands	Newcastle Lodge
Fri. Aug. 27	11:30AM 5:30PM 5:30PM	WC Library System Board Mtg. Singer/Songwriter Showcase BINGO	Library Meeting Rm. Newcastle Lodge VFW Hall
Sat. Aug. 28	9AM-5PM 11AM 2PM 7PM	Upton Gun Show Battle of the Bands Celebration of Life for Florence and Jack Dempsey Missionary Tom Stamman	Upton Community Center Newcastle Lodge VFW Foursquare Lighthouse Church
Sun. Aug. 29	9AM-3PM 10AM	Upton Gun Show Missionary Tom Stamman	Upton Community Center Foursquare Lighthouse Church
Tues. Aug. 31	11AM	Story Time	WC Library
Wed. Sept. 1	6:30-8:30AM 7-9AM 5:15PM 5:30PM 7PM	Wellness Wednesday Wellness Wednesday Friends of Fair WC Travel Commission Jr Livestock Committee	WCHS Upton Medical Clinic Fairgrounds, WC Event Center Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center Fairgrounds Office
Sept. 2-3		WCCC Development Screenings	Newcastle
Thur. Sept. 2	4:30PM 5-7PM 7:30PM	WC Museum District mtg Farmer's Market Masons #13	Anna Miller Museum Pinnacle Bank Masonic Hall



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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

National Bank moves into old garage building



Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent
With Leonard Cash,
historian

Leonard Cash has been doing a series on the various businesses on 204 W. Main St., where the present-day Weston County Courthouse Annex building is. Those businesses included a mercantile, the Weston County Bank, and Ford Motor Co. This week, he will discuss one final business that once resided there: National Bank of Newcastle, which opened on Oct. 21, 1963.

Starting off with an article from the June 27, 1963, *News Letter Journal*, the Comptroller of Currency in Washington, D.C., announced that the National Bank was granted preliminary approval for a charter, giving the bank 90 days to complete its organization, remodel a building, secure management and begin operations. Initial capital was approved at \$225,000.

The Aug. 8, 1963, paper reported that V.C. Thompson won the contract to remodel the former Ford garage for approximately \$60,000.

A few weeks later, nine men were elected to the board of directors during a stockholders meeting. Local rancher Joe Watt became the president and chairman of the board, and Burke Peterson of Lusk was moving to Newcastle to take charge as executive vice president.

According to a news report from Oct. 17, 1963, the National Bank of Newcastle was holding its grand opening from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. to introduce personnel and conduct tours of "their attractive new home at Main and Seneca throughout the day." The bank was equipped to offer complete services, including a drive-in and night depository. The bank had capital of \$50,000, undivided profits of \$125,000 and a surplus of \$50,000.

The next article in Cash's record is dated Jan. 11, 1968. Bill Spence, who had been an assistant cashier since 1966,

was named the new bank teller, and a few months later, around March 21, 1968, Ted Nelson joined National Bank as manager.

On July 4, 1968, the paper announced that John T. Vucurevich, president of Rushmore State Bank in Rapid City, South Dakota, purchased the stock of Watt, Peterson and George Mills. He was elected the new president of the bank.

By May 11, 1972, Don Howell, who worked under Siel Williams and First State Bank in the past, became assistant cashier while Spence moved up the line to become vice president cashier.

Four Wyoming banks were to be sold, according to the Nov. 20, 1980, issue of the paper, including the National Bank of Newcastle. Ry Dinsdale wanted to acquire major interest in Wyoming Bancorporation, the state's largest bank holding company, but it was rejected by the Federal Reserve Board because it was considered a threat to competition.

In the months that followed, Wayne Ebel sold National Bank of Newcastle, announced an article from Feb. 5, 1981, along with three other state banks for \$3 million to \$3.5 million. The new owners were H.D. Shellenberger, Joe Huckfeldt and Ry Dinsdale.

By July 15, 1982, plans were being made for a new drive-up facility, according to president Russell Knight, estimated costs landing at \$137,000. The project would begin by tearing down the brick building between the alley on South Seneca and TOCO. Two teller stations would be added, including room for a third. Four vehicles could be in line at a time, in addition to nine customer parking spaces, with employee parking at a lower level.

The following year, another \$125,000 contract was awarded to Tri-State Construction Co. in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, according to the May 19, 1983, paper. The project was to extend the bank to the sidewalk on both sides, change the entrance to double doors and have a conference room, more offices and larger book-keeping area. They would also be adding a new facelift and clay tile roof, finished to match the design of the bank.

A picture of the construction project appeared in the June 2, 1983, edition of the *News Letter Journal*, which began with the removal of a canopy on the bank corner. Another picture from Sept. 22, 1983, showed the progress of the brick work and the installation of the new roof.



From its Main Street location, KASL radio started in 1953.

Photo courtesy of Leonard Cash

That is the final article in Cash's records on the National Bank of Newcastle. Eventually, Pinnacle Bank moved in around the 1990s or early 2000s, according to Cash, until they constructed their new building on 1401 Washington Blvd. a few years ago.

Before we end "History on Main," Cash wanted to give a brief summary of the whole block.

Starting with courthouse files, we will begin with lots 3 and 4.

Frank Allebach, W.H. Fawcett and Frank Delehant purchased lot 4, before Allebach sold his interest to the other two in 1893. Around Dec. 5, 1892, J.L. Baird bought lot 3 for his mercantile, and in 1910, lot 4 of the property was handed over to the Thoeming Mercantile Co. (which was incorporated in 1909) for \$5,000. A year later, Baird sold his lot to Thoeming.

After the 1912 fire, the Thoeming mercantile was handed over to Cyrus Dietz, a trustee, who was "to liquidate outstanding indebtedness." Later, Cash said the mercantile opened where the Antler's is now.

The lot stood empty for a number of years, according to

Cash, but it changed owners a few times. Around 1915, both lots were sold to Fred Horton and David Kirkwood, and in 1922, J. Baird bought it and constructed a building for Baird Security Co., which was a real estate company. Later, Lindsay-Jessen Co. leased the building, and they merged with the Golden Rule store, announced a news advertisement from Dec. 27, 1928. The U.S. Post Office also leased the building in the early 1920s.

In 1924, it was sold to First National Bank and, in 1928, First State Bank, which was started by W.E. Dickey, took it over. The J.C. Penney store leased the west half of the one-story building and basement from 1930 until 1991, according to an article in Cash's records. Dickey's owned the property until 1981, when it was sold to William and Cynthia Albert, as well as Arthur and Quindrid Albert (Cash said the Alberts ran a variety store where the Frontier is at). Although unsure of the history between then and the present, today it's the location of the Strawberry Patch Quilt shop.

Moving on to lot 5, R. Kilpatrick was the first owner from 1891 to 1892, when it

was sold to John Ost, who had a hardware store. This store was in various locations, according to early newspaper records, but after burning in the 1912 fire, he rebuilt it on lot 5. The property remained in the Ost family until 1949 (although his hardware store sold out to the Gamble store in 1937), when the Newcastle Masonic Lodge No. 13, A.F. & A.M. purchased it along with lot 6. The lodge constructed the hall in 1950 and later added a second story.

Beirnbaum & Son by Attorney Clark Stewart leased lot 5 from 1946 to Jan. 1, 1957. In 1950, Mush Creek Production Co., York Inc., Yorman Oil Co. and Monarch Drilling Co. acquired a 10-year lease for part of the building on lots 5 and 6. Harry Thorson leased an office around 1958, and Gambles was there until it went out of business in early 1980s, Cash said. Clark Stewart managed Gambles from 1943 and sold his interest in 1977, according to news records.

Much of the history of lot 6 is similar to lot 5 because it was the same building. J.L. Baird Mercantile had it from 1904 to 1911, when Thoeming bought it until it burned down. The

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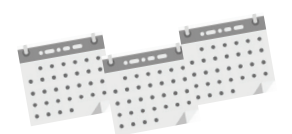
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Exercise Class	9AM
Toe Nail Clinic	9AM
Lions Mtg	Noon
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THURSDAY Sept 2

TOPS #218	7AM
Exercise Room	8AM
Walking	8AM-NOON

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What's Up Calendar



rest of the history is similar to lot 5 since the building is connected, but Cash wanted to add that KASL started there, and the building was also used as a barber shop and other offices.

That concludes lot 6, and next week, we will wrap up block 11 by going through lots 7 through 12.

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VA Clinic: (Usually 1st Monday of month, except holidays).....	Sept. 13, Sept. 27
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MRI:	Sept. 2, Sept. 16
Patient's Provider must schedule with WCHS Radiology Department	
Speech Therapy:	Every Monday & Thursday, 4-6 pm
Upton Lab Draws: (1st Wednesday, except holidays)	Sept. 1
Wellness Wednesday, WCHS Newcastle	Every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 am
Wellness Wednesday, W.C. Upton Clinic	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7-9 am
Home Health Toenail Clinic: (W.C. Senior Center 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 9-10:30 am)	
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On Tuesday, a crew from Electrical Solutions out of Laramie, Wyo., wired up the new Dollar General store that is being built at the site of the old Stardust Motel. Above, Craig Jackson, from Laramie, prepares wiring from the flex conduit to be attached to a fixture. Below, Will Wagner, also from Laramie, is fixing flex conduit to the stainless steel studs and box.



Store from Page 1.....

stationary, seasonal items and basic clothing. Brands include Clorox, Procter & Gamble, Kimberly-Clark, Unilever, Kellogg's, General Mills, Nabisco, Hanes, PepsiCo, Coca-Cola and a variety of private names.

The store also plans to get involved in the community, Ellison said.

The company also supports literacy and education through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

The foundation "awards grants each year to nonprofit organizations, schools and libraries within a 15-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center to support adult, family, summer and youth literacy programs," Ellison said.

The program, according to Ellison, also helps support individuals who may be interested in learning how to read, speak English or prepare for the high school equivalency test.

Stolhammer from Page 1.....

when they awarded the chair with two ribbons.

After the county fair was over, Stolhammer's chair qualified to go on to the Wyoming State Fair, where it earned a purple ribbon. Now that the fairs are over, he plans to put it next to the first one his dad made as a deck chair. Overall, Connor said he enjoyed woodworking with his dad and hopes to do more projects in the future.

"I think it'd be fun to do something like that again," Connor said.



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ
After competing and taking grand champion at the 2021 Weston County Fair, pictured, Connor Stolhammer's chair competed at the 2021 Wyoming State Fair taking home a purple ribbon. A purple ribbon, according to the Wyoming Extension judge's handbook, means the exhibit exceeds goals, standards and requirements. It also mentions an outstanding interview when the youth answers questions that exceed expectations.



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Machine work of the area around Turner Reservoir help provide proper drainage. The reservoir project was funded by the U.S. Forest Service.

Reservoir

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is to let it run out (and) around through the spillway and into the ditch on the outside of the dam, which is obviously lower than the dam,” Ross said.

Ross clarified that the emergency spillway is the ditch outside of the dam that helps keep the water level consistent. He said that the new head gate also helps control the flow of water through the recently replaced pipe.

The U.S. Forest Service funded the project, though because fixing the reservoir was not a typical maintenance project, Voos explained in an email that the local Forest Service had to apply for the funding through the regional office in Denver. The project took longer than anticipated due to the length of time it took to obtain funding, solicit for a contractor and then get the contractor on site, according to Voos. Work moved fairly quickly once JTR Excavation began work this year.

“It’s a good-looking job, I think, (with) the new style of draining in there, and they put a surface overflow on there too. They put a ditch that goes around that ties into the back side where the creek is. So it should maintain a certain level,” said Bob Williams, local resident and avid fisherman.

However, the reservoir is not filling nearly as quickly as all involved anticipated. Voos emailed an update on the reservoir earlier this month. He said the spring-fed reservoir is expected to naturally refill now that construction is com-

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plete, so Forest Service engineers plan to investigate the slow fill rate in the coming weeks. Voos speculated that possible causes include reduced spring production, another leak in the infrastructure or even hot, dry weather and a high rate of evaporation.

Locals are hoping the issue is resolved soon. Turner Reservoir was once a loved fishing hole in Weston County, and residents are eager to see the reservoir refilled and restocked.

Paul Mavrakis, a regional fisheries supervisor for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, said the department will restock the reservoir when there is sufficient water. He said the reservoir will be stocked with trout twice every year, and he anticipates largemouth bass will likely

be transplanted back in the reservoir too.

“We’ll go out and look at water depths and temps to find the best companion fishery for the trout that are stocked on an annual basis — I assume bass and crappie will be in that mix,” Mavrakis said.


If Game and Fish introduces bass and crappie, Mavrakis said, the fish will likely be transplanted from other places to create an “instant fishery,” but all stocking is dependent on when the reservoir fills and if it holds water for the long term.

Mavrakis also spoke to the stickleback problem the reservoir faced before the infrastructure failure. Stickleback are classified as minnows that are not native to the area. The fish reach a maximum size of 3 inches and have spines on their backs, making them harmful to other fish, hence their name.

Mavrakis said that since the reservoir drained, any big population of stickleback should have gone with the water, so the invasive minnows are not a big concern right now. However, if they’re in that drainage, Mavrakis said, there’s not much Game and Fish can do about it other than hope the stickleback aren’t there in big numbers, because treatment options are overwhelming and expensive.

When asked if he will return to fishing Turner Reservoir, Williams was enthusiastic.

“Absolutely! I’ve always liked Turner Creek. It had trout, bass, crappie. It was a variety of fish, and it was a lot of fun to fish,” he said.




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What to expect: COVID-19 in Wyoming K-12 SCHOOLS

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Case Interview
When a positive result is reported, public health officials will contact the person with COVID-19, or the parent(s) if the infected person is under 18 years old, to complete an investigation and place the person with COVID-19 in isolation.



Isolation
Children or staff who are given an isolation order will be required to stay home until:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms started (or since the date the test was collected if asymptomatic), AND
- The infected person has been fever-free without the use of fever reducing medications for at least 24 hours, AND
- Symptoms have improved



Close Contacts
Public health officials will assess who is considered a close contact and needs to be quarantined. The school may be contacted to get seating arrangements or additional information. A close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of the infected person for 15 minutes or more.

- When the case AND the contact were both wearing masks, quarantine is not necessary. The contact should self-monitor for symptoms for the two weeks following the exposure.
- When the case is wearing a mask but the contact is not, quarantine is required for the contact.
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- When the case and the contact are not wearing masks, quarantine is required for the contact.

Quarantine

Children or staff who have been given instructions to quarantine will be asked to stay home for up to 14 days after their last exposure to the infected person, monitor symptoms, and seek testing. CDC published three options for reducing the length of quarantine following an exposure to COVID-19. Options for shortening the quarantine period include:

- Ending quarantine **after** 10 days if you have monitored your child daily and your child has not had **any** symptoms
- Ending quarantine **after** 7 days if you have monitored your child daily and your child has not had **any** symptoms **AND** your child had a negative PCR test collected on day 5 or later. In no circumstance can quarantine be discontinued before 7 full days of quarantine have passed since exposure.
- Ending quarantine if your child tested positive on a COVID-19 antibody test (IgG, IgM, total antibody) immediately following exposure. This options should be used for low risk situations only. Your child should avoid high risk situations including contact with people at high risk of developing severe illness from COVID-19 such as older adults and people with certain underlying health conditions.

If you choose to use one of the options above to shorten the quarantine period for your child, you should continue to monitor your child for symptoms daily for the full 14 days. WDH recommends that your child continue to take measures to protect him/herself and others such as avoiding crowds, social distancing, correct and consistent mask use, and hand and cough hygiene for the full 14 days. **Please note:** Some schools may require the full 14 days of quarantine before returning to school. If your child tested positive for COVID-19 on a PCR or antigen test in the three months prior to exposure, your child does not need to quarantine.


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Return to School


Cases: Once the infected person has met the criteria for release from isolation, they can return to school. A release from isolation letter is not required.
Contacts: A quarantined child or staff member that has completed their quarantine period and has not developed symptoms or tested positive can return to school.

If your child gets sick:


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SPORTS SCHEDULES

NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

NHS Football			
8/27	Hot Springs HS	H	6PM
9/3	Buffalo HS	H	6PM
NHS Volleyball			
8/27-28	Douglas Invite	A	TBA
8/28	Newcastle 9th Invite	H	TBA
NHS Cross Country			
8/27	CC	H	TBA
9/3	Spearfish HS	A	2PM
NHS Girls' Swimming			
9/10	Cody MS/HS	A	4PM
9/11	Powell Invite	A	TBA

The Dogies are back!

Let's get it started! Summer is a time to refresh, reinvigorate and refocus, and after interviewing the fall sports' coaches, I think that our Dogies have taken advantage of their summer to do just that. After last year, where though all of the sports teams throughout the year were grateful to have the opportunity to compete during the pandemic, I have no doubt



Sonja Karp
Karpe Dogie

that there was a huge, collective sigh of relief when the fall schedules came down this year, and seasons looked to be back to normal.

Volleyball gets to travel and compete at the early season tournaments which are so vital to team progression and cohesiveness early in the season.

Cross country will be attending meets in South Dakota which have historically provided quality competition for the team while requiring less travel.

Football also is able to compete in interstate competitions, while swimming is back on the schedule for back-to-back weekend events which will be attended by several teams, rather than only one or two.

I'm always excited for the beginning of a new school year and the debut of the new Dogie teams as they get their fall seasons under way, but COVID has given me a new appreciation for this annual kickoff of high school sports.

I feel like a kid counting down the days leading up to Christmas. I'm so excited for competitions to get started and about the potential

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The 'Boys of Fall' are back in action

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Dogies endured a challenging season full of adversity in 2020, but head coach Matt Conzelman's team is returning to the gridiron in 2021 as veterans to hardship who are ready to take on whatever is thrown at them in the coming months.

"Compete, find a way and be all in," Conzelman began. "That's our philosophy this year and we are going to be focused on doing all of those things this season."

Senior quarterback Slade Roberson was sidelined for all of his junior year after an ACL tear he suffered early in the first game of the season last year, however he is back and is good as new and ready to take the reins and lead his team.

"It's great to have Slade back," Conzelman nodded. "His leadership ability is so important and he is a young man who just grew up through his injury last year — he persevered and got stronger. He was 160 pounds when he got hurt and now he's 205. He really did everything he needed to do as he worked through his injury."

The loss of the lone All-State selection, Kale Corley, to graduation means that there are some big shoes to fill, however Conzelman feels confident he has players who are ready and able to lace up those cleats.

"We have 12 returning letter winners, and seven players from each side of the ball back," Conzelman explained. "So we have quite a few guys who got some good experience including Holden McConkey,



The 2021 Dogie Football team poses as head coach Matt Conzelman documents their accomplishments at the Mallo Fall Training Camp last week. After three years, the squad was able to return to the camp for immersion training to start their season.

who was All-Conference as well as Aidan Chick, Hogan Tystad and Josh Womack, who were Honorable Mention All-Conference recipients."

The team was able to return to Mallo Camp for the annual boot camp to start off their practice schedule. It

had been since 2018 that the squad has been afforded the opportunity to take advantage of the benefits of the all-inclusive training opportunities the camp provides.

"These seniors were freshmen the last time we were able to get

up there, and we've missed it," Conzelman said. "It's an accelerator to get them in shape, and the team bonding that it affords when they are immersed together eating, sleeping,

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Netters dig into season

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

Dogie fans should recognize most of the ladies who will grace the volleyball court this season as the squad lost only four seniors from last year, however returning head coach Keeley Anderson let slip that there are some changes coming down the pike within the core of her team that can and will interject some excitement this fall.

"Our first week was great, and though we might have some low numbers this year, the girls' mentality is great," Anderson exclaimed. "I'm excited to see where that is going to lead us this season."

Numbers for the squad are significantly lower than in the past, with only 19 young ladies ready to don a Dogie uniform. This will mean some juggling on the part of the Lady Dogie coaches, however Anderson is confident regarding the talent of those who are on her roster.



Head coach Keeley Anderson's netters are looking forward to a return to normal this season and are hungry to earn themselves a state berth after being denied last year. According to Anderson, they are putting in the work to do just that, and she predicts an exciting and fun year ahead.

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Football

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and hanging out is great. It's just a special place."

The 2021 season is starting a little rougher than Conzelman would have liked as the pandemic made sure not to be forgotten. A couple of players have had to miss some practices due to quarantine protocol, and, as such, will not have the requisite 10 practices amassed in time for the first contest on Friday.

"Because we are down a couple of linemen, we are having to make some personnel changes," Conzelman sighed. "But the guys are doing a great job of transitioning and stepping up to these new positions."

Womack will return to the field to lead the line, Roberson is back as quarterback, Braden Jenkins will be playing tight end, Aidan Chick will be a target for Roberson as wide receiver, Heath Henkle is back as center, while Kalen VanGundy will be on the line. Tystad is back as a wide out, while Quint Perino is another wide receiver. Tate Engle is a versatile player who can play as a running back, wide receiver or quarterback, and Ian Simmons

was a full back, but may have to drop into the line.

New to NHS is junior Tanner Nielsen whom Conzelman expects to provide an immediate impact to the team.

"Tanner looked good right away," Conzelman stated. "He's got some size to him and he has a cousin who is a freshman who is even bigger, so that's awesome!"

On the defensive side of the ball, Conzelman explained that Jenkins was a disrupter and did some great things during summer camp, and adding Womack and Henkle to the defensive line means the squad is going to be pretty solid on D.

The Dogies are blessed this season with returning some veteran players to the field who also possess a lot of speed.

"This is the most speed we've had in a while and guys have become stronger and faster over the summer, so that's pretty exciting," Conzelman said.

Numbers for the Dogies once everyone is back and ready to go are looking to be around 39 players, which is great for Conzelman after a

few years of struggling to find enough players.

"We're looking around, wondering if we have enough helmets," Conzelman chuckled. "It's a good problem to have."

Looking around the conference, Conzelman noted that the top teams will be pretty salty, and one that came to his mind right away, though they may be a little bit of a sleeper, is Tongue River. He quickly followed that up by identifying Wheatland who will be big and talented as usual, Upton-Sundance graduated a lot but will be small and fast, while Big Horn will also be small and fast.

The Dogies will kick off their season with a home opener against Hot Springs on Friday, Aug. 27, beginning at 6 p.m.

"By the time we see them, they will have three weeks and a game under their belts so we need to be ready," Conzelman cautioned. "They have a junior running back who went over 200 yards and had four scores against Hill City last Friday, so he will be one we have to corral."

Volleyball

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Last year, the young squad found themselves in a high-stakes, one-and-done regional tournament scenario, and an elevated level of adversity presented to the team on their way to the tournament played a role in ending their state tournament run far too soon. The lessons learned and the maturity a year provides has this team more prepared for this year.

A significant change to last year's lineup is that 3A East All-Conference player Jaylen Ostenson, a junior, is shifting from middle hitter/blocker and back row defensive player to hitting outside as well as serving in the role of setter while in her back row rotation.

"I am super jacked about this move," Anderson said. "It'll be a loss to our back row for sure, but she sets our hitters up really well and she is hitting incredibly from the outside. You're going to love watching her!"

Joining Ostenson as returning varsity player this fall is middle hitter/blocker Tiernan Stanton. Standing 6-feet, 2-inches tall, the junior brings a daunting physical presence to the net as well as an innate knowledge of the game learned through years of being a gym rat tagging along with her volleyball coach mom.

Junior Hunter McFarland will return as Ostenson's opposite as she too is slated as an outside hitter and the second setter in the 6-2 offense Anderson plans to run.

Mackenzie Conzelman, also a junior, is moving into a starting varsity role as Stanton's opposite in the middle hitter/blocker position, but will also play all the way around the court.

More juniors will round out the starting six as Shelby Tidyman and McKenzie Rose will also play all the way around the court and will serve as right side hitters/blockers while also providing back up setting if needed.

Finally, senior LaKacey Lipp is returning as the team's libero, or back row defensive specialist, for her final season wearing the orange and black.

Unfortunately, a late season soccer injury to Shawnee Miles last spring has sidelined the

senior this fall, which played into Anderson's decision to change her lineup from last year.

"I was sad to lose Shawnee because I was super excited to utilize her a little more this year," Anderson admitted. "She tried to play at the [Black Hills State University] camp and she did well, but it just didn't work out for her."

The squad had the opportunity to attend a couple of summer camps and to take advantage of open gyms as well as weight room workouts during the break. Though Anderson admitted that not all her players were able to take advantage of off-season training, a group of players made strides during the summer to improve their game, individually and as a team.

"Our numbers were a little low, but those that were there were pretty consistent," Anderson explained. "We did really well at the BH camp so that was fun."

Looking across the conference, Anderson noted that the powerhouse Lady Bearcats from Douglas lost a great deal from last season's team, while the Lady Bison of Buffalo are in a similar boat. Wheatland, however, is returning a great deal of talent from last year's youthful squad so the Lady Bulldogs will be a team to beat. In addition, the Lady Trailblazers of Torrington are also returning some key players. Rawlins, which has a long history of winning volleyball teams, graduated several seniors, however, their tradition is strong, so Anderson expects them to reload again this year.

"With all of that said, I am pretty excited about our chances this year," Anderson said. "We didn't finish last year the way we wanted to, and the girls are hungry, and can back that up with the talent necessary to make their mark this year."

The Lady Dogies will start their season by returning to the Douglas Invitational tournament on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 27 and 28. Due to low numbers, Anderson will send only a varsity team to compete while leaving the C team composed of freshmen and upperclassmen to compete at the home Freshmen Invitational tournament in Newcastle on Saturday, Aug. 28.

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that all of our teams have to be successful.

I have to thank the bitter medicine that COVID made us swallow over the last four seasons — from the extreme loss of the 2020 spring seasons to the limitations placed on the '20-'21 year — for my reinvigorated outlook.

I believe our athletes may also be experiencing similar feelings. Whether they are incoming freshmen or seasoned seniors, I would not be surprised to find them even more excited for the upcoming year than they have

been in the past.

Dogie fans are probably also eagerly anticipating the launch of the 2021-2022 high school seasons: celebrating with our young men underneath the Friday Night Lights, filling up the Dogie Dome to cheer on our talented volleyball crew, and perhaps extending and reliving the thrill of the Olympics as we watch our swimmers work toward earning a guaranteed state berth, and enjoy watching our cross country runners battle for varsity positions from week to week.

Obviously, the pandemic is still a thing as the Delta variant is beginning to shut down certain areas of the country again, but here in Wyoming we are lucky to be able to attempt to return to the normal we missed over the last year and a half, and I am beyond grateful for that!

Regardless of whether you are an athlete, a coach, a parent, an official or simply a sports fan — if you're not already with me, let's get excited for the launch of the 2021 Fall season.

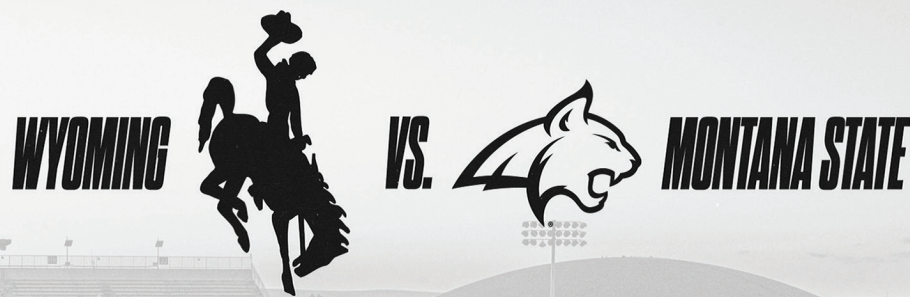
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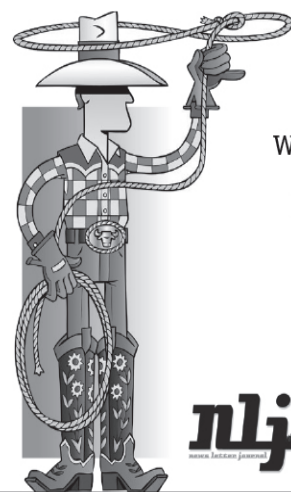
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Swimmers start preparations in Upton pool

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

Despite facing some adversity due to being denied access to the pool in the Kozisek Aquatic Center, head coach Doug Scribner's Lady Dogies are poised to dive into their 2021 season.

Unfortunately, the pool at Newcastle High School is undergoing repairs at this time, so the squad started out the season Aug. 16 traveling to Upton to practice in their outdoor pool.

"We are traveling to Upton right now, at least as long as the weather is good," Scribner explained. "We had contracted with Gillette, but Upton offered to leave the water in their pool

for us, so that has been great and we really appreciate that." Scribner is hoping that within the next couple of weeks, Kozisek will be in shape to be able to practice at home.

Returning to the Lady Dogie squad this season are juniors Lydia Anderson and Raeligh Shipp, sophomores Rebekah Olson, Brooklyn Schmitz, Lilly Ralls and Julie Daigh, and new to the team are freshmen Hailee Beastron and Ruth Rose.

None of the returning athletes qualified for the state meet in 2020, however Shipp was within just one second of making it in the 100 Free. Anderson also was close while Olson showed vast improvement throughout the course of the season.

"Lydia and Raeligh looked

really good on the first day last week," Scribner nodded. "Rebekah and Brooklyn also looked pretty good. Rebekah is really strong and is working on smoothing out her technique, which continues to improve, so she is looking like a stronger swimmer than when she finished up the season last year."

Anderson and Shipp are returning, showing strength in the freestyle while Anderson also does well in the backstroke. Olson shows potential in several strokes, however Scribner noted that her favorites are the butterfly and freestyle, while Schmitz is looking to make the breaststroke her go-to stroke.

"Lydia is still not all that confident in the backstroke but I'm

trying to encourage her to step into that a little more," Scribner explained. "Brooklyn has good technique in the breaststroke and is working on improving in that event."

Ralls is also a strong swimmer who simply requires some work on technique.

"I expect Lilly to make some pretty big improvements as her technique gets into place," Scribner predicted. "Her dad was a swimmer and she is pretty excited, so that will be fun."

The incoming freshmen are coming to the squad with vastly different experience in the pool. Rose is completely new to swimming while Beastron is a seasoned club swimmer.

"Ruth wants to try it out so we are working on getting

her into the swing of things, and she is focusing right now on freestyle and breaststroke," Scribner stated. "Hailee, with backstroke and freestyle as her forte, is coming in pretty strong as a freshman so I expect her to qualify."

Scribner also noted that he expects Anderson and Shipp to hit qualifying marks during the season.

It's also looking as if the team should be able to man all three relays as they have the numbers, as well as the stroke differentiation, to be able to be competitive in both freestyle relays as well as the medley relay.

"I expect the girls to do well this season," Scribner predicted. "They have been working hard

and should show improvement and be really competitive this year. We have some strong leaders who can and will instill that competitive attitude to the rest of the team."

The ladies are back to normal with their regular schedule this season, and will dive into things this Friday and Saturday, Aug. 27 and 28 as they head to Lander for a relay meet on Friday where each event consists of a relay, and a pentathlon meet on Saturday where all swimmers compete in five different events.

"We have a pretty good schedule this year," Scribner said. "Everyone wants to get back to the bigger meets and I think that is also good for the girls to get that experience."

Newcastle's Dogies are off and running again

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The Dogie men placed second at the 3A East Conference meet in 2020, and though the squad lost some strong competitors to graduation, head coach Kathy Beehler was quick to note that she has some strong runners returning.

"We definitely lost some of our top runners, but I'm super excited about who is coming back, and who we have coming up as freshmen," she declared. "They are hard workers who are driven and motivated and it's just going to be a fun season. I think it'll be one of those years where we are going to see improvement each and every week."

The Dogies graduated Carson Bock,

Zach Purviance, Bridger Alishouse, Gunner Ramsey and Conrad Prell from the boys, and Alaina Laurence and Lara Lopez from the girls.

Returning to the men's squad include seniors Avery Chick, Mathew Drake, Travis Scribner, Zade Orsborn, Max Makousky and Tristan Troftgruben. There are no junior athletes, but two sophomores will return, Teegan Hatheway and Wyatt Cole. Finally the men will add eight freshmen to the squad from whom Beehler is expecting some great contributions.

"I'm pretty excited because I feel like our seniors are really strong and then we have some pretty good freshmen coming in," Beehler nodded. "I feel like as the season progresses, we are just going to get

better and better."

The Lady Dogies didn't have enough numbers to compete as a team last season, however this year Beehler is excited to rectify that situation. Junior Janaya Ralls and sophomore Tara Carter are returning, while five freshmen, also a talented rookie crew, are coming in to fill out the roster.

"We have a team!" Beehler exclaimed. "I expect them to do really well because they are looking strong already. Aspen [Baird, ninth grade,] is running up with our boys right now and Tara has been running all summer. They are just all working really hard."

Last season, the incoming freshmen teams both won their conference meet as eighth-graders, so Beehler admits she has high hopes for them to transition to high school competition pretty seamlessly.

"Generally, I usually put freshmen in the JV or freshmen division early in the season, but I'm thinking that I'll have some of them run varsity right away," she said. "If some are too nervous at first, we may ease them in, but I have a lot of confidence in them to compete well at the varsity level."

Travis Scribner was a little late to join the team in practice as he returned late last week from basic training, however the state makes an allowance regarding the 10-practice requirement for cases such as this.

"Travis has been working hard at basic training all summer," Beehler said. "We are so happy to have him back and our team is so proud of what he is doing to help lead our country and our team."

The coaching staff had some changes as well from last season. Beehler is returning as head coach while Jessica Troftgruben has transitioned from middle school head coach to assistant high school coach. As such, Troftgruben's vacancy in



Submitted photo
Travis Scribner (pictured on the right) just returned to the Dogie team on Saturday after finishing basic training. Head coach Kathy Beehler is excited to have the senior back and expressed the pride she and her team have in his commitment to lead his country and his squad.



Photo courtesy of Cindy Rhoades

Returning All-Conference senior Avery Chick proves to all that running is fun as he smiles for the camera during a competition last year. Head coach Kathy Beehler is looking to Chick to lead his team to success in 2021.

the middle school is being filled by Nikki Bloom.

The Lady Dogies and Dogies start their season off with their only home meet of the year Friday at the Newcastle Country Club golf course. The varsity men will run first with start time scheduled for 9 a.m. They

will be followed by the varsity girls, then the combined JV team and finally the middle school boys and girls will finish off the day.

"It'll be a good meet and a good start for everyone," Beehler concluded. "I'm excited to see how the kids compete!"

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Weston County area still faces fire danger

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Fire danger remains a threat in Weston County despite the 2.40 inches of moisture received in July and 1.21 inches to date in August.

Last week, Fire Warden Daniel Tysdal said that the recent moisture alleviates the fire danger for a short period, especially if high temperatures

return to the area. He noted that temperatures are predicted to be in the high 80s most of the next two weeks.

"While the rain helps in the short term, we must remember that we are still at the end of a hot, dry summer and our fuels reflect the drought conditions we've experienced this year despite the recent moisture," Tysdal said. "The fuel moisture in our 100- and 1,000-

hour fuels are still critically low, and once the weather turns warm, dry and windy again, all of our fuels include the fine flashy 1-hour fuels, (which) will readily burn, and the fire danger can immediately be high and very high categories once again."

According to the National Centers for Environmental Information, 100-hour fuels are 1 to 3 inches in diameter, while

1000-hour fuels are 3 to 8 inches in diameter. The 100-hour fuels are computed from 24-hour average conditions, composed of day length, hours or rain, and daily temperature/humidity ranges, while the 100-hour fuels are computed on a 7-day average for the same conditions.

Those numbers are used to create the fuel moisture index, a tool widely used to understand the fire potential for locations

across the country, which aids in labeling the fire danger.

Because of the potential, and the fact that Weston County's fire season often continues into fall, Tysdal asks that the public continue to remain cautious and follow the guidelines provided in the open burn restrictions implemented countywide. He noted that the largest fire in 2020 started on Oct. 8.

"Folks should continue to be

cautious and call 911 immediately if they see a fire start, so resources can respond right away," Tysdal said, adding a word of thanks for the volunteer firefighters who work throughout the long fire season.

To date, Weston County has seen a total of 41 natural-caused fires, burning a total of 5,098.69 acres. Human-caused fires add another 10 fires to the total, burning 19.94 acres.

Summer's air quality alerts a product of teamwork

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

For the past month, the National Weather Service has been releasing air quality alerts due to wildfire smoke blanketing the area.

As wildfires continue to burn across the West, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality assesses the amount of smoke and smoke potential in the area and determines whether or not the alert should be released, said Keith Guille, the agency's public information officer.

"These alerts are generally for the public so they know what activities they may or may not want to be planning," Guille said. "It always

depends on a person's personal health whether or not the smoke could affect them. We suggest that someone with concerns talk to their physician."

When looking at whether or not an alert is needed, he said, there are standards for the particulate matter that's in the air, or the smoke that we can see. The standards are set federally, according to Guille.

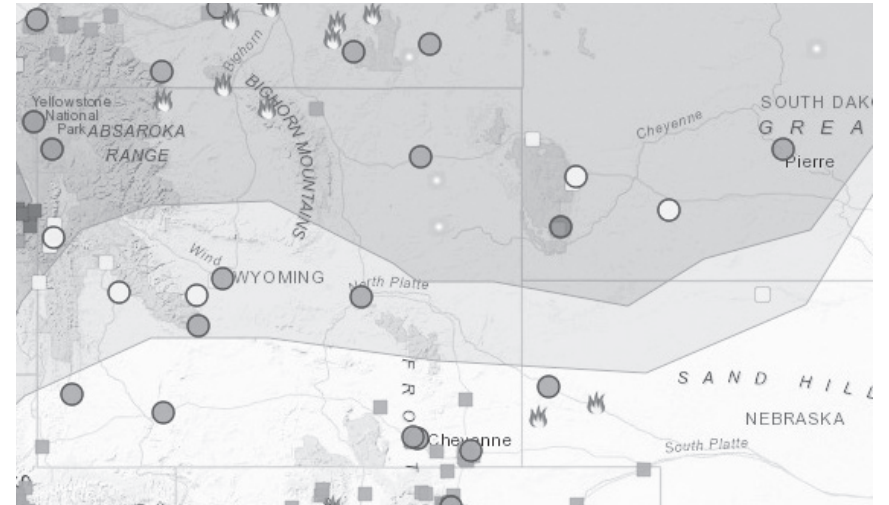
Included in the alerts recently is the specification that the air quality issues are related to smoke from western wildfires.

"The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division offers near real-time air quality data for Wyoming's monitoring stations and health effects

information to help the public interpret current conditions," the notifications state. "Current air quality conditions across the state of Wyoming can be found at www.wyvisnet.com."

Guille said that forecasters for the state DEQ work with the National Weather Service with the information needed to issue the 24-hour alerts when air quality is poor.

"Mainly, we are another dissemination tool for them. They monitor the air quality, looking at forecasts to see where the smoke will go. They determine the air quality is poor and notify us, we then put the information out," said Susan Sanders, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Rapid City.



Pictured is the fire and smoke map for Aug. 24 from fire.airnow.gov. This website shows all of the current fires, smoke travel, air quality and incident information from across the country.

Dean family takes over Hurricane Car Wash

Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent

Local businessman and entrepreneur Jason Dean recently added to his plate of trades when he bought Hurricane Car

Wash from Sean Crabtree. His intent, he said, is to have a full-time job that he could do with his family. He already has plans to improve the business.

In the future, Dean hopes to install blow dryers to make the

drying process more practical for his customers. Dean has also purchased the Dog Gone Salon and plans to add the pet wash to Hurricane, making the location more convenient for the community. Patrons can

expect the prices of both the car wash and the pet wash to remain the same under the new ownership: \$2 for the car wash and \$8 for the pet wash.

"We wanted to make it the best we could," Dean said.

Although a new business for him, Dean said he gained experience in and knowledge about car washes when he worked at one in Casper while in college. Since then, he's tossed his hat into various lines of work and is still operating some of his other part-time businesses.

Though he sold his Newcastle Extinguisher business several years ago, Dean still provides his tree-cutting services and operates ASAP Towing and Roadside Assistance. He hasn't been towing recently because his daughters have been home for the summer, but when they go back to school in the fall, Dean said, he plans to possibly resume towing services.

His family is the primary reason Dean bought Hurricane Services because it was something he and his wife, Erin, with their four daughters – Natalie, Anna, Ella and Ada Mae – can do together. All the girls help wash cars, clean out



Submitted photo

Anna Dean shovels mud off the floor to help her dad clean up at Hurricane Car Wash, which he recently purchased.

the bathrooms, take care of the garbage and even do a little plumbing work.

Dean said this is important to him because he wants to teach his daughters skills that will equip them later in life to optimize their success in what-

ever the future holds for them. "They're learning and they like helping," he said.

So, if anyone needs to wash their car, stop by Hurricane Car Wash on South Seneca Avenue and say hello to the new owner.



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The new owners of Hurricane Car Wash, located on South Seneca Avenue in Newcastle, Jason and Erin Dean, with their children, Natalie, Anna, Ella and Ada Mae.

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

Notice is hereby given that the State Transportation Commission of Wyoming has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming, acting through said Commission, and **S & L Industrial**, The Contractor, on Highway Project Number **B204027 in Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Sheridan and Weston Counties**, consisting of installing

pavement markings and miscellaneous work, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on **September 22, 2021**.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is **August 12, 2021**.

STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING
By: Pam Fredrick
Senior Budget Analyst
Budget Program

(Publish August 12, 19 and 26, 2021)

Probate Notice

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

Probate No. PR-8247
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DUANE DENNIS PATTON Deceased.

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 12th day of July, 2021, the Last Will and Testament of said decedent was admitted to probate by the above-named Court, and that Eugenia Patton was appointed Personal Representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Will shall be filed in the Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to said decedent or to decedent's estate

are requested to make immediate payment to Richard A. Erb, Jr., P.C., at P.O. Box 36, Gillette, Wyoming 82717. Creditors having claims against said decedent or the estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of said Court, on or before three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2021.

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Wyoming Attorney No. 6-2663
Attorney for Estate
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Bid Notice

CALL FOR BIDS RADIOS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Newcastle, Wyoming will receive sealed bids for the purchase of the following: Vehicle Radios and Handhelds. Must include all Subscriptions services, and on-going maintenance charges.

Complete specifications and related bid requirements for interested persons are available at Newcastle Police Department located at 25 N. Sumner St., Newcastle, Wyoming 82701.

Each bid must be received by the Newcastle City Clerk at the office of the Newcastle City Clerk, 10 W. Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701, on or before 5:00 p.m. on the 7th day of September, 2021 to be considered. All bids will be opened on the 7th day of September, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. by the Governing Body of the City in the City Council Chambers located at 10 W. Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701. The successful bidder, if any, shall be announced by the City at such time as the Governing Body of the City may determine appropriate, but no later than thirty (30) days from the date of bid opening. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted if it is determined that none of them would serve the public interest. If a contract is awarded, it shall be awarded to the bidder whose equipment and/or materials meet or exceed the minimum specifications of the bid and is, in the discretion of the Governing Body of the City, the best equipment and/or materials for use

by the City at the lowest bid price. Such factors as options, warranties, maintenance and repair statistics, and product design and function, in addition to bid price, shall be considered by the City in awarding this bid.

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Dated this 16 day of August, 2021
CITY OF NEWCASTLE
Sam Keller Chief of Police

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EMMY AWARDS

ACROSS

1. *Emmy Awards attendees or celestial bodies
6. "He _____ and drank the precious words..."
9. Skier's transport
13. Move like ivy
14. What Alex and Lexington have in common
15. Power glitch
16. White condiment
17. Schiller's "_____ to Joy"
18. Movie "The _____ of the Chicago 7"
19. "Last Week _____ with John Oliver"
21. "Lovecraft _____"
23. Excessively
24. Invitation request
25. Part of graduate's ensemble
28. South American indigenous people
30. Lung pouch (2 words)
35. Giannis Antetokounmpo's target
37. Stain on Santa
39. Take exception to
40. Highland tongue
41. Bar, legally
43. Tropical tuber
44. Time on the job
46. Grey tea
47. Make a picture
48. Satellite Navigation System, for short
50. Mr. Eugene Krabs, e.g.
52. X
53. *Compilation of nominees, e.g.

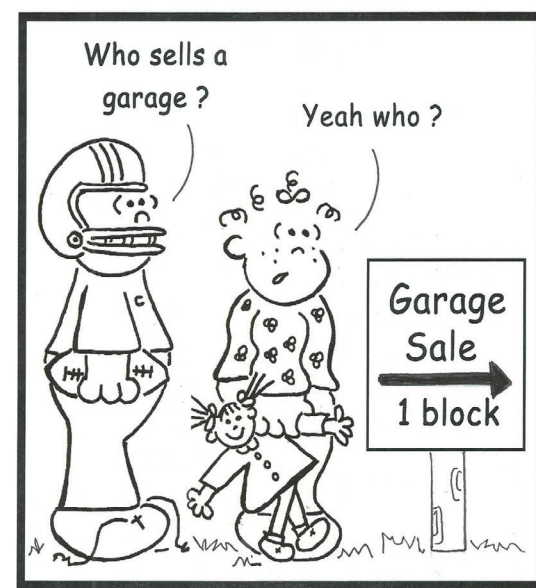
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1. Sing like Ella Fitzgerald
2. Jack, Janet and Chrissy from "Three's Company," e.g.
3. Long time
4. Rekindled
5. Faucet
6. Loads (2 words)
7. *Jason Sudeikis' role
8. Golden parachute recipients
9. U, on the road
10. One from Great Britain
11. Culture-growing turf
12. Bank on
15. Like an ignoramus
20. *Hugh Laurie's medical drama, nominated 25 times, that ended in 2012
22. Egg cells

24. Great Britain's anti-mob law (2 words)
25. "The Queen's Gambit" game
26. Blood carrier
27. Suggest
29. *Drag ball culture drama
31. Retired, shortened
32. "Get _____" Outstanding Comedy Series winner in 1968 and 69
33. Sainly glows
34. *Royalty chronicles, with The
36. Philadelphia's Ivy
38. Millimeter of mercury
42. "Vamos a la _____"
45. *What one needs to be nominated
49. Itinerary word
51. Old crone
54. Like Elvis's famous shoes
56. Digression
57. Much ado
58. Against, prefix
59. Violin's Renaissance predecessor
60. One less traveled
61. Os in XOXO
62. *The Handmaid's "story"
63. _____ top of _____
64. Captures
67. *Allison Janney's show

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Probate Notice

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

**Docket No. PR-8254
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
SANDRA J. LUND,
AKA SANDRA JUNE LUND
Deceased.**

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID
ESTATE:**

You are hereby notified that on the 16th day of August, 2021, the estate of Sandra J. Lund, aka Sandra June Lund, was admitted to probate by the above-named Court, and that Cassandra A. Perkins and Brianne K. Sherman were appointed Co-Administrators thereof.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to said decedent or to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to

the undersigned at 2120 Carey Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001.

Creditors having claims against said decedent or the estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of said Court, on or before three months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

Dated August 26, 2021

**Cassandra A. Perkins and Brianne K. Sherman
CO-ADMINISTRATORS**

Attorney for Estate
Long Reimer Winegar LLP
2120 Carey Avenue, Suit 300 (82001)
P.O. Box 87
Cheyenne, WY 82003-0087
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Police Blotter

August 8

Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Vehicle Vs. Deer Accident. Assist Other Agency. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Threats Made. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued.

August 9

Suspicious Person Reported. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. 911 Misdiagonal. 911 Misdiagonal. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Assist Other Agency. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Missing Child Reported, Child Found. Public Assist Requested. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Assist Other Agency. Minor Two Vehicle Accident Reported. Welfare Check Requested. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued.

August 10

Medical Assist. Bank Alarm Reported. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Assist Other Agency. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Suspicious Vehicle Reported. Arrest Warrant Issued.

August 11

Arrest Warrant Issued. Assist Other Agency. Assist Other Agency. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. VIN Inspection Requested. VIN Inspection Requested. Assist Other Agency, Arrest Made, Probation Violation.

August 12

Assist Other Agency. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Phone Fraud Reported. MIP Tobacco Reported. Assist Other Agency. Arrest Warrant Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. 911 Misdiagonal.

August 13

Suspicious Person Reported. Lost Property Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. Report of a Dog at Large. Public Assist. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Protection Order Issued.

August 14

Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Report of a Dog at Large. Gas Drive Off Reported.

August 15

Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Water Leak Reported. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. 911 Misdiagonal. Theft Reported. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Noise Complaint. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Medical Assist.

August 16

Report of a Dog at Large, Impounded. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Assist Other Agency.

August 17

Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued.

Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Complaint. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. VIN Inspection Requested. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Illegal Dumping Reported. Arrest Warrant issued. Suspicious Activity Reported. Noise Complaint. Motorist Assist.

August 18

Fire Reported. Assist Other Agency. Assist Other Agency. Harassment Reported. Warrant Arrest Made. Commercial Burglar Alarm Reported. Message Delivery Requested. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Arrest Warrant Issued.

August 19

Welfare Check Requested. VIN Inspection Requested. 911 Misdiagonal. Funeral Escort Requested. Assist Other Agency. VIN Inspection Requested. Extra Patrol Requested. Suspicious Person Reported. 911 Misdiagonal. Arrest Warrant Issued.

August 20

Assist Other Agency. Assist Other Agency. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. 911 Misdiagonal. Suspicious Person Reported. Assault Reported. 911 Misdiagonal. Found Animals Reported. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued.

August 21

Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Dog Bite Reported. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Report of a Dog at Large. Harassment Reported. Report of a Dog at Large, Impounded. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Report of a Dog at Large, Impounded.



Bid Notice

CALL FOR BIDS RADIOS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Newcastle, Wyoming will receive sealed bids for the purchase of the following: Dispatch radio console/terminal stations. The bid must include all Hardware, Software, Installation, Training, Subscriptions services, and on-going maintenance charges.

Complete specifications and related bid requirements for interested persons are available at Newcastle Police Department located at 25 N. Sumner St., Newcastle, Wyoming 82701.

Each bid must be received by the Newcastle City Clerk at the office of the Newcastle City Clerk, 10 W. Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701, on or before 5:00 p.m. on the 20th day of September, 2021 to be considered. All bids will be opened on the 20th day of September, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. by the Governing Body of the City in the City Council Chambers located at 10 W. Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701. The successful bidder, if any, shall be announced by the City at such time as the Governing Body of the City may determine appropriate, but no later than thirty (30) days from the date of bid opening. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted if it is determined that none of them would serve the public interest. If a contract is awarded, it shall be awarded to the bidder whose equipment and/or materials meet or exceed the minimum specifications of the bid and is, in the discretion of the Governing Body

of the City, the best equipment and/or materials for use by the City at the lowest bid price. Such factors as options, warranties, maintenance and repair statistics, and product design and function, in addition to bid price, shall be considered by the City in awarding this bid.

Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Bid for Dispatch Radios". Each bid must state an approximate installation date and schedule if the bid is accepted. In any event, installation must be made within (180) days from the date the bid is awarded and contracts are signed.

In accordance with Wyoming Statutes Sections 16-6-104 through 16-6-107, preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, agricultural products, equipment, machinery, software and provisions produced, manufactured, supplied or grown in Wyoming, quality being equal to articles offered by the competitors outside of the State.

The City reserves the right to waive any informality. The acceptance of any bid does not become final and contractually binding upon the city until a formal written contract is executed by the City and the requirements of Wyoming Statute Section 15-1-113 have been met.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2021.
CITY OF NEWCASTLE
Sam Keller Chief of Police

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Newcastle City Council Minutes

**CITY OF NEWCASTLE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021**

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ann McColley moved, seconded Daren Downs to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Don Steveson moved, seconded Ann McColley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Monday August 2, 2021; Executive Session Minutes of Monday, August 2, 2021, the minutes of the Special Council meeting of Monday August 9, 2021 and the Executive Session Minutes of Monday August 9, 2021 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOMINATIONS FOR RECOGNITION: None
CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION:

Tonya Mills was present to receive her certificate for her excellent work as Dispatcher during the emergency on July 27, 2021. Mayor Gualtieri read the letter of commendation from Dispatch Supervisor Melissa Stubbs.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—IN WRITING: None
CITIZEN'S BUSINESS—VERBAL: None
MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORT: None
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Police Chief Sam Keller reported on calls for service, 3431 YTD and 278 for the month of August so far.

City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James recommended retaining Mr. Mark Hughes and his son Dublin Hughes as the City's attorneys. Ann McColley moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to approve this recommendation. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. James then asked for a motion to waive a conflict of interest with Mr. Ogden Driskill because Mark Hughes currently represents Mr. Driskill on other legal matters. Don Steveson moved, seconded Ann McColley to waive this conflict of interest. **MOTION CARRIED.**

City Engineer Mike Moore reported on the Landfill #2 closure permit was approved as adequate to the DEQ. The road into the new Solid Waste District's landfill is complete. The Honor Camp Forestry crews will be down the end of September to do the cleaning along Cambria Creek. It is becoming difficult to get materials to complete repairs on water lines. The new paver is working well. The summer help is leaving and the shop is short-handed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: None
OTHER CITY BUSINESS: None

Michael Alexander moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to go into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. reference contracts. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ann McColley moved, seconded Daren Downs to return to regular session at 9:07 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.** Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Michael Alexander to rescind the previous motion made on July 6, 2021 to pay Weston County \$294,592.50 for dispatch equipment and software. **MOTION CARRIED.** Michael Alexander moved, seconded Ann McColley to bid out the equipment needed to replace the radio consoles in dispatch. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY: Michael Alexander moved, seconded Tyrel Owens to pay the claims against the City dated August 16, 2021. **MOTION CARRIED.** Tyrel Owens moved, seconded Don Steveson to adjourn this regular meeting of the Newcastle City Council at 9:10 p.m. Meeting stands adjourned.

Claims: Ad-Pro Office Supply, office supplies, \$8.44; Advanced Drug Testing, Inc., DOT testing, \$26.00; Ameri-Tech Equipment Co., cylinder, \$2920.23; Axon Enterprises, Inc., computer cable, \$52.25; BCN Telecom, Inc., long distance service, \$151.74; Bearlodge Engineering & Surveying, engineering services, \$23,322.50; Black Hills Energy, electric service, \$173.02; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming, employee medical insurance, \$41,508.00; Bobcat of Gillette, hose couplers, \$411.80; Butler Machinery Co., parts, \$29.20; Cambria Supply, supplies/materials, \$2756.05; Century Link, E-911 services, \$953.20; CNA Surety, notary bonds, \$100.00; Croell, Inc., payout retainage, \$6498.75; Culligan Water Conditioning, bottled water, \$90.00; Deckers Food Center, house-keeping supplies, \$43.31; Delta Dental of Wyoming, employee dental insurance, \$2291.00; Double D, gloves/parts, \$83.46; Eastern Wyoming Equipment Co., Inc., parts, \$3169.33; Energy Laboratories, Inc., water sample testing, \$154.00; Farnsworth Services Co., Inc., portable sanitation, \$600.00; Ferguson Waterworks #1116, water meters, \$17,106.24; Fisher Sand & Gravel, gravel/base course, \$1443.42; Galls, stinger/keys, \$578.34; Gateway Travel Center, fuel purchases, \$3356.23; Hansen Equipment, trimmer line, \$205.50; Heartland Kobota, LLC, parts, \$2237.52; Hurricane Services, vac truck, landfill, \$2950.00; J.P. Cooke Co., dog tags, \$74.00; Kois Brothers Equipment Co., parts, \$324.28; La Crosse Technology, water gauge, \$31.95; Laboratory Corp of America, DOT Testing, \$30.65; Mastercard, fuel purchases/misc., \$1948.39; Modern Marketing, Inc., drug test pouch, \$873.72; Mountain View Plumbing & Heating, terminate water line, \$103.00; National Assoc. of Chiefs of Police, membership, \$60.00; Newcastle Equipment Co., truck parts/repair, \$11,963.04; Newcastle Police Dept., reimburse petty cash, \$120.00; News Letter Journal, legal/office supplies/ads, \$2493.97; NORCO, Inc., welding cylinder rent, \$51.85; Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc., pipe/fittings/parts, \$6895.40; Office Shop Inc., office copy charge, \$45.75; Office Shop Leasing, copier lease, \$71.45; One Call of Wyoming, utility locates, \$53.25; Productivity Plus Account, parts, \$1105.00; Range, phone service, \$151.28; Range, city share phones, \$341.28; Range, phone service, \$884.39; Rapid Delivery Service, parts delivery, \$15.30; Genell Rothleutner, PD cleaning, \$200.00; Salt Creek Veterinary Clinic, animal euthanasia, \$60.00; Salt Creek Water District, sewer service, \$555.00; Short Stop Fuel Mart, fuel purchases, \$4901.23; Jerry Shunk, water deposit refund, \$100.00; Simon North Region SD, retainage payout, \$7914.43; Sundance Extinguisher, service, repair/new, \$2444.50; Titan Machinery-Gillette, new mini paver, \$46,050.00; Top Office Products, Inc., PD copy charge, \$66.58; Transource, gutter broom & brooms, \$1509.36; Trugreen-Chemlawn, FD fertilizer, \$119.00; US Identification Manual, subscription, \$82.50; Valli Information Systems, credit card service, \$100.00; Becky Vodopich, office cleaning, \$300.00; Voelker's Autobody/Glass, AC & vehicle repair, \$3292.75; Voice Products Service, LLC, annual maintenance, \$3756.00; Weston County Road & Bridge, fuel purchases, \$298.67; Weston County Treasurer, airport exp/heat/lights/phone, \$732.08; Weston County True Value, building materials, \$63.36; Wilder Graphic Design, PD shirts, \$222.58; Woody's Food Center, housekeeping supplies, \$230.90; Wyoming Dept. of Transportation, license plates, \$10.00.

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

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON VARIANCE REQUEST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Paul and LaQueta Tiegen Grumman have requested a variance with the City of Newcastle Board of Adjustment. Mr. and Mrs. Grumman request a variance to install a carport within the front and side yard setback of lot 5, block 2 of the Black Hills Views Addition addressed as 113 Frontier Ave, Newcastle, Wyoming. The location is a R-1 Zoning District. Pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Newcastle, Wyoming, a carport is defined as a structure which when placed must meet setback requirements.

ALSO TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the

requested variance will occur on September 1, 2021 at 5:40 p.m. in front of the City of Newcastle, Wyoming Board of Adjustment at the City of Newcastle, Wyoming Council Chambers, located at 10 W. Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming, 82701.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2021.

By: Michael Moore, PE
Zoning Administration
City of Newcastle
10. W. Warwick
Newcastle, Wyoming 82701

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Budget cuts hurt LCCC

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Laramie County Community College experienced the largest reduction in state funding in its history last fall, and the loss of \$8 million impacted not only the upcoming fall semester, but the future of the college.

“There’s no better term to explain our fiscal environment right now than chaos,” LCCC President Joe Schaffer said during his State of the College address Monday.

Even with emergency funding due to the pandemic and federal stimulus programs, the college is struggling to navigate the funding cuts,

he said.

The administration is not unaccustomed to this kind of financial restriction, though. According to LCCC financial records, over the past decade, there has been a downward trend in stable funding to community colleges in the area.

Ten years ago, funding from the state’s biennium budget to LCCC was \$192 million. Going into the 2023- 24 biennium, only \$147 million will be allocated to the local college. Taking into account inflation and other economic factors, this was a loss of more than \$98 million in funding to

the school.

And in the past four years, there has been a cut in state funding to LCCC by 25%.

“There’s been a mantra that we need smaller government and less state spending,” Schaffer said. “And if that is our goal, what I can tell you is that we are accomplishing it when it comes to higher education.”

One of the ways LCCC has managed to function throughout these cuts to state aid is through its major one-time funding, which often comes in the form of private donations and investments.

Gas prices fall in last week

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Wyoming gas prices have fallen 4.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.52 per gallon Monday, according to GasBuddy.com’s daily survey of 494 stations in Wyoming.

Gas prices in Wyoming are 9.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago, and stand \$1.37 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the

cheapest station in Wyoming was priced at \$2.97 per gallon Monday, while the most expensive was \$4.27, a difference of \$1.30 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 3.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.14 per gallon Monday. The national average is unchanged from a month ago and stands 96.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

Large-scale training scheduled

RAWLINS (WNE) — Residents and motorists in southeast Wyoming, especially in and around Camp Guernsey and the Muddy Gap area north of Rawlins, can expect to see an increased military presence of low-flying aircraft from Sept. 11-17.

U.S. Air Force units are

partnering with state agencies to support a multi-state Rally in the Rockies training exercise that will include various operations in Wyoming, Colorado and Utah.

The training will use multiple cargo and fighter aircraft, along with ground crews from other service branches.

The goal of the large-

scale training is to refresh skills, knowledge and techniques that have not been used since before 2000, according to a press release from the Wyoming Military Department.

The training is not open to the public and there will be no public parking or services at or near the sites.

Harmful cyanobacteria returns

LARAMIE (WNE) — In what’s become an annual late-summer happening, a handful of waters in southeast Wyoming are under an advisory from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality for harmful cyanobacterial blooms.

Advisories are in place for West Granite Springs Reservoir, Leazenby Lake, Saratoga Reservoir, Wheatland Reservoir No. 3 and Pathfinder Reservoir.

Hazardous cyanobacterial blooms are dense concentrations of cyanobacteria — also sometimes called blue-green algae — that pose a health risk to humans, pets, livestock and wildlife. In humans, health effects include rashes, itching, numbness, nausea, fatigue, disorientation, abdominal pain, vomiting and diarrhea.

In extreme cases, toxins may lead to pet, livestock or wildlife death.

Normally, cyanobacteria are present in water bodies at low levels and are part of the aquatic ecosystem. Toxic concentrations can look like grass clippings, bluegreen scum or spilled paint.

Lindsay Patterson, surface water quality standards supervisor for the DEQ, said blooms tend to occur as water temperatures warm, making August and September the peak season. Other factors that influence production include water depth, dominant wind direction, water movement and the presence of nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus.

Some nutrients occur naturally, while others are introduced to water bodies from municipal wastewater, agriculture runoff, fossil fuel pollution, septic systems, fertilizer and pet waste.

In any body of water under an advisory, the bloom might only be occurring in a certain area. Such bodies are still open for recreation, although visitors should use caution. Recreationists should avoid contact with water in the vicinity of a bloom and make sure pets and livestock stay out of the water. Animals that come into contact with water should be rinsed with clean water as soon as possible.

Updated information about current advisories is available at wyohcbs.org.

Yellowstone ends fishing closure

JACKSON (WNE) — It’s once again OK to fish Yellowstone’s rivers and streams in the afternoon and evening.

The national park rescinded a 2 p.m. fishing closure it had ordered on July 24 in response to high water temperatures and unprecedented low stream flows in rivers and streams.

Conditions at the time were stressful and even fatal for trout, but now they’re better.

“Water temperatures are now well below thermal thresholds for trout, and flows are returning to long-term averages,” a press release said.

Even though anglers can resume fishing from sunrise to sunset, Yellowstone asked for

some consideration.

“Do not play hooked trout to exhaustion,” the press release said. “Gently handle and release them quickly after they have revived. Your cooperation will protect the park fisheries and may preclude the need to prohibit fishing again this season should conditions worsen in rivers and creeks.”

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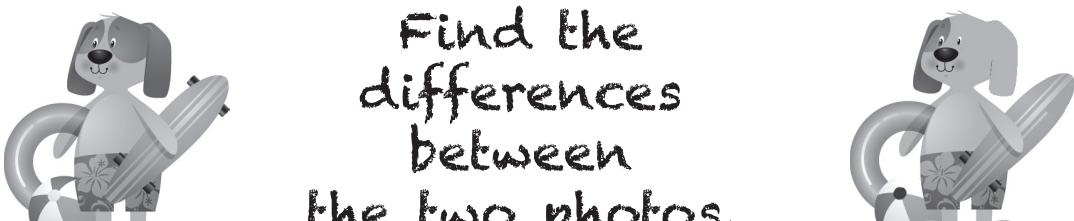
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Recent Black Hills Energy public notice distilled

Bri Weigel
NLJ Correspondent

Black Hills Power, also known as Black Hills Energy, recently posted a public notice in the *News Letter Journal* regarding a “decrease in the standard rate for purchasing power from qualifying Small Power Production or Cogeneration Facilities tariffs.” The *News Letter Journal* followed up with Marc Eyre, vice president of operations for Black Hills Energy, to understand the impact of the change for Weston County residents.

First, Eyre clarified that the notice is for the Black Hills Power Business Unit, which includes the Newcastle, Upton and Osage areas. He said the public notice only affects one customer at this time, therefore imposing minimal impact on the communities at large.

“It’s a routine filing that we do every two years where we update the standard rate. If somebody installs a solar or wind generation on their home or business, this is the rate that we pay them for the excess power that they put back on the grid,” Eyre said.

The public notice stated, “On July 1, Black Hills Power submitted an application to decrease the standard rate for purchasing power from qualifying Small Power Production or Cogeneration facilities by \$0.00228 per kilowatt

hour to a proposed rate of \$0.02141.”

Eyre further explained that these rates only affect those with a design capacity of 25 kilowatts or above. If customers are below 25 kilowatts, they are placed on a different net metering system. Only one customer in the Black Hills Power Business Unit has a design capacity high enough to be affected by the change in rates. Eyre said the proposed rates reflect actual energy costs.

“We are paying them for the energy they are putting back on the system at the rate that we would pay for that energy,” Eyre said.

If customers generate more energy than they consume, Black Hills Power pays them for that energy. The rate at which the company pays the customer for energy is based on what the market is for that power, which is updated every two years, according to Eyre.

Eyre said the company helps customers wanting to install cogeneration (i.e., solar or wind generation) in a safe and efficient manner.

“We want to help them (customers) meet their energy needs, so if they want to install cogeneration, we certainly work with them on the process so they connect,” Eyre said. “The wind doesn’t always blow and the sun doesn’t always shine, so we want to make sure they have the network backup when their facilities aren’t running.”

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