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Dogie Theatre under new ownership

Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent

While working at the Dogie Theatre for nearly a decade, Daren Downs said, he knew he always wanted to run a theater on his own someday. That dream turned into a reality when he became the new owner of the

theater on July 1. Downs purchased the Dogie Theatre, previously owned and operated by the late Gerald Bullard, from Geju Theaters.

"I worked there when I was in high school, and I always liked it," he said.

Downs worked in the ticket booth and projections, but now he has been

learning the business aspect of the theater industry through all of the bookkeeping and paperwork. The work that goes into running a theater — which includes booking the movie, ordering the posters and filling out credit applications — was more than he originally anticipated, but with the hardest part behind him Downs said he

has no regrets or second thoughts. "Now it's just show the movie and have fun," he said.

Downs loves the "big screen experience," and he wants to keep "the big screen alive" in the community. His favorite part about owning the theater is being able to run concessions — something he hasn't done before in

his previous theater experience — because it allows him to engage with the community.

"It's fun just to see people and talk to them. That's the best part of it," he said.

"I simply love the theater experience,

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Into the home stretch



Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

Hana Alexander, a sixth-grader at Newcastle Middle School, competed in her first cross country meet Thursday, Aug. 25. The meet was in Newcastle, at the Newcastle Country Club. Runners from various communities came to Newcastle to compete. Spectators had the opportunity to watch both high school and middle school runners compete.

Precip does little for fire conditions

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

It is a little wetter out there... but not wet enough.

Areas in and around Newcastle received roughly 1.24 inches of rain last week, with reports from Osage recording 1.26 inches of rain on Thursday evening alone, according to Susan Sanders, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

Despite the rainfall, Weston County Fire Warden Daniel Tysdal reports that the fire danger is still high. "Even though parts of the

county have had some beneficial rain recently, fuel conditions are still critically dry from the ongoing drought, in addition to the normal season drying that occurs this time of year," he said. "We have an abundance of fuel from the moisture we received earlier in the season, and fuels are now completely cured and will easily carry fire."

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 100% of Weston County is listed as being abnormally dry. Of that 100%, 10.10% is listed as being in moderate drought.

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Unemployment down to 2.3%

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NLJ News Editor

Weston County's unemployment fell to 2.3% in July as businesses across Newcastle have had to resort to limiting hours and even closing completely due to staffing shortages.

In recent weeks, Family Dollar, Wayback Burgers and The West End have all closed and/or limited their hours of operations due to a lack of staff to fill shifts. Other local employers, including Weston County Health Services and Weston County School District No. 1, have also cited issues filling staffing needs.

With a labor force of 3,632 people, 83 people in Weston County are currently listed as unemployed, according to the July report from the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services Research

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Local girl PRs at National Little Britches Rodeo finals

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Seventh-grader Joslyn Pischke has grown up riding horses on her ranch outside of Newcastle, and this summer she really began to take the reins herself when she qualified for the National Little Britches Rodeo Finals held July 3-10 in Guthrie, Okla.

"I like the competition. I like going out there. I like when all the work does pay off. It's an awesome feeling that can't be replaced with anything else," Joslyn said.

This was her first year competing in the Little Britches series, and she qualified in goat tying — her favorite event — and put up her best time of

9.6 seconds at the Oklahoma event. That was her first time under 10 seconds, and next year, she hopes to be in the 8-second range.

"It was really cool to qualify my first year," Joslyn said. "I want to improve my time in goat tying again."

In order to qualify, Joslyn had to attend qualifying rodeos and place in the top seven at six of those rodeos in each event. She competed in goat tying, barrels and breakaway, and she aspires to qualify in all three.

Joslyn knows it will take a lot of work to get there, but she is determined to put in the effort because she loves doing it. Joslyn even began raising her own goats, according to her mom, Jill, to ensure she

has enough stock available to practice on.

"I'm really excited. I like just going all summer. ... It's super busy, but it's a lot of fun," Joslyn said. "We practice as much as we can, whenever we can."

Jill is the advisor for the local FFA club, and she said their summers fill up quickly between preparing for and traveling to rodeos, but they've found a system that works and still allows them to get the chores done. Growing up competing in rodeos herself, she said that it has been very rewarding watching her daughter excel in something for which they share a love.

"She has a passion for it, so she has the interest to do it.

I think she's been successful because she puts in the time and effort — it's not me dragging her out of bed," Jill said. "I know how hard she works, so I'm always glad when I see her make good times."

Joslyn's natural competitive spirit, which she credits to her

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Photo courtesy of Jan Farella
Joslyn Pischke qualified for goat tying in National Little Britches Rodeo Finals. This is her favorite event because of the harder challenge it presents with the multiple steps involved, including "sticking the landing" as Joslyn is pictured doing here.



WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 93, Lo 64



Friday
Sunny
Hi 87, Lo 58



Saturday
Sunny
Hi 89, Lo 61



Sunday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 93 Lo 60



Monday
Sunny
Hi 91, Lo 61



Tuesday
Sunny
Hi 89, Lo 60



Wednesday
Sunny
Hi 91, Lo 59



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Main Street gets road work

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Newcastle's Main Street will be getting a little work-over before fall arrives, and residents who hope to do business downtown will have to find someplace else to park.

Anyone who leaves vehicles parked on U.S. Highway 16A Business Route will need to move those vehicles by Sept. 12, according to an Aug. 25 Wyoming Department of Transportation press release. The department plans to chip seal from South Railroad Avenue to the U.S. 16 bypass intersection, and any vehicles that are still in the way will be hauled off.

Chip seal projects were resumed by the department on Aug. 26, after a brief break for the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The department uses chip sealing to increase traction and to preserve the roadway.

"WYDOT asks Newcastle residents on that route to please remove any vehicles from the street so the chip sealing operation can be completed," the release says. "Any vehicles left on the roadway will be towed at the owner's expense."

The Newcastle project is expected to begin after the completion of the chip seal project on Wyoming Highway 50 from Gillette to Savageton. The time-line for the Gillette project is Sept. 8-12.

"We will then relocate to U.S.

16A Business Route and portions of U.S. 16 in Newcastle," the release states.

The release notes that all schedules are weather permitting.

Motorists traveling on these routes should expect short delays as they navigate through the chip seal paving operations.

"Pilot cars will escort motorists through work zones at lower speeds so as not to kick up gravel that could potentially result in broken windshields. Motorists are advised to also avoid the black asphalt emulsion and to maintain a respectable distance behind the car ahead of them," the release says.

Motorists are asked to obey all traffic control directions and eliminate distractions.

Time to make sauerkraut

Fall is the perfect time to make sauerkraut! The late-season varieties of cabbage contain more natural sugars that help with fermentation. Sauerkraut means "sour cabbage" in German.

To make sauerkraut, cabbage is used in a process called fermentation. Natural fermentation is one of the oldest means of food preservation. In cabbage, there are beneficial bacteria present on the surface. Salt draws liquid from the cabbage and causes the sugars in the cabbage to ferment. When submerged in brine, the bacteria begins to convert sugars in the cabbage into lactic acid. Lactic acid is a natural preservative that prevents the growth of harmful bacteria.

Making small batches of sauerkraut in quart, half gallon, and gallon jars is popular. There are kits, jars, and tools available for making kraut. Sauerkraut made in small batches ferments much more quickly than in huge containers.

Sauerkraut can be made from cabbage purchased at the market. Sauerkraut is commonly made from white or pale green cabbage, although it can also be made from red cabbage. When making sauerkraut from fresh-picked cabbage, it is best to wait one to two days after harvesting to make it. For the best results, select mature, firm heads of disease-free cabbage.

A one-gallon jar or crock will hold five pounds of shredded cabbage, and a five-gallon container holds 25 pounds. Use glass, stone, glass, or food-grade plastic containers. Do not use lead-glazed crocks, copper, iron, or galvanized metal containers, garbage bags, or trash liners for fermenting cabbage.

Sauerkraut Recipe

- 1-quart wide-mouth jar: 1 ¼ pounds cabbage*, 2 ¼ teaspoons pickling salt
- ½ gallon wide-mouth jar: 2 ½ pounds cabbage*, 4 ½ teaspoons pickling salt
- 1-gallon jar: 5 pounds cabbage*
- 3 Tablespoons pickling salt

* Cabbage can be weighed before or after shredding.

Instructions:

Wash hands thoroughly before beginning. Remove outer leaves from the cabbage. Rinse the cabbage heads with cold water and drain. Once drained, cut the heads in halves or quarters and remove the cores. Trim and discard any damaged areas.

Shred or slice cabbage using a sharp knife, cabbage slicer, mandolin, or food processor. The shreds should be long and thin, 1/16 to 1/8 - inch thick, or about the thickness of a quarter.

Put the shredded cabbage in a large bowl and sprinkle pickling salt evenly over the cabbage. With gloved or clean hands, thoroughly mix the salt into the cabbage, massage and squeezing firmly to help release liquid from the cabbage. As the salt is mixed with the cabbage, the cabbage will begin to wilt. Once the salt has dissolved, and the cabbage is juicy, start packing

the cabbage firmly into the jar. Use your fist or wooden tamper to firmly and evenly press the cabbage into the jar in layers. The juice will be coming from the cabbage as it is packed.

The juice will need to cover the cabbage. It is essential to leave at least three to four inches of head space between the cabbage and the top of the jar. If your cabbage is not covered in juice, add boiled and cooled brine prepared with 1 1/8 teaspoon salt in 1 cup of water until the cabbage is covered. Keep the cabbage submerged at all times to avoid surface mold growth. Wipe the edges of the jar top.

You are now ready to put a weight on the sauerkraut to keep the liquid covering the cabbage during the fermentation period. Fill a small freezer-weight plastic bag filled with brine (1 1/8 teaspoon salt in 1 cup of water). Then, place the bag weight on top of the cabbage in the jar. Set the jar on a tray or pan to collect the juice that may leak out during fermentation.

Store the container at 70-75°F while fermenting. The sauerkraut will be fully fermented at this temperature range in one to two weeks. Above 75°F, sauerkraut may become soft. At 60-65°F, fermentation may take two to three weeks. Sauerkraut may not ferment at temperatures lower than 60°F. If making a small batch of kraut, check it daily, as it ferments quickly. A good test to see if the sauerkraut is ready is to smell and taste it. It should smell and taste like sauerkraut, not sour or salted cabbage or wine. The cabbage should remain firm, not soft or slimy.

When the sauerkraut taste is to your liking, it is time to stop the fermentation, and it is ready to eat. Maintain a high level of cleanliness and follow research-tested procedures to have the greatest success in producing safe, high-quality products such as sauerkraut. For several months, fermented sauerkraut may be kept in an airtight container in the refrigerator. It may be canned or frozen for long-term storage.

Sauerkraut that is naturally fermented packs more than just a punch of flavor; it is also good for you. Sauerkraut is a low-calorie food. It has about 20 calories per half-cup. Sauerkraut is rich in fiber, vitamins, and minerals. Its probiotics also help your body absorb these nutrients more efficiently, making sauerkraut more nutritious than raw cabbage or coleslaw.

Sauerkraut is relatively high in sodium because of the salt used in fermentation. Reduce the sodium content, as well as the tartness, by rinsing sauerkraut in cold water before using. Sauerkraut can be served in many ways. Sauerkraut is an excellent addition to salads, sandwiches, and wraps, pairs well with eggs, and is wonderful on sausages.

(Sources: Oregon State University Extension Service; Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service; Complete Guide to Home Canning, 2015 revision, USDA Bulletin No. 539)



Vicki Hayman
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Notes

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Dr. Lochmann: To schedule appointments call 605-755-6700..... N/A

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Heart Doctors: To schedule appointments call 800-432-7822

Dr. D'Urso N/A
Dr. A. Schabauer N/A
Dr. Hatanelas N/A

VA Clinic: (Usually 1st Monday of month, except holidays).....Sept. 19

Mammography: Call 746-3704 to schedule an appointment

MRI: Sept. 1, Sept. 15, Sept. 29

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. 7

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)

To schedule appointments call 746-3553 Sept. 7, Sept. 21

Weston County Newcastle Clinic Specialists

Endocrinologist: John Palmer, DO (3rd Thursday of every other month) Sept. 15

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WYOMING CONSTITUTION TO BE VOTED ON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 8, 2022

Underlined words would be added to existing law. Words stricken through will be removed.

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution to allow local government entities to invest in stocks and equities upon a two-thirds vote of both houses of the legislature; and providing a ballot statement.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING, two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting separately, concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposal to amend Wyoming Constitution, Article 16, Section 6 (a) (ii) by creating a new subparagraph (C) is proposed for submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the next general election for approval or rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

Article 16, Section 6. Loan of credit; donations prohibited; investment of funds; works of internal improvement.

(a) Neither the state nor any county, city, township, town, school district, or any other political subdivision, shall:

(ii) Subscribe to or become the owner of the capital stock of any association or corporation, except that:

(C) The legislature may provide by law for the investment of county, city, township, town, school district, or any other political subdivision's funds in the capital stock of any association or corporation and may designate which of these funds may be invested. The legislature may prescribe different investment conditions for each type and class of political subdivision and for each type of fund. Any legislation establishing or increasing the percentage of any fund that may be invested under this subparagraph shall be passed only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the members of each of the two (2) houses voting separately.

Section 2. That the Secretary of State shall endorse the following statement on the proposed amendment:

The Wyoming Constitution allows the state to invest state funds in equities such as the stock of corporations, but does not allow the funds of counties, cities and other political subdivisions to be invested in equities. The adoption of this amendment would allow the funds of counties, cities and other political subdivisions to be invested in equities to the extent and in the manner the legislature may allow by law. Any law authorizing the investment of specified political subdivision funds in equities would require a two-thirds vote of both houses of the legislature.

CORRECTIONS

In the story "School board filings open" in the Aug. 25 edition of the News Letter Journal, the name of Paul David Bau was incorrectly listed as David Bau, as a candidate for Weston County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees.

In the Aug. 25 article, "Newcastle's chicken ordinance faces opposition," it was stated that Newcastle City Council decided to increase the cleaning of the coops from once every two weeks to once a week and to not allow live feed, "upon the suggestion of former councilman Linda Hunt." Hunt did provide comment on the live feed, however, she did not suggest the increase of coop cleaning.



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Our View

Ripping back the veil

Government transparency is something we are passionate about at the News Letter Journal. We fight for your right, as citizens, to know as much as possible about government meetings and actions. We admit that on occasion we may appear aggressive in this battle to make sure that you, the people, know what your government is doing, but that fighting spirit comes from our desire that your government truly works for you, the people.

At all times. In recent months, we have shared with you numerous transparency failures on the part of various local government agencies and public entities. Some members of those organizations react by claiming our drive to improve transparency is simply cruel or even rude, but others accept our aggressive defense of the public's right to know for what it is, and make necessary adjustments to serve you better.

We are very pleased to report that Newcastle's city government, led by specific examples of better transparency from Councilman Tyrel Owens and Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Haggerty, have chosen the latter path after the newspaper questioned the city council's commitment to open government. Their actions have been supported by other city leaders, who have also made adjustments and shown a desire to increase transparency in city government in various ways.

A simple look at the council's agenda or minutes will reveal the changes implemented by Haggerty since an NLJ editorial asked for more information to be provided to the public through those documents.

The agenda in particular is more detailed, and includes specific items that department heads will address in the meeting. Prior to the change, agendas just indicated that department heads would speak at the meeting, with no mention of the topics to be discussed, and we are grateful that the public can now be made aware of the subjects that will be tackled by the council.

Haggerty has also begun to include in the agenda any action items that will be undertaken at the meeting, ordinances that will be discussed by the council, the specific

purposes of scheduled executive sessions and the topics that will be introduced during standing committee reports. All of these things were nonexistent on city council meeting agendas just a few short months ago.

The city council minutes are also more detailed and include information that often was only available through follow-up phone calls and additional questioning. Any resident can now read the minutes published in this newspaper after each meeting, and know not only the actions the council has taken but also some of the discussion behind those actions.

Councilman Owens has set a great example by making it a point to communicate with Haggerty about what he plans on bringing to the board so she can include it in the agenda. There once was a time when the agenda simply listed "mayor/council member reports" or a "standing committee report," but when Owens brings an item for discussion under these headings the specific topic of discussion is included.

Members of the public benefit by knowing exactly what Owens plans to introduce to the council and can plan to be involved if it is a topic they are interested in. Other council members can also prepare accordingly, and the community is served better because their leaders come into meetings informed and engaged.

At a time when trust in government is very low, transparency on the part of our leaders is more important than ever. We are happy to report that Mayor Pam Gualtieri and the Newcastle City Council have acknowledged the urgent need for government to raise the bar on transparency and rebuild the trust their constituents need to have in the system — if the system has any hope at all of working.

Transparency is often uncomfortable, but secrecy on the part of local governments is unacceptable. We urge other decision-makers in Weston County to begin demonstrating their own commitment to being open and honest with "the people" they serve, and we thank Newcastle's leaders for taking obvious and visible steps to correct a problem that exists on far too many boards in Weston County.

We sincerely hope others will follow the example.

POLL of the WEEK

QUESTION: Which Dogie team will have the most successful season?

- Cross Country
- Football
- Girls Swimming
- Volleyball

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

RESULTS: Are the results of the 2022 Primary Election what you were hoping for?

- Yes 29% (5 votes)
- No 71% (12 votes)

Deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon on Friday

The Brown decision and America's commitment to equality

“If it was not the most important decision in the history of the Court,” Justice Stanley Reed observed of *Brown v. Board of Education*, “it was very close.”

The Supreme Court's opinion in *Brown*, delivered on May 17, 1954, held segregation in public schools unconstitutional, a decision that paved the way for the removal of racial discrimination from American law. By any measurement, the ruling placed *Brown* in the pantheon of America's greatest judicial decisions.

Justice Reed, the last of the three Southern members of the Court to join Chief Justice Earl Warren's unanimous opinion, who had concluded that there were no factors outweighing “a fair treatment of Negroes,” had tears in his eyes as he and his Brethren, and a packed courtroom of reporters and observers, listened to the Chief Justice read his entire opinion, one more closely guarded than any in the history of the High Tribunal.

Chief Justice Warren took unprecedented steps to protect the secrecy of the Court's opinion. The Justices agreed that a decision of such magnitude should be written and delivered by the Chief Justice.

The extreme secrecy of the drafting of Warren's opinion, a reflection of the Court's understanding of the impact of the decision in the South, was summed up by Warren's note: “I need hardly add that the type-writing was done under conditions of strictest security.”

The Justices' efforts to maintain secrecy meant withholding from their law clerks word of

the Court's decision to overturn *Plessy v. Ferguson*. There was no entry of any action placed in the Court's docket, kept by the Justices and shared with their clerks. It was agreed that the only clerks that would be involved would be Warren's and that any written communications would be delivered to the Justices personally.

Warren's usual approach to drafting an opinion was abandoned in *Brown*, in the name of security. Typically, he left the drafting of opinions to his clerks, after orally outlining the facts of the case and the desired conclusion. Clerks would fill in the reasoning and supply the necessary footnotes. In *Brown*, however, Warren wrote the first draft, entitled “Memorandum,” in pencil on yellow legal pads. The draft ran nine pages. It reflected Warren's penchant

for opinions that were short, free of technical jargon and Latin phrases and, most of all, accessible to lay readers. Like Justice Hugo Black, Warren believed that Supreme Court opinions should be written for the general public. Warren's draft was remarkably like the final opinion, which underwent review by his clerks and the Justices.

After Chief Justice Warren finished his draft opinion, he informed his clerks of the Court's unanimous decision to overturn *Plessy* and swore them to secrecy. He noted that nobody beyond the Justices themselves knew of the decision, not even his wife. The clerks were given the weekend to work over his draft opinion. When the “team effort” was finished, Warren personally delivered the opinion to his colleagues, in their chambers. As it happened, Justice Black's copy was delivered to him while he was playing tennis in Alexandria, Virginia. The final draft was printed on May 13, four days before the opinion was announced, and locked away in a vault. No copies were made.

On May 17, the Justices informed their law clerks that they would want to attend the Court's announcement of its ruling on *Brown*, known as “the segregation case.” Chief Justice Warren later noted that there was a palpable tension

in the courtroom. Anticipation of the Court's ruling was high, and the room was filled, with reporters standing at the back of the room, ready to race to telephones to share the ruling with their editors. The wives of the Justices were in court that day, a rare occurrence reserved for historic rulings. Justice Robert Jackson, who lay critically in a local hospital, dragged himself to the Supreme Court to demonstrate “our solidarity.” At 12:52 p.m., after the Court had announced its rulings in other cases, Chief Justice Warren stated: “I have for announcement the judgment and opinion of the Court” in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*.

Warren's deep voice filled the Marble Palace. He provided, first, the background of the case, that “Plaintiff Negroes” were seeking admission to public schools on a non-segregated basis. Under *Plessy v. Ferguson* and separate-but-equal, they were denied relief. They asserted that segregated schools were not “equal” to schools that white children attended and that they could not be made equal, which violated the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.

Warren next turned to the great question presented in the case: “We must look to the effect of segregation itself on

public education.” The Chief stated, “Today, education is perhaps the most important function of state and local governments. It is doubtful that any child may reasonably be expected to succeed in life if he is denied the opportunity of an education. Such an opportunity, where the state has undertaken to provide it, is a right which must be available to all on equal terms.”

And then, Warren asked the crucial question: Does segregation of children in public schools based solely on race, deprive Black children of equal educational opportunities?

We turn next week to the content of the Court's answer.

David Adler, Ph.D., is a noted author who lectures nationally and internationally on the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and presidential power. His scholarly writings have been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court and lower courts by both Democrats and Republicans in the U.S. Congress. Adler's column is supported, in part, through a grant from Wyoming Humanities funded by the “Why it Matters: Civic and Electoral Participation” initiative, administered by the Federation of State Humanities Councils and funded by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Adler can be reached at david.adler@alturasinstitute.com.

Angell fought for government transparency across Wyoming

With the death of Jim Angell last week, a powerful voice for openness and transparency in government fell silent.

Angell, who served for many years as the executive director of the Wyoming Press Association, kept a vigilant eye on any bills to come before the Wyoming Legislature that might have restricted the public's access to information. He made trips across the state for years conducting many workshops

educating elected officials at all levels of government, reporters and anyone who would listen about Wyoming's

open meetings and public record laws. He was willing to battle anyone breaking the laws on open meetings and public records. Angell was

awarded the WPA's Milton Chilcott Award in 2019 for his “extraordinary efforts to defend access to public information.” It is impossible to measure how

much impact Angell had on transparency in government.

When Mark Gordon ran for governor, he said he was committed to making government more transparent and accessible. He has lived up to that claim.

Within days of getting elected as Wyoming State Auditor, Kristi Racines made Wyoming's checkbook open and available for public examination.

Much has been accomplished, but much still needs to be done.

Government officials at all levels across Wyoming are becoming more


transparent and less work is being done in secret meetings and executive sessions.

Even some non-government boards not regulated by state laws are seeing the value and importance of transparency and the potential pitfalls of keeping things secret from the public.

Openness and transparency are vital for communities and individuals to trust their elected officials and boards.

Jim Angell's voice is now silent, but his unwavering passion for openness in government has begun to take hold across the state.

Cody Enterprise
By John Malmberg
Guest Editorial
August 24, 2022




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In Loving Memory:
Jacob Alan Coy
*August 5, 1998-
August 31, 2012*

We still miss you, as the days and years pass by
We still miss you, as the pain of grief softens
We still miss you, as new memories are made
We still miss you, as we smile and laugh
We still miss you, today and every day
We still miss you!

We are comforted and strengthened by the promise
of our Heavenly Father that He is with us every
step of our healing journey.
Sadly missed by the family of Jacob Coy.

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Obituaries

GRETCHEN MARYLOU FOERTSCH
Aug. 21, 1948–Aug. 20, 2022

Funeral services for Gretchen Foertsch, 73-year-old Buffalo resident who passed away Aug. 20, 2022, at the Amie Holt Care Center in Buffalo, will be held Saturday, Sept. 3, at 2 p.m. at Harness Funeral Home in Buffalo, with Pastor Rene Castillero officiating.



Gretchen Foertsch

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Sept. 1, from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Harness Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at Willow Grove Cemetery in Buffalo, with graveside services to follow the funeral.

Donations in Gretchen's memory may be made to the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation to speed a cure at michaeljfox.org/donate. Online condolences may be made at harnessfuneralhome.com, where the service will also be live-streamed.

CONSTANCE CHARLETTE (MARTIN) (MICHELI) VASQUEZ-FLOREZ

April 7, 1946–Aug. 19, 2022

Constance Charolette (Martin) (Micheli) Vasquez-Florez, born in Garden City, Kan., on April 7, 1946, the oldest of six children, peacefully passed away Aug. 19, 2022, surrounded by loved ones and friends.

Her parents, Calvin C. Martin and Norma Jean Parker, precede her, as well as her brother, Rocky, and sister, Janet.

Connie married John J. Micheli Sr. on May 17, 1963, and had seven children with him, who all survive her. John Sr. passed in 2008. Her surviving children are John J. Micheli, Jr., (Suzie), Annette M. Gonzales (her caregiver), Stephanie S. Martinez (Orlando), Charolette M. Anderson, Mick M., Christine C. Micheli, Elizabeth Micheli (Adam). She is also survived by 27 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.



Constance Vasquez-Florez

A special thank you to her end of life caregivers, Angel and Moses, Mick and Jen and Stephanie Martinez.

Connie drove a school bus in Pueblo, Colo., for many years, sold real estate, and went back to school to become a nurse, an LPN. She was the supervisor of a home healthcare company where she taught several of her daughters how to be caregivers to the elderly, disabled, veterans and forgotten folks of Pueblo county, a job with many blessings and rewards.

She also managed to find time to volunteer and teach. Her favorite was being a Sunday School teacher and Girl Scout troop leader. She loved sharing any

knowledge she had with her kids, grandkids, and any "extra" kids who wanted to learn crocheting, sewing, embroidery, bread baking, quilting, canning and rock collecting.

Being the fantastic teacher that she was, she taught everyone she met that Jesus loved them, right where they were, just how they were. She was able to bless many "adopted" family members by welcoming them into our already huge family, always being mindful of their emotional, physical and spiritual well being and finding a way of being a true blessing in their lives, including Cris Mulnix of Bloomfield, N.M., Hannah White of Custer, S.D., and former spouse, Harvey Henry of San Luis, Colo.

Her family said, "Our Mom loved to move around, a lot! She lived in Aguilar, Denver, Pueblo, San Luis, Alamosa, Colo., Farmington and Aztec, N.M., Gillette and Newcastle, Wyo., Custer and finally Rapid City, S.D. A huge hug to everyone in Custer for embracing her as one of their own; a welcome so well received that Connie convinced five of her seven children to make the move to South Dakota!

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held at her favorite lake, Stockade Lake, in the picnic area, potluck style, on Sunday, Sept. 4, at 2 p.m., in Custer.

Arrangements have been placed under the local direction of Chamberlain McColley's Funeral Home in Custer.

Riding through the past





On Saturday, Aug. 27, the Anna Miller Museum hosted an antique bike show. With vendors and information tables present, several vintage bicycles and scooters were on display, as were a few motorcycles. Above right, Gene Schuler admires a 1980s Extra Scooter with dual brakes. Bottom right, Christopher Cotton of Newcastle browses a book of photos and write-ups about Ms. Reaper, a 1949 Harley Panhead motorcycle. At left, Jim Hutchinson of Newcastle and his father J.R. Hutchinson of Pinedale inspect a chainless model 51 bicycle.

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faith & values

Daily Devotional Reading

September 2 John 5:19-29	September 6 John 6:60-71
September 3 John 5:30-47	September 7 John 7:1-24
September 4 John 6:1-24	September 8 John 7:25-39
September 5 John 6:25-59	<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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- **CAMBRIA COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH:** 19 Stampede St. 746-2321. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship 10:30 am; Youth (6-12 grades) and Adult Bible Study Sunday Evening 6-7 pm; Wednesday Night Youth and Adult Bible Study 6 pm; Life Recovery Bible Study Sunday Night 7 pm
- **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** Father Doug Wasinger, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets. 746-9684. haydishall@hotmail.com. Service times: Sunday 4 pm
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- **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Ty Checketts, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9:00 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am
- **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service Tuesday 6 PM; Undeafated Youth/children's ministry (3 years old- 12th Grade) Wednesday 6:00 pm
- **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 8 am; Weekday Mass 7 am
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- **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Ben Roberts, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188. Sunday School 9:15 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Evening Service 6 pm;
- AWANA Clubs Wednesday 6:30 pm
- **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Ron Sample, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10:00 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7 pm
- **GATEWAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pastor Jon Andersen, 12 Old Hwy. 85, Evangelical Free Church, Bible Study 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am. Call 949-0869
- **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES:** 5018 US Hwy 16, 746-2319 or 746-4517. Tuesday 7:00 pm. Congregation Bible Study, Theocratic Ministry School and Service Meeting, Sunday Public Talk 10 am; Watchtower 11 am
- **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
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25 Years Ago
September 4, 1997

Night came early for about 50 Powder River Electric customers Aug. 27 when their lights suddenly went out. Powder River Electric killed power at 6:05 p.m. that evening after finally tracking the cause of a voltage problem to a power transformer at the Newcastle substation. A spring and summer of lightning storms could have something to do with the transformer failure.

This Sunday, Sept. 7, Robbie and Clara Harper will celebrate 100 years of ranching on Beaver Creek with a pig roast at 2 p.m. at the ranch. The couple will also celebrate Robbie's birthday and their 30th wedding anniversary (both of which are on Sept. 9).

The 5th Annual Aladdin Youth Rodeo was held on Aug. 16. Several Weston County cowgirls and cowboys participated. In the senior division, Cassie Shuck earned the all-around senior cowgirl title. She placed 4th in the ribbon roping with Ty Krell and was 3rd in pole pending with a smooth time of 22.71. She and Ty also won the wheelbarrow race.

Elementary and secondary level school teachers from Newcastle, Upton, Sundance and Torrington participated in Project Learning Tree, an award-winning natural resource education program that uses the forest as a "window to the world." Newcastle teachers Gloria Beckner, Betty Cox, Steve Nicholls and Sharon Grove participated in the workshop, which demonstrated several action oriented activities.



50 Years Ago
August 31, 1972

The price of haircuts in Newcastle will be increased effective Sept. 1. The three Newcastle barbers announced this week the new price will be \$2.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 14.

Several accidents were reported in Weston County during the past week, one of which resulted in a fatality. Richard Apostol of Upton died of injuries suffered in a two-vehicle accident Saturday about 9 p.m. near Osage. Also Saturday evening, a semi-tractor, without a trailer, driven by Don Hall of Newcastle went off highway 85 about one and one-fourth miles south of the Flying V Guest Ranch. The truck crashed into pine trees and Hall was pinned in the cab. The steering wheel had to be sawed off to remove Hall.

The Black Hills State College football squad for 1972 lists

three players from Newcastle. Mark Berdahl, letterman 6'2" 200 pound sophomore, defensive end. He lettered as a freshman which may be an indication of this man's potential as a defensive lineman. Kim Elliot 6' 195 pound offensive center. Bill Lunney 6' 205 pound fullback. Four candidates will make this the most competitive position on the squad.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bierlawski of Lake Zurich, Ill., and their children Katherine, Matthew, Theresa and Richard spent last week in Newcastle visiting Mrs. Bierlawski's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Comstock. The Comstocks recently moved to Newcastle from Justice, Ill.

100 Years Ago
August 31, 1922

Last Saturday evening while leaving town on the Osage road, a car in charge of John Opitz and driven by Levi Krecht, and occupied by Opitz' wife and two children, drove off the end

of the washed out bridge within the city limits of Newcastle, that formerly spanned the Cambria Creek at that point. The accident occurred at about 7:45 and it was just getting dark. The party, as the story is given us, drove up onto the end of the approach that is standing at this end of the bridge and too late to stop the car, noticed the washout.

Monday morning the local young men who have been attending the Citizen's Training Camp at Ft. Douglas, Utah, for the past five weeks, returned to Newcastle and without exception they are enthusiastic in their report of the training received. The majority of the boys insist that they will be in attendance next year when the camp is held.

Ben Hilton found himself to be quite a youngster in point of years when comparing his K.P. Service with some of our South Dakota neighbors. H.A. Bettis claims to have a Ford Sedan in which the engine will run faster backwards than Tommy Spencer's will forward. The boys all report a wonderful time and the determination to be on hand when the next (Pythian) ceremonial is held in False Bottom Canyon.

Homer Dye Jr. of Little Thunder near Upton was in Newcastle Monday proving up on his homestead. His witnesses were Messrs. Wallace Boulden, W.W. Stildemeir, also of that vicinity.

Mrs. Olive Pickle who has been to Greeley, Colo., attending school, this summer, returned to Newcastle the first of the week to attend the Weston county teachers institute.

Weston County Junior Livestock Sale

Correction

The add-on donor to each exhibitor, in the amount of \$61.05, was provided by Ranchers Feed & Supply. We apologize for the error.

Thank you to all the sponsors, donors and buyers of the 2022 WC Jr. Livestock Sale!

Special thanks to Ranchers Feed & Supply, Hubbard Feed, Pizza Barn and Antlers for sponsoring the BBQ; Slickside Repair for donating to the sale and Sagebrush Marketing for donating and sponsoring the buyer numbers.

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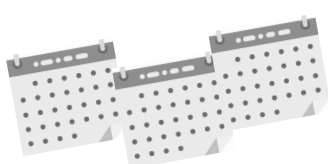
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This is a photograph of the American Colloid Company plant in the March of 1944.

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Is your group or organization hosting an event?

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WHAT'S UP

WESTON COUNTY MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

Fri. Sept. 2	5:30PM	BINGO	V.F.W. Hall
		Developmental Screenings/W.C.C.C.	Newcastle
Sat. Sept. 3	7AM	Madness on Main	Main St., Newcastle
Mon. Sept. 5		Labor Day Closed	Anna Miller Museum
	1-3PM	Computer Clinic	W.C. Senior Center
	7PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	W.C. Senior Center
	7PM	Newcastle City Council Mtg.	Newcastle City Council Chambers
Tues. Sept. 6	9AM	W.C. Commissioners Mtg.	W.C. Courthouse
	11AM	Story Time	W.C. Library
Wed. Sept. 7	6:30-8:30AM	Wellness Wednesday	W.C. Health Services
	7-9AM	Wellness Wednesday	Upton Medical Clinic
	5:30PM	Friends of Fair Mtg.	W.C. Event Center
	5:30PM	W.C. Travel Commission Mtg.	Newcastle Lodge & Conv. Center
	7PM	Jr. Livestock Committee Mtg.	W.C. Fairgrounds Office
Thurs. Sept. 8	7PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	W.C. Senior Center

Your school board candidates are . . .

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Newcastle voters will be faced with a crowded ballot in this fall's school board election, but Upton voters won't be asked to make any difficult choices for the available seats on that town's school board.

Filing for trustee positions on both boards of trustees in Weston County's two school districts closed on Aug. 29. Weston County Clerk Becky

Hadlock reported that five additional candidates had opted to join those candidates who were reported in last week's paper as having filed for election to available board seats in Newcastle and Upton.

There are four seats open on the Weston County School District No. 1 board, and a total of 11 people will vie for your vote in the Nov. 8 general election. Newcomers Joe Prell, Tyler Mills, Paul Bau, Steven Paul Gale, Sean Crabtree,

Stanley Jasinski and Gillian Sears all hope to gain a seat on the board. Incumbents Tom Wright, Jason Jenkins, Dana Gordon and Marcia Lambert hope to retain their seats.

In Upton, three people have filed to fill the three seats available. Upton voters will find the names Tyrel D. Miller, Justin Mills and Jacqueline Cowger on their ballots on Nov. 8.

All school board seats in Weston County are at-large and nonpartisan.



Thank You

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to my supporters in the recent Senate District 1 primary election. Thanks to those who voted for me and a special thank you to the volunteers that helped me with signs and door to door canvassing. I appreciate everyone's efforts and I will continue to support and represent the conservative values of northeastern Wyoming and our "good neighbor" way of life that is a part of Wyoming's culture and heritage. We all need to hold those who are elected accountable for how they represent "We the People" in the legislature.

Again, thanks to all of you and let us work together to protect our Wyoming values, culture and heritage. Teamwork makes everything work better.

Roger Connett

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Hanging in the mist



Photos by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Mist hangs over the hills around Mallo Camp on a chilly Saturday morning, Aug. 27. The cooler nights, a harbinger of cooler autumn days, create the perfect conditions for foggy mornings.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WYOMING CONSTITUTION TO BE VOTED ON AT THE GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 8, 2022

Underlined words would be added to existing law. Words stricken through will be removed.

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution by amending the retirement age requirements for Wyoming supreme court justices and district court judges.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING, two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting separately, concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposal to amend the Wyoming Constitution, Article 5, Section 5 is proposed for submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the next general election for approval or rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

Article 5, Section 5. Voluntary retirement and compensation of justices and judges.

Subject to the further provisions of this section, the legislature shall provide for the voluntary retirement and compensation of justices and judges of the supreme court and district courts, and may do so for any other courts, on account of length of service, age and disability, and for their reassignment to active duty where and when needed. The office of every such justice and judge shall become vacant when the incumbent reaches the age of ~~seventy (70)~~ seventy-five (75) years, as the legislature may prescribe., but, in the case of an incumbent whose term of office includes the effective date of this amendment, this provision shall not prevent him from ~~serving the remainder of said term nor be applicable to him before his period or periods of judicial service shall have reached a total of six (6) years.~~ The legislature may also provide for benefits for dependents of justices and judges.

Section 2. That the Secretary of State shall endorse the following statement on the proposed amendment:

Currently, the Wyoming Constitution requires Wyoming Supreme Court justices and district court judges to retire upon reaching the age of seventy (70). This amendment increases the mandatory retirement age of Supreme Court justices and district court judges from age seventy (70) to age seventy-five (75).

The Constitution also currently provides an exception to the mandatory requirement to retire upon reaching age seventy (70) for justices and judges who had not yet completed six (6) years of judicial service as of December 12, 1972. The proposed amendment would remove the now-obsolete six (6) year service guarantee.

Unemployment

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and Planning Division. Statewide, the labor force is 290,758, with 8,789 people unemployed in July.

The labor force is determined by combining the number of employed and unemployed individuals in the county. Unemployed individuals are listed as all persons who had no employment but were available for work and had made specific efforts to find employment.

Weston County's 2.3% unemployment rate is one of the lowest in the state, according to the report. Teton County had the lowest unemployment rate in the state for July at 1.7%, followed by both Crook and Niobrara counties at 2.2%.

The highest unemployment rates were seen in Sweetwater County at 3.9%, and Fremont and Natrona counties each reported in at 3.7%.

Statewide, the unemployment rate dropped from 3.1% to 3%, seasonally adjusted. The seasonal adjustment is a statistical procedure used to remove the impact of normal regularly recur-

ring events — such as weather, holidays and the opening and closing of schools — from the economic time series to better understand changes in the economic conditions from month to month.

"From June to July, most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and decreased. Unemployment rates often fall in July as job gains are seen in leisure & hospitality, construction and professional & business services," the report says.

Weston County's unemployment followed this same trend, dropping from 2.5% in June to the 2.3% seen in July. This drop of 0.2% represents eight people finding employment from June to July.

Back in March, the county's unemployment rate was 3.1%, the same percentage reported in July one year ago.

Nationwide, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.5% in July.

Fire

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Moderate drought classifiers include low yield for hay and forage, elevated fire danger, fire restrictions and a decrease in wildflower blooms.

Drought is common in Weston County and across Wyoming. The Water Resources Data System and State Climate Office reports that Wyoming is the fifth-driest state, with much of the state being gripped by moderate to severe drought since 1999.

Precipitation has helped drought levels, however, according to the drought monitor. With 10.58 inches of rain to date this year, severe drought is now nonexistent in Weston County.

Severe drought, or D2 drought, results in poor pasture conditions, scarce hay, increased dust, stressed trees and vegetation, low water pressure and declines in well water levels. Three months ago, the drought monitor reported that 25.18% of the county was listed as being in D2 drought and 100% was listed as D1.

Although the high fire danger has not led to any large fires in Weston County, Tysdal said that multiple Weston County and Wyoming State Forestry Division resources did respond to a fire on Aug. 27.

The 17.8 acre fire between Oil Creek Road and Skull Creek Road, called the Cherry Canyon fire, was paged around 7 p.m. that evening, with crews working on the fire throughout the night. Tysdal said crews used a combination of dozer line and hand line in areas that the dozer could not access.

"The rough terrain, as well as the dead and down fuels caused by the 2012 Oil Creek fire, created a difficult fire scene," Tysdal said. "Crews took about a three-hour break and went back to the fire early Sunday morning. We were able to get the fire completely mopped up by late Sunday afternoon, and now simply need to check it for at least three days to ensure there is nothing hot smoldering or hiding in the duff before we will officially call it out."

Other fires reported this season, Tysdal said, were contained quickly, resulting in little spread. In the past month, he reported seven fires in Weston County with none spreading more than two acres.

Weston County Fire Protection District resources have assisted on two larger fires outside of the county. One was in Niobrara County, and estimated to be between 50 and 100 acres at the time of the report.

The other was the Fish Fire in Crook County, which scorched 6,800 acres before containment.

With the potential for fires still high, Tysdal said it is important that the public remains aware.

"As we head into Labor Day weekend and hunting seasons, we'd like to ask folks to continue to be extra cautious with any outdoor activity that could start a fire, and if they see a fire to call 911 right away so resources can be dispatched quickly," he said.

THANK YOU



I want to take this opportunity to thank the people of Wyoming House District 1 for their support. Even though I did not face a challenger in the Republican Primary, I want you all to know I do not take your confidence in me for granted and I am humbled and honored to serve the peoples' interests in District 1. Protection of life and liberty are hallmarks of this conservative district and I am committed to standing strong to protect our freedom that we all hold so dear.

Based on the primary results, I see a very major potential change coming to the Wyoming legislature and I'm excited for what's in store. Through fervent prayer and respect for our constitution rights, I believe Wyoming will be the standard for others to follow. I look forward to serving District 1.

Very Respectfully,
Representative Chip Neiman
House District 1

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Protecting the past with new tech

Walter Sprague
Art and Culture Reporter

The vast temperature differences between winter and summer in Newcastle play havoc with cement and mortar. The weather causes it to expand and contract, to crack and crumble, and eventually what used to protect it is no longer suitable for the job.

This was the situation that the Anna Miller Museum discovered on both the Novak Miller Cabin and the Jenny Stockade, a pair of historic structures on display at the museum grounds.

The log cabins' mortar chinking has crumbled, in some places even turning to rubble and falling out, and faced with the danger of letting moisture seep in and cause even more damage to the valuable relics, the museum board decided to have the structures repaired.

After securing an \$8,900 grant from the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund, which represented half the repair cost, the board signed a contract with Jorgensen Log Homes, of Custer, South Dakota, said Cindy Dysart, the museum's director.

She explained that new technology is being used to protect the two cabins. After removing any crumbled chinking between the logs, synthetic mortar (called Log Jam) is used to refill the space. While the base of the mixture is still sand, a rubber compound that won't weather and crack the way ordinary mortar often can is also used.

Log Jam, made by Sashco Inc., is not cheap, costing several hundred dollars for a five-gallon bucket. The project will take a few buckets, but the results should be great, according to Jim Fischer of Custer, who works for Jorgensen Homes.

"With Log Jam chinking, you can keep the cozy feel and rustic look of a log home without compromising comfort and performance," according to Sashco's website.

On Tuesday, Fischer and co-worker Schyler Hart, also from Custer, took advantage of the overcast conditions to start the re-chinking process on both



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

The Jenny Stockade building, located at the Anna Miller Museum, is re-chinked by Jim Fischer of Custer. Here he is smoothing out the Log Jam with a wet brush for the finished look on Tuesday, Aug 23.

cabins.

"The full sun would cause the mortar to dry too fast and shrink too much," Fischer explained. "Cloudy conditions are preferable. That gives enough time for the mortar to cure correctly."

After removing damaged mortar, large caulking guns fill in the gaps. Fischer then uses a wet paintbrush to smooth the mortar out. Once the mortar is dry and cured, it will be painted and sealed with a clear satin coat for further protection.

If the chinking is not too severely damaged, a thinner coat of Log Jam is applied directly on top of the old mortar. It also fills in gaps where dry rot had eaten away part of the log. After removing the decay, large cavities are filled with chunks of foam, and Log Jam fills the remaining void.

The cabins should be finished soon. The look will be



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Schyler Hart of Custer removes the weathered and crumbling mortar chinking of the Novak Miller Cabin, located at the Anna Miller Museum in Newcastle, in preparation for re-chinking with Log Jam.

very close to how it should historically appear, but the buildings will be much better protected.

"It's kind of cool to think

that this new technology can preserve history," Fischer said. "It really makes the job worthwhile. I love the results we get with it."

Pischke

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mom, makes rodeo the perfect fit. She loves the speed and the adrenaline rush, always striving to "be the best that I can be." She explained that goat tying is her favorite event because there are several steps involved, including rushing down, sticking the landing and making sure the goat remains tied.

"I just like going down there really, really focused, really fast. It's one of the hardest events," she said. "It makes it a really fun challenge."

Teamwork is often the only way success is possible, and a rider can only be as good as her horse. Jill said Joslyn has an amazing horse — a 12-year-old mare named Holly, who always works at the pace Joslyn goes.

"You can tell she gives this girl her heart every time. We're very blessed with this mare," Jill said.

"A lot of people don't think of it as a team sport, but you're bonding with your animal ... When we go to the rodeos, she's just dialed in. She knows where we're at," Joslyn said. "She's just the coolest mare. She's just so sweet — she's awesome."

Joslyn loves the thrill of the rodeo, and she also loves the bond with her horse. But there is another key bond that she's grateful for, and that is the support of friends and family. She has role models in the rodeo realm she enjoys watching and learning from, and local rancher Craig Deveraux has been a huge help in developing Joslyn's roping and riding skills in the breakaway event.

"He's always willing to help," Joslyn said, adding that Ashten Marchant also poured many hours of coaching into her.

Joslyn said there is always room to improve, and rodeo has taught her to have an open mind, be persistent and push herself in ways beyond what she thought possible. She said her mom also pushes her to do her best, "growing that competitive spirit."

Jill said that it has been rewarding to watch Joslyn when she succeeds, but also



Photo Courtesy Jan Farella

Joslyn Pischke has grown up riding horses on her family's ranch outside of Newcastle, and she loves spending her summers at rodeos. Barrel racing is just one of the three main events she competes in.

gratifying to see how she responds when things don't go as planned. There is a growth of character development, she said, as Joslyn strives to learn from her mistakes.

"I see a lot of potential in her when she puts in the effort and the drive. When it all comes together, she is going to be very tough to beat. Right now she is still learning and growing in her abilities," Jill said.

Joslyn is also very grateful for the support of her dad, Brian, who has taken on a coaching role, even though he didn't grow

up with rodeo experience. He encouraged his daughter to practice away from the arena with agility and sprint exercises.

"That's all thanks to him. I never would have thought of that," she said. "He didn't grow up riding a horse, but he cared so much he learned it. ... He's great support."

Joslyn has a busy year ahead, but she is excited to compete with the Junior High Rodeo for the first time as she continues looking for ways to improve and pursue her passion.

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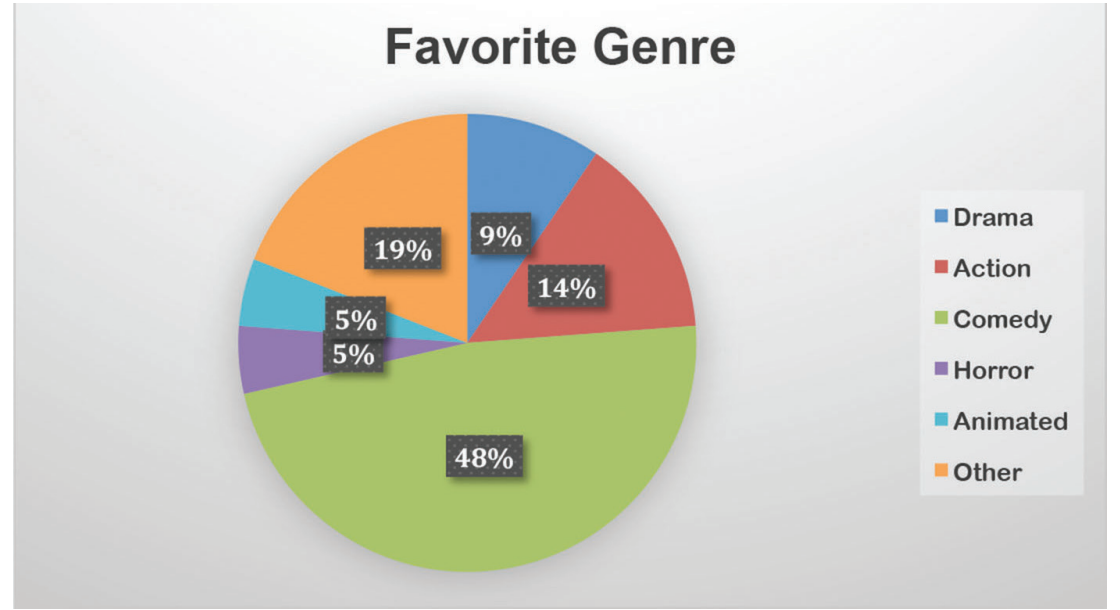
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A survey was taken by the Weston County School District No. 1 teachers and students regarding movie theater attendance, favorite movie genre and favorite theater snack. There were 21 people who responded to the survey for the results presented in these graphs. Daren Downs recently purchased the Dogie Theatre, and in the survey, many of the respondents said they love the affordable prices and the friendly staff at Weston County's only theater.

Theater

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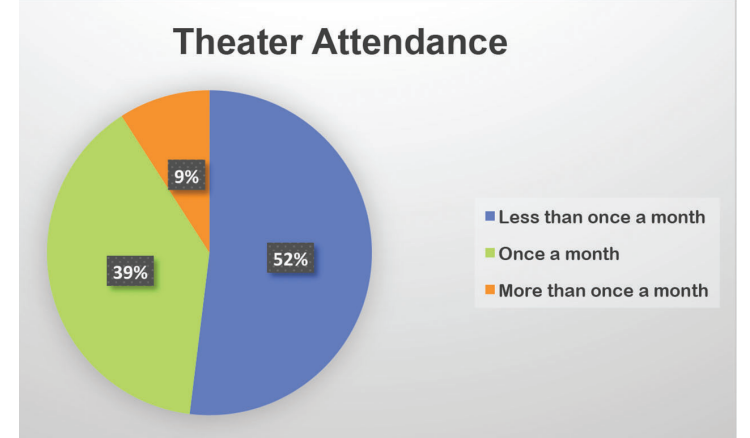
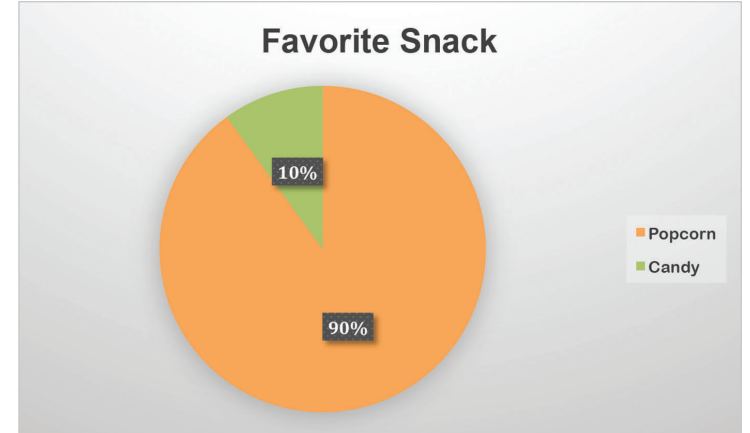
and the friendly Dogie Theatre staff always does a great job of facilitating this experience," said Michael Alexander, a Newcastle High School English teacher.

Downs enjoys watching kids come in, seeing their faces light up at the candy case. In a survey taken by Weston County School District No. 1 teachers and students, many respondents said they love the affordable prices and the people at the local theater.

"The staff are the best. I love the comfortable seating, and it's something fun to do here in town," said Jill Pischke, the high school's FFA adviser.

Movies are still shown at 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday evenings, and the ticket box opens at 6:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$8, and tickets for children under 12 or seniors (65 and older) are \$6 apiece.

"I'm very grateful for the theater. I appreciate the fact that they keep their prices reasonable so that we can afford to take our entire family, consisting of two adults and five children. We used to live in Casper, and we would only be able to go to the movie one time there because admission prices and snack prices were so exorbitant," teacher Crystal Stevens Benson said. "It makes my heart soar to be able to give my children the



experience of seeing a movie on the big screen, and letting them get their own pop, popcorn and candy. They feel like royalty every time we get to go."

Downs plans on running the theater the same as the original owners, but he does hope to restore the interior. However, he wants to keep the details of his restoration plans a surprise

to the community.

"I'm into keeping stuff original," he said.

The gratitude and positive feedback from the community makes it worth it to Downs, and he's grateful for their support.

"I appreciate the patronage of the community towards the theater to keep it going," he said.

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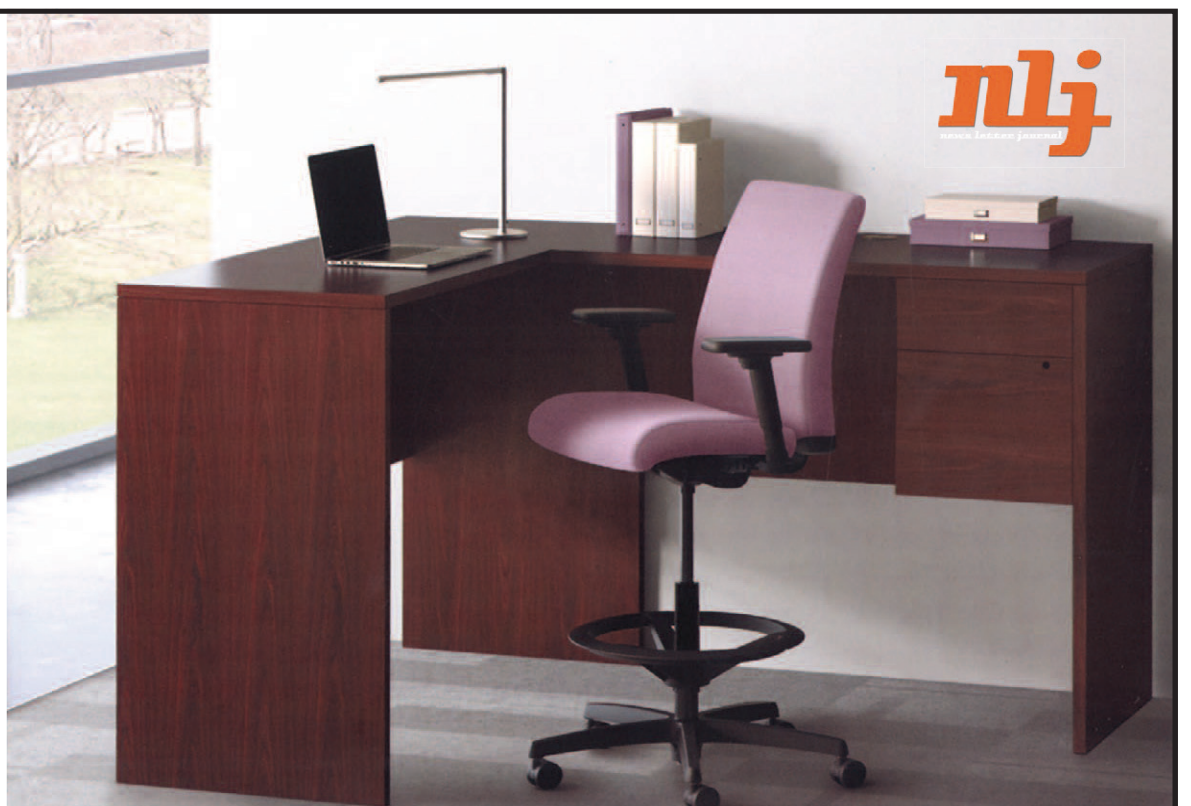
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Volleyball			
9/2/22	V9	Gillette Invitational	A NOON
9/3/22	V9	Gillette Invitational	A NOON
9/9/22	VJ	Rawlins Invitational	A NOON
Football			
9/2/22	V	Buffalo Bison	A 7PM
9/6/22	JV	Upton Bobcats	H 5PM
9/9/22	V	Wheatland Bulldogs	A 6PM
Ladies' Swimming			
9/1/22	V	Cody Invite	A 4PM
9/2/22	V	Cody Invite	A 10AM
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Know your role

I wanted to dunk. When I was younger, I literally had dreams about flying across the basketball court after leaping at the free-throw or three-point line, and then levitating above the rim for a slam dunk that would make LeBron James jealous.

Truth is, I still have those dreams — just not as often as I'd like.

Here's the reality: I have credit card hops. When my feet leave the floor, if you're quick, you can slip a credit card between them and the floor. It's always been that way, so obviously, the dream is never going to be realized.

However, what I was very skilled at on the hardwood was defense. I could block the ball out of bounds, I was strong, so I could body pretty



Sonja Karp
Karpe Dogie

much anyone out of position and I knew how to box out and pull down rebounds.

Although I was far from a scoring machine, I could keep my opponent from

scoring, so that was my forté and that was my job.

I knew that, so that was my focus, to be the best defensive player I could be.

A great example from when I coached varsity was "Lindsey the Hedgehog." She was only five-feet, six-inches tall, but she could shut down players who were much taller, and she dictated where offensive players went on the court. She never let them decide where they went, because there was no one better than her at "hedging" her man.

It's important that players, parents and coaches understand the importance of playing your role for your team.

While it's every player's — and every sports parent's — dream to be a go-to scorer for your team, that just isn't going to happen for every kid who dons a uniform.

However, you can be just as important as the "star" player who fills up the scoring column by

— See **Karpe**, Page 10

Ladies dig in to new season

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

The Lady Dogie volleyball squad started their 2022 season in the usual way with a trip to Douglas for their annual tournament Friday and Saturday. Head coach Mickey Crabtree admitted that the outcome wasn't exactly how she and her team had wanted it to turn out, however she also felt confident that there were many positives to take away from the weekend.

"We learned a lot about ourselves, about our strengths and our weaknesses, and we are excited to get to address those and to work on those things early before we get into conference play," Crabtree began.

The Lady Dogies have made quite a few changes to their system in the first two weeks of practice, and Crabtree noted that part of the struggles her girls experienced came from adjusting to those changes in real-game situations.

"While we did have some moments, overall the girls did great with all the changes we have implemented this season," she reported. "We're running an entirely different system and they did adjust, and did pretty well with that."

One change is that the team is running a 5-1 offense and implementing a more dynamic offense by moving the ball around more. They are also working on lowering sets and trying more quicks as well as

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Photo by Nicole McFarland/NLJ
Senior middle hitter/blocker MacKenzie Conzelman showed off her athleticism as she stretched out to get the ball over the net last Friday at the Douglas Invitational volleyball tournament.



Cross country hits the ground running

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

The starting pistol went off for the Dogie and Lady Dogie cross country teams as they began their 2022 season with their home meet at the Newcastle Country Club golf course on Thursday. Though the turnout for the meet was less than what head coach Kathy Beehler was hoping to see, she was pleased with how things went and how her young team performed in its first race.

"I was super thankful that the golf course worked with us so well because it was just awesome. Our

— See **Cross Country**, Page 11

Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ
The Dogies were off and running last Thursday in their opening, and only home, meet of the season. Pictured left to right are Logan Olson, Archer Ohnstad, Ben Carter, Sam Scribner, Caleb Hoover, Thatcher Troftgruben and Sam Cunningham.



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Dogies vs. Goliath in zero week competition

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

The Boys of Fall kicked off their season with some of the toughest competition they are likely to see all year as they traveled to Douglas to scrimmage against the 3A No. 1-ranked Cody Broncos and the 3A No. 3-ranked Bearcats.

After having their traditional zero week contest against Hot Springs canceled, head coach Matt Conzelman opted to grab this opportunity to get his team some field experience in their opening contest.

“When we were going down there, I was just hoping we didn’t bring anyone home in a body bag,” Conzelman half-joked. “When I signed on to play there, the rankings hadn’t come out yet. I was concerned about how we would match up and about getting through the scrimmage without anyone getting injured, and for us to be successful. But then I decided we’d just do it and

see what happened.”

The Dogies stepped up to the challenge.

“The toughness, the fight and the perseverance we showed was so awesome!” Conzelman said. “I’d do it all over again in a heartbeat!”

The structure of the scrimmage was based on play counts, and special teams were not live. After the kickoff, the play would be blown dead and one team would then get 10 plays on offense. The other two teams would get five plays on that series, and then at the end each team went against each other in game-like situations with an eight-minute running clock.

Though the Dogies were unable to get the ball in the end zone, according to Conzelman they moved it really well and were able to move the sticks for a few first downs, and he felt that a lot of good things happened defensively as well.

“We knew it wasn’t going to be perfect, but any miscues we had are

all fixable, so I thought with our great effort if we could just tighten a few things up, it would have been even better for us,” Conzelman determined. “There were just a whole lot of positives that we took away from that adversity.”

Unfortunately, the team didn’t walk away entirely unscathed, but overall the injury situation ended up better than the last few years’ zero week contests have gone. Senior quarterback Quint Perino rolled his ankle on the Dogies’ first offensive possession, so he was sidelined for the rest of the night.

“We played 10 defensive snaps and everything went pretty good, and then on our first offensive possession we ran a pass play because I was planning on throwing it deep on Cody,” Conzelman explained. “They covered that up pretty well so Quint scrambled to get what he could. He ran out of bounds and then he rolled his ankle, so Holden [McConkey] went in for him at QB, and Connor

Stohlhammer also took some snaps.” Being a consummate competitor, Perino tried to convince Conzelman he was fine, and to let him back in the game.

“I did have Quint standing right by me, because anytime we had to throw, he had to go in, but I told him he couldn’t run,” Conzelman said, chuckling. “I just wanted to make sure we didn’t turn a small issue into a bigger one by having him play all out.”

It was just a minor tweak and after icing it all week, Conzelman is confident Perino should be back to 100% and ready to go on Friday.

At about the five-minute mark of the last scrimmage, Conzelman rolled in the younger guys to get them some varsity reps, and his evaluation of the experience was positive overall.

“Defensively, we had some missed assignments, but when we fix those they’re not going to get those big runs,” he began. “Cody scored against us but we held Douglas out of the end zone, so

I was really happy about that.”

“We also got some compliments from both the Cody and Douglas coaches. Our top 11-15 are pretty solid and competed pretty well against each team,” he went on. “They were pretty impressed with the Dogies so that was pretty cool.”

This week, the Dogies face another tough opponent as they travel to Buffalo to take on the 3A Bison in a non-conference match-up. Given that Buffalo has a similar team to Cody and Douglas, Conzelman was very happy about getting the experience against those two teams in preparation for the contest.

“I think the match-up will be good for us. If we can control their speed, and if we can keep their QB contained, we can battle with them,” Conzelman declared. “We will see a lot of aerial stuff so we need to play a solid game and play every play.”

Friday night’s contest is scheduled for a 7 p.m. kickoff in Buffalo.

Swimmers start new season with a qualifier

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

The Lady Dogie swim team began their season Friday and Saturday at the Gillette Relays and Pentathlon, and there was no doubt head coach Doug Scribner’s crew were small fish swimming in a very big pond.

As the only 3A team competing against an all 4A pool, the ladies had their work cut out for them, and given the circumstances, Scribner was very pleased with how they rose to the challenge.

Lydia Anderson qualified for the state meet in the 100 Freestyle and 50 Freestyle, which was her goal heading into the first weekend of competition.

Anderson qualified for each of these events in the first contest of the season last year as well, coming in just under the 3A time. She swam both

paces faster this year than she did last, however, as qualifying times got faster this season.

“That is really exciting because she has a pretty ambitious goal for her 50 Free at state,” Scribner began. “She finished in the top 12 in both events last year at state, so it’s pretty exciting that she is starting off so strong.”

Raeleigh Shipp was close in the 100 Freestyle being off by just 5 seconds.

“Her time was good and if she can hold that 100 Free time this weekend, she should have a really good 200 Free, which was the first event she qualified in last season,” Scribner explained.

The ladies started out with the Relays on Friday. There are no individual events at this meet, and the squad competed in five relays on the day.

The team of Jaydenn Nelson, Hailee Beastro, Kyah Miller

and Ruth Rose made up the 400 Medley Relay where they placed 13th with a time of 6:11.96.

“That was a fun one, because everyone swam a 100 IM for their leg of the race,” Scribner said. “We sometimes will do that for the 400 Free Relay during the season, and the girls really like that.”

The 100 Free Relay team of Rose, Shipp, Nelson and Miller put up the team’s highest finish of the day by coming in 10th with a time of 59.59.

“That relay is really fun because everyone swims a 25,” Scribner explained. “There’s a lot of action and it’s really fast.”

The Lady Dogies also competed in the 200 Backstroke Relay where they finished 15th in 2:37.78. Beastro, Nelson, Rose and Shipp got the call for that event.

“We had to swim the 200

Back because we have some pretty good backstrokers,” Scribner reported. “Back when McKenna [Waggoner] and Rachel [Henkle] were swimming we won the relay, so I gave that to them as something to shoot for. We didn’t win it, but we did pretty well.”

The team book-ended the day with the 200 Medley Relay and the 400 Freestyle Relay, the latter being Scribner’s favorite relay.

Anderson, Shipp, Beastro, Rebekah Olson and Nelson all competed in the varsity division in the pentathlon on Saturday, while Miller and Rose swam in the JV division.

The pentathlon at the varsity level consists of the 100 Freestyle, the 100 Backstroke, the 100 Breaststroke, the 100 Butterfly and the 50 Freestyle. The JV division includes the 100 Freestyle and then 50 yards of each of the other races. In order to place, each swimmer must compete in all five events. As such, Shipp and Nelson didn’t put up a score as they didn’t compete in the 100 Breaststroke event.

“As our only freshman,

Jaydenn had a good showing,” Scribner said. “She really showed her strength in backstroke. On Friday at the relay event, she swam just as fast as Hailee did in her leg of the race.”

Scribner was also pleased with how Beastro performed over the weekend. She dropped time in the Backstroke from

last season and finished right behind Anderson in 1:16.

This week the team will make the long trip to Cody for events on Thursday and Friday. The first day is a quadrangular, and Friday is the Cody Invite. Scribner noted he is looking forward to seeing Cody, Worland and Powell over the two days.

NHS Ladies’ Swimming

Newcastle @ Gillette Relays and Pentathlon 8/26-27/22

Gillette Relays 8/26:

- Team:
- 1. Laramie 283
- 2. Cheyenne Central 271
- 3. Green River 216
- 4. Kelly Walsh 213.5
- 5. Sheridan 205
- 6. Campbell Co. 173
- 7. Thunder Basin 132
- 8. Cheyenne South 84
- 9. Natrona 47.5
- 10. Newcastle 27
- 200 Medley Relay: 2:35.27
- 12. Hailee Beastro, Ruth Rose, Raeleigh Shipp, Kyah Miller
- 400 Medley Relay: 6:11.96
- 13. Jaydenn Nelson, Hailee Beastro, Kyah Miller, Ruth Rose
- 100 Free Relay: 59.59
- 10. Ruth Rose, Raeleigh Shipp, Jaydenn Nelson, Kyah Miller
- 200 Backstroke Relay: 2:37.78
- 15. Hailee Beastro,

Gillette Pentathlon 8/27:

- Overall Varsity Individual Results:
- 49. Lydia Anderson 5:44.21
- 73. Hailee Beastro 6:11.28
- 103: Rebekah Olson 7:22.33
- Overall JV Individual Results:
- 23. Ruth Rose 4:29.86
- 26. Kyah Miller 4:41.44
- Event Results:
- 100 Freestyle: Lydia Anderson 1:01.09 3AQ
- Raeleigh Shipp 1:06.20
- Jaydenn Nelson 1:13.80
- Hailee Beastro 1:14.54
- Rebekah Olson 1:17.70
- Ruth Rose 1:29.49
- Kyah Miller 1:27.37
- 100 Backstroke: Lydia Anderson 1:16.52
- Hailee Beastro 1:16:56
- Jaydenn Nelson 1:23.30

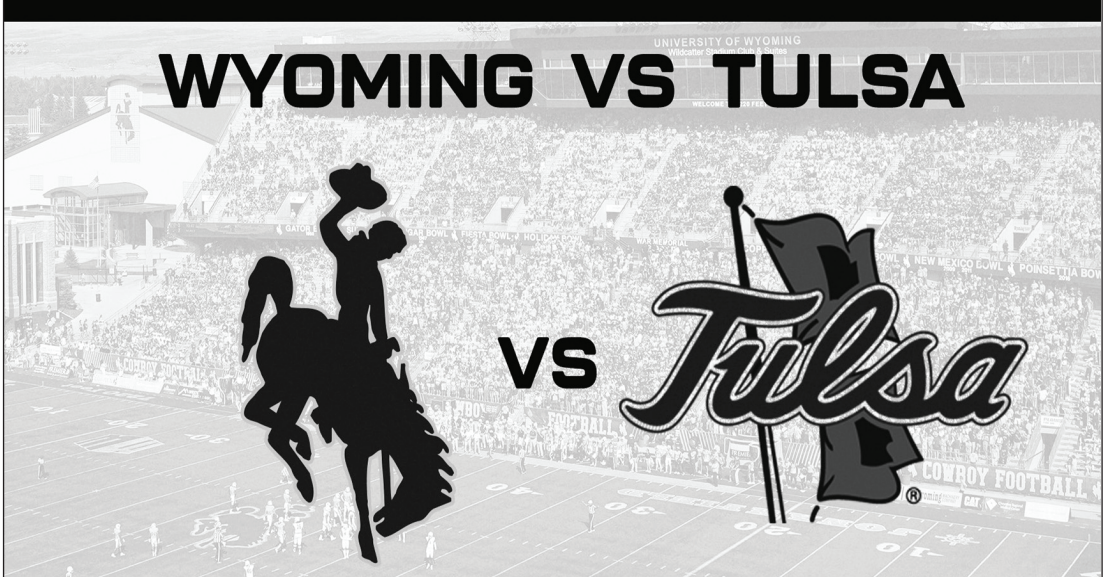
- Raeleigh Shipp 1:25.70
- Rebekah Olson 1:34.93
- 50 Backstroke: Ruth Rose 47.04
- Kyah Miller 47.70
- 100 Breaststroke: Hailee Beastro 1:32.21
- Lydia Anderson 1:36.76
- Rebekah Olson 2:26.19
- 50 Breaststroke: Kyah Miller 49.14
- Ruth Rose 49.80
- 100 Butterfly: Lydia Anderson 1:22.04
- Raeleigh Shipp 1:25.90
- Rebekah Olson 1:27.27
- Hailee Beastro 1:35.56
- Jaydenn Nelson 1:40.80
- 50 Butterfly: Ruth Rose 46.07
- Kyah Miller 59.72
- 50 Free: Lydia Anderson 27.80 3AQ
- Raeleigh Shipp 30.40
- Hailee Beastro 32.81
- Jaydenn Nelson 33.20
- Rebekah Olson 36.21
- Ruth Rose 37.46
- Kyah Miller 37.51

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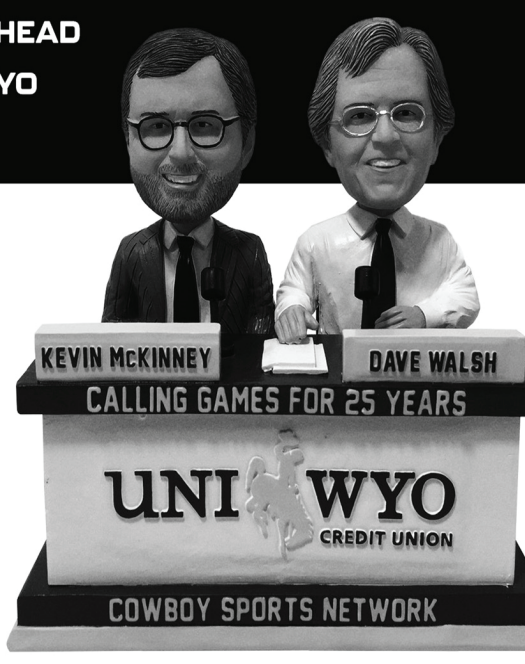
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Sophomore Thatcher Troftgruben ran a good race last Thursday at the Newcastle Invitational, finishing as the Dogies' lead runner in second place.

Cross Country from Page 9.....

teams and our families were so appreciative that they let us have it, but I was a little disappointed with numbers," Beehler began. "We had to move the meet from Friday to Thursday because the golf course had their calcutta on Friday and had to get the course ready, and due to rescheduling, about half the teams who had planned on attending, had to cancel."

Beehler admitted that she had considered canceling the home meet and going to Douglas to compete, however she opted to stay with it because with the cross country schedule it's difficult for parents to be able to watch their child compete. "It's so nice to have a home meet that parents can go to," she explained. "I just think it's huge for parents to have the opportunity to cheer their child on and to see what cross country is all about."

Despite the smaller size of the meet, Beehler felt good about her teams' performance.

The Dogie men were the only ones to be able to put up a team score, as you must have five runners to be eligible to do so. As such, the Dogies finished second as a team with 30 points, behind Torrington who ended the day with 25 points

NHS Cross Country

Newcastle @ Newcastle Invitational

8/25/22

Men's Results

Team: Varsity

1. Torrington 25

2. Newcastle 30

Individual Varsity:

2. Thatcher Troftgruben 18:44.43

4. Sam Scribner 19:39.90

7. Sam Cunningham 20:20.45

11. Nick Lopez 21:50.75

14. Logan Olson 22:14.49

15. Ben Carter 22:50.91

17. Archer Ohnstad 23:08.30

19. Caleb Hoover 24:11.99

Women's Results

Individual Varsity:

5. Aspen Bloom 24:17.96

15. Julie Morris 30:43.46

and Logan were slightly faster, Ben was also 40 seconds faster, and Caleb was nearly three minutes faster!"

Only two of the four Lady Dogies competed on Thursday, and as such couldn't put up a team score. Even if all four runners had been there, they are one short of a team so they are still looking for a fifth to be able to put up a team score this year.

Aspen Bloom crossed the finish line in fifth place with a time of 24:17.96 and Julie Morris came in 15th in 30:43.46.

"Last year, the girls ran in the JV race because they were freshmen, but this year they competed in the varsity division," Beehler began. "They ran nearly as fast as they did last year, so that was good to see."

"I was happy with how all our runners performed," she continued. "I do think the boys could have dug down a little bit and got out of their comfort zone, because I think they have another gear they don't know they have. But they are young so they will learn that."

The squad will have another chance to learn their potential this week as they travel to Spearfish for a meet on Friday.

and first place.

Individually, Thatcher Troftgruben was the first Dogie across the finish line, coming in second with a time of 18:44.33. Sam Scribner was close behind finishing in 19:39.90, which earned him fourth place. Freshman Sam Cunningham started his varsity career off with a seventh-place finish in 20:20.45, Nick Lopez was 11th, Logan Olson came in 14th, Ben Carter 15th, Archer Ohnstad 17th and Caleb Hoover rounded things out with his 19th-place finish.

"The positives were that we ran faster than we did last year on the boys team, so that was awesome," Beehler said. "Sam was 40 seconds faster, Nick



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Julie Morris gutted it out at the Newcastle Invite last Thursday to finish in 15th place. Morris and teammate Aspen Bloom were the sole runners in the season opener.

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Miss Rodeo Wyoming 2023

SHERIDAN (WNE) — 2022 Sheridan WYO Rodeo Queen Reata Cook has been named Miss Rodeo Wyoming 2023.

Cook will be the fourth Miss Sheridan WYO Rodeo to hold the Miss Rodeo Wyoming title.

She has dedicated her year as Sheridan WYO Rodeo queen working to empower young women. Currently pursuing a degree in elementary education from Chadron State College, Cook partnered with Joey’s Fly Fishing Foundation to run a “Just for Girls” fishing camp this summer.

The experience, she said, allowed her to empower young

girls and learn their stories.

“As a rodeo queen, I am not only an ambassador for the sport of rodeo but I like to reach out to those little girls because I was in their shoes once...” Cook said. “Now, I get to be that for little girls [across] the state of Wyoming.”

The Miss Rodeo Wyoming Association was founded in 1977 to support and guide Miss Rodeo Wyoming, a woman who promotes agriculture, professional rodeo and the Western way of life while embodying professionalism and grace, organization officials said in a press release earlier this week.

As next year’s Miss Rodeo

Wyoming, Cook will receive a \$2,000 scholarship from the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Foundation as well as several award items, including a saddle, silver spurs, belt buckle and several pairs of chaps. She will also accompany the current queen to the Miss Rodeo America pageant this November.

Cook’s reign officially begins Jan. 1, 2023. She is looking forward to traveling across the state, meeting with other rodeo queens and representing the Cowboy State at up to 300 regional rodeos.

This story was published on August 25, 2022.

Rock Springs mayor faces charges

ROCK SPRINGS (WNE) — Earlier this month, Rock Springs mayor Timothy Kaumo was charged for official misconduct and conflict of interest.

According to the court documents obtained by the Rocket Miner, the crimes Mayor Kaumo allegedly committed include five counts of official misconduct, which was stated as the “intent to obtain a pecuniary benefit, or maliciously to cause harm to another, he knowingly committed an act relating to his official duties that he did not have the authority to undertake” in July of 2020.

The mayor was also charged with one count

of conflict of interest, which was stated as the “request or receive of pecuniary benefit, other than lawful compensation, on any contract, or for the letting of any contract, or making any appointment where the government employing or subject to the discretion or decisions of the public servant is concerned” also in July of 2020.

All charges are considered misdemeanors under Wyoming state law and are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.

This story was published on August 24, 2022.

Search continues for Pinedale man

PINEDALE (WNE) — A Pinedale man who went swimming off a boat during an employee appreciation party on Fremont Lake Wednesday afternoon was presumed dead after he failed to resurface.

His body was not found by press time.

Thursday, Tip Top Search and Rescue volunteers continued to search for Richard “Rick” DeRuitter Zylker, 52, who was celebrating with the Ridley’s Family Market group.

At some point people real-

ized he disappeared from the surface, in Moosehead Bay, one of the farthest inlets to Fremont Lake, according to Sublette County Sheriff KC Lehr.

The search for the missing man continued with a side-scan sonar boat manned by John Linn. The search was based at Fremont Lake Campground’s upper boat ramp, which was closed to parking. The lake was not closed for public use.

Fremont Lake’s frigid water is usually 55 to 65 degrees and 200 to 300 feet

deep in the bay, according to officials there.

Ridley’s store owner Mark Ridley, who was at the Pinedale store on Thursday, declined to comment out of consideration for Zylker’s fellow employees and family.

Although Zylker was still considered “missing” at press time, he is presumed to have drowned or died from as of yet unknown medical causes, said Sheriff Lehr.

This story was published on August 26, 2022.

Grant will help after incarceration

GILLETTE (WNE) — The state has received a grant to help adults who are re-entering the workforce after being released from prison.

The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services, in partnership with the Department of Corrections, was recently awarded a \$3.9 million Pathway Home 3 Grant.

Providing justice-involved individuals and incarcerated adults with critical skill building and support services before and after release, the grant provides the opportunity for these individuals to successfully re-enter their communities and the labor force.

The grant is job-driven and builds connections with local employers who enable returning citizens to secure employment, while advancing equity for individuals —including incarcerated women— who face significant barriers to labor market re-entry.

Robin Sessions Cooley, director of the Department of Workforce Services, said the

state will teach returning citizens skills such as job readiness, employability, digital literacy and job search strategies.

“The grant also provides for additional occupational training, leading to industry-recognized credentials to reduce the likelihood of recidivism,” Cooley said in a press release.

Both agencies will work in collaboration to serve 400 participants over the three-year course of the grant.

“The Department of Corrections is very appreciative of the collaboration with the Department of Workforce Services,” said Dan Shannon, director of the Department of Corrections. “Our common goal of public safety is a key factor and this partnership will provide those confined a validated opportunity for success when returning to our communities.”

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off position hitting. Defensively, they have changed things up as well by switching to a three-back scheme.

“The defense was actually one of our weaknesses this weekend, and probably why we lost the games we did,” Crabtree admitted. “There is a hole in the middle which the girls aren’t used to covering, so we will definitely need to work on addressing that going forward.”

On Friday in pool play, the Lady Dogies were pitted against 3A Glenrock, Alliance, Neb., and 3A Torrington.

First up were the Glenrock Lady Herders, and the ladies came out strong and with great energy to make quick work of them defeating them, 25-15 and 25-12.

The second game of pool play saw the Lady Dogies taking on Alliance. In the first of the two contests, the Lady Dogies fell after a battle by a score of 27-29, and in the second Newcastle lost 16-25. That set would be the lowest scoring set of the weekend for Crabtree’s crew.

“That was a good game and I would love to play them again, because I think we could have beat them,” she

NHS Volleyball		
Newcastle @ Douglas Tournament 8/26-27/22	Individual Tournament Stats	Shelby Tidyman: 20-22 serves, 5 aces, 1 kill, 1 set assist, 46 digs
Gold Bracket: 6th Place	Jaylen Ostenson: 31-32 serves, 2 aces, 30 kills, 1 solo block, 1 block assist, 7 set assists, 30 digs	Gabby McVay: 26-30 serves, 1 ace, 14 digs
Win v. Glenrock 25-15, 25-12	Tieren Stanton: 18-21 serves, 1 ace, 78 kills, 3 solo blocks, 15 block assists, 3 set assists, 5 digs	McKenzie Rose: 36-38 serves, 7 aces, 11 kills, 10 block assists, 4 set assists, 21 digs
Loss v. Alliance, NE 27-29, 16-25	MacKenzie Conzelman: 12-14 serves, 15 kills, 1 set assist, 6 digs	Storee Tupa: 3 kills, 1 set assist, 5 digs
Win v. Torrington 25-10, 25-11	Hunter McFarland: 47-58 serves, 5 aces, 11 kills, 6 block assists, 74 set assists, 22 digs	Lizzie Rushton: 10-10 serves, 5 kills, 1 solo block, 2 block assists, 3 digs
Loss v. Big Horn 18-25, 22-25		
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Loss v. Douglas 23-25, 22-25		

determined. “We were down probably about 10 points and we fought and came back to push the game to almost 30. It wasn’t our best game, but we fought back which was great to see. The girls didn’t want to lose.”

Torrington was the final contest of the day and the Lady Dogies cruised to an easy win with scores of 25-10 and 25-11.

Their pool play record of 2-1 set the ladies up to play in the Gold Bracket on Saturday where they ran into the ultimate champions, the 2A Big Horn Lady Rams, in the quarterfinal round.

“They are very good and ran a very quick-paced offense. The girls had to adjust to that speed, which is tough to do until you get into game situa-

tions against other varsity squads,” Crabtree said. “Our girls just weren’t ready for that pace, but we are more ready now than we were before the weekend.”

Despite losing in two sets 18-25 and 22-25, Newcastle was able to compete and hang with Big Horn which Crabtree was pleased to see.

“In the games we lost over the weekend, we were right there in each and every one of them,” Crabtree said. “We like to see that, but it’s also a little frustrating to be so close, but not get the win.”

Southeast, a scrappy 1A team, was up next in bracket play. This was also a battle, but the Lady Dogies were able to prevail, defeating them in two



Photo by Nicole McFarland/NLJ

Hunter McFarland is the Lady Dogie setter this season as the team has opted to run a 5-1 offense. The senior finished the opening weekend with 74 set assists out of 213 sets.



Photo by Nicole McFarland/NLJ

McKenzie Rose, the Lady Dogies’ only junior player, got under a hit to send a pass to her setter as the Lady Dogies competed in the Gold Bracket at the Douglas Invite on Saturday.

straight sets, 25-21 and 25-23.

“They were pretty good, but I feel like we probably didn’t play up to our potential against them,” Crabtree admitted. “We try to play our game, but sometimes it’s hard when you’re playing a smaller team. But that is something we are going to really keep focusing on.”

The win put the Lady Dogies into the consolation championship game against Douglas and though the Lady Bearcats won in two sets, Newcastle put up a fight but lost 23-25 and 22-25, so ended the day in sixth place.

“We didn’t use our dynamic offense at all on Friday, but we did on Saturday

so I was super proud of that,” Crabtree said. “We had the chance to get that on film and now we can work on that this week.”

“We need to work on our consistency, but that will come, and everyone did really well for their first weekend out,” Crabtree said. “We moved the girls around a little bit so we’ll get to see who works best where and we are still playing around with our line-up.”

This weekend is another great learning opportunity for the Lady Dogies to work out some kinks as they travel to Gillette for a tournament on Friday and Saturday.

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