

Gaultieri wins mayoral bid

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

In the general election race that probably drew the most interest in Newcastle in 2020,

Mayor-elect Pam Gaultieri (823) was able to edge out Newcastle City Council President Don Steveson (550). Steveson lost election to former mayor Deb Piana in 2016, but has led the

council since Piana resigned and vacated the mayor's seat earlier this year.

There will be newcomers to the Newcastle City Council as well, as Darren Downs was

able to secure the most votes among council candidates with 764 unofficial votes. Incumbent Michael Alexander took the second seat with 613 votes and another newcomer, Tyrel

Owens, secured the third open seat on the council with 609 votes. Incumbents Roger Hesse and Tom Voss will not continue to serve on the council after finishing fourth and fifth in the

tally, with 564 votes and 594 votes respectively.

The race for Upton Town Council was just as close with,

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Having a fright



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Downtown Main Street in Newcastle was closed off to traffic for several hours on Halloween. Costumed kids lined the street, going from car to car for Trunk or Treat, put on by the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce. Businesses and people parked their vehicles along both sides of Main, and gave out candy to all the trick-or-treaters. Pictured are trick-or-treaters as they pass through the Frightmare trailer, encountering ghosts, goblins, and ghouls. See more photos from Halloween festivities on Page 15.

COVID update:

Honor camp announces 80 cases

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A total of 80 people — 73 inmates and seven staff — have tested positive for COVID-19 at Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp north of Newcastle, according to an Oct. 30 press release from the Wyoming Department of Corrections. Weston County's public health nurse, Lori Bickford, reported that the 80 cases will eventually be reflected in Weston County's total case count. As of Monday, the county has recorded 129 lab-confirmed cases and another 40 probable cases total since the pandemic began, according to the Wyoming Department of Health.

The Department of Corrections tested 100% of the population after a "few" positive cases were discovered during the routine 20% testing the facility had been conducting weekly. Tests are paid for through funding provided to the department under the CARES Act.

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Rep party to host state meet

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The Weston County Republican Party secured the honor of hosting the Wyoming Republican Party State Central Committee in November. The event will bring over 75 attendees

from across the state's 23 counties to Newcastle for two days as they have their quarterly meeting.

"This meeting is actually a big deal for

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WHAT
Wyoming Republican Party State Central Committee

WHEN
Friday, Nov. 13, 6 p.m.

WHERE
Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center

TICKETS
Kari Drost, 307-312-0768 or email karidrost72@yahoo.com

Calendar changes reflect COVID impact

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With more "behind the scenes" work being done by teachers as COVID-19 continues to make its way through the community and school district, late-start Wednesdays will now include Newcastle Elementary School, according to Principal Brandy Holmes.

"The Weston County School

“We can't do things the same as we did before, so it is more productive to have the kids in school and give them a bigger break in the spring.”

— Brad LaCroix, Superintendent
Weston County School District No. 1

District No. 1 Board of Trustees approved a revised calendar for the remainder of the school year," Holmes said in an Oct. 29 letter to parents. "The new calendar is effective immediately. However, the changes only impact a handful of days."

The most significant change to the calendar, according to Holmes, will be the addition of late-start Wednesdays at the elementary school.

"For the remainder of the year, we

will follow the middle and high school schedules for late start Wednesdays," Holmes said in the letter. Late start days, she said, have the elementary school beginning the school day at 9:50 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m.

"We do understand late starts can be difficult for some families. However, as the year has progressed, we are finding teachers needing additional time to complete 'behind the scenes' work," the letter says. "As you

are aware, COVID has brought to us a variety of challenges. Teachers are planning and preparing for regular programming while efficiently assessing and addressing gaps created during the spring closure. They are doing all of this while also planning for and assisting students in quarantine. This all takes extra time."

Superintendent Brad LaCroix

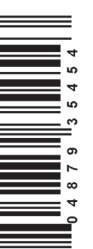
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WEATHER FORECAST

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-  Practice physical distancing (6 feet or more) between yourself and others
-  Do all you can to stay home and away from others if you're feeling ill, unless you're seeking medical attention

Learn more at health.wyo.gov

Remember: This is just for now, not forever.

Paid for with federal COVID-19 response funds.

Decker's hosting annual pie auction

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Each November, the United Fund hosts its annual pie auction to raise funds to directly benefit the local community. This year, with COVID-19 restrictions, the logistics for the pie auction were up in the air, according to Chris Beardsley, local United Fund board chair, until the Decker family stepped in and offered a solution.

"Danny called and said they were willing to host the auction. We were completely surprised and most thankful. They will be providing everything, and 100% of the proceeds will go to the 10 different agencies represented by the United Fund," Beardsley said. "The sale will be on Nov. 11 this year, a little earlier than normal, but that is when they could do it. So, we are happy."

The annual pie auction is the organization's only fundraising source, so not having it would have had a large impact on some of the agencies that rely on the money raised, Beardsley said.

According to Danny Decker, when the family heard that the annual pie auction would not be happening because of COVID-19 restrictions,

they wanted to figure out if there was a way the store could help. Because the store is already operating under guidelines for the pandemic, he said, they had the ability to offer a safe location and products.

"We felt that, with the amount of community support for the auction every year, we needed to do what we could to help it continue," Decker said. "It is an important fundraiser for the United Fund and the groups that benefit from them."

KASL will be on site during the auction, Beardsley said, and the United Fund will handle the auction, including offering free delivery for those who don't wish to venture out to collect their pies.

In addition to the auction, individuals, groups, businesses and organizations can donate to United Fund. Donors can specify the entity they want their funds to benefit. Donors can choose from the following beneficiaries: American Legion Post No. 3, the local BREAD office, FOCUS, American Legion, Ministerial Association, VFW Auxiliary 2516, the Weston County Children's Center, Weston County Humane Society, Weston County Peace Officers and Weston County Health Services In-Home Services.

WHAT
Annual United Fund Pie Auction

WHEN
Wednesday, Nov. 11,
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

WHERE
Decker's Market,
701 Washington Blvd.
Newcastle

Republicans from Page 1

Newcastle as no one can remember how long it has been since Newcastle has hosted a Wyoming Republican Party State Central meeting. The quarterly state central meetings are a gathering of the county chairs, the state committeemen and state committeewomen from all 23 counties in the state, along with all the Wyoming Republican Party leadership," said Kari Drost, Weston County Republican Party chairman. "It is an honor for our county and town and an opportunity for Newcastle to showcase its amenities to over 75 attendees from throughout Wyoming."

She explained that the executive committee chose

Newcastle over the other counties that submitted proposals. Drost had written the proposal while active county Republicans Allen and Ann Slagle gave the presentation before Weston County was selected.

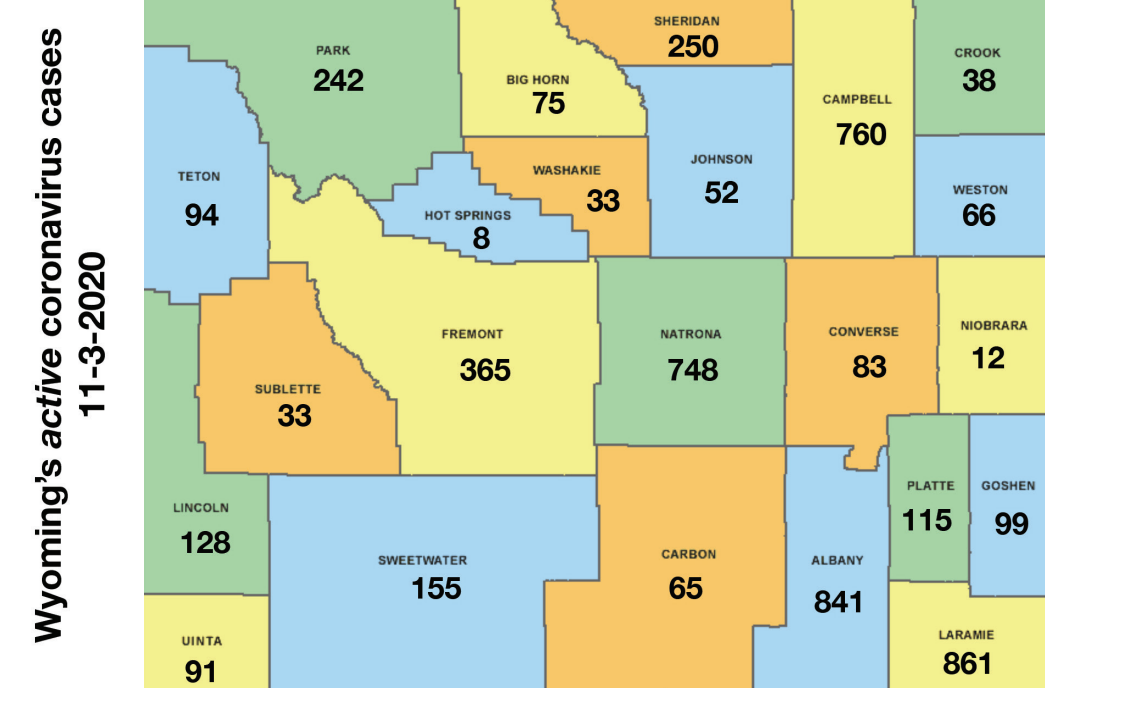
The event will feature a dinner fundraiser at the Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center on Friday, Nov. 13, beginning at 6 p.m. The evening will feature music by Walter Sprague. Special guests are Frank Eathorne, chairman of the Wyoming Republican Party; David Holland, vice chairman of the party, and Corey Steinmetz, who is a national committeeman.

Tickets for the Friday evening dinner will cost \$50 per person, who will have the choice of either prime rib or chicken.

"This dinner is a great opportunity for Weston County community leaders and citizens to bring their thoughts and concerns to influential leaders, as well as to learn from these same leaders," Drost said. "It is going to be a fabulous night of great food, camaraderie, learning and entertainment."

The committee meeting will be held the following day at the same venue.

For more information or to get tickets for the event, call Drost at 307-312-0768 or email her at karidrost72@yahoo.com.



According to the Wyoming Department of Health, as of Monday afternoon among Wyoming residents there have now been 93 coronavirus-related deaths confirmed, 12,399 lab-confirmed cases and 2,108 probable cases reported since the pandemic began. As of 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, the number of confirmed coronavirus cases seen since mid-March stood at 12,399, an increase of 340 over the 12,059 reported Monday. The number of active coronavirus cases in Wyoming on Tuesday was 5,214, an increase of 97 over Monday's 5,117.

COVID from Page 1

"We will continue to monitor and test as necessary to maximize safety of staff and inmates," said C.J. Young, DOC compliance manager. "Housing units have been identified as quarantine housing to maximize separation of inmates."

At this time, the facility has an inmate population of 223 and 79 staff members. Young said that staffing remains appropriate at the camp despite the positive cases. Traditional means such as overtime and alternative schedules are being used to ensure shift coverage.

"Since April 2020, the wearing of face masks and monitoring of social distancing has been and continues to be required of all staff and inmates," the release says. "The WDOC is working closely with the Department of Health and State Epidemiologist. The department will continue diligent monitoring at all sites and will report accordingly."

The state continues to see increases of COVID-19 in every county and currently has the sixth-highest new-cases rate in the nation,

according to Bickford. Statewide, according to the Department of Health, there are 12,399 total lab-confirmed cases, with 7,948 of those recovered; 2,220 probable cases, with 1,364 recovered; and 93 deaths related to the illness.

In the past 14 days, Bickford said, the number of positive test results amounts to 7.7% of the tests given in that period. Overall, Weston County has a 2.5% positivity rate out of the 1,957 total tests performed on county residents.

"The positivity rate and new cases have put us in a category known as a red zone, which is the most concerning. The threshold of control should be less than or equal to 5%," Bickford said. "The rate of new cases and rate of positivity need to be headed in the opposite direction to protect the community. We have the power to turn this trend of transmission around if we embrace the public health precautions."

Those precautions, she said, include maintaining a distance of 6 feet between yourself and others, frequent hand washing and wearing a mask when social distancing is not possible.

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Our View

Without Exception - America 2020

"A new command I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
-Jesus Christ

American Exceptionalism has never really been about our leaders. It has been about our people. No matter where you live in this country, you've seen it on display, and in this community, you've seen it chronicled in this newspaper over the course of your entire lifetime. With the help of Leonard Cash we are trying to bring those stories to life on these pages again because our shared history serves as a reminder of who and what we are as a community. And that is important. In the aftermath of the most contentious election in our lifetimes and the waning days of one the most challenging years the country has faced, we still know how exceptional we truly are when we come to together as a community because those stories tell us it is so. Stories about the men and women who had the vision, courage and

intelligence to build this community and personally invest in the institutions that have shaped it over the years. Stories about native sons going off to war to defend this country and its people from external forces that would seek to destroy the ideals we hold dear, and stories about shared sorrow and outpourings of love when one of those sons was lost. Stories about boys and girls who grew up here, and used the foundation of that upbringing to accomplish great things in all corners of the globe. We have printed stories of American Exceptionalism in these pages every week - regardless of who is President of the United States - and the stories that have most defined this community as exceptional are those that have demonstrated the remarkable ability of the people of Weston County to come together when tragedy strikes or trouble looms. When we have come together to fight devastating fires - both in our towns and out in the county - and

rallied to support the victims and first responders, we didn't do so because of our President or political party. When we have come together to wrap a family in the embrace of an entire community after they have lost a child or other loved one unexpectedly, we didn't care about who anybody voted for in the last election. When we come together time and time again to collectively pool our money and other resources to ensure that there are groups and organizations to provide relief to those in our community who find themselves in need, we don't hesitate to think that our giving may benefit somebody we disagree with. Four years ago, more than half the country woke up the day after the election and thought the world had come to an end. It didn't. And it certainly won't end this time either because regardless of who wins the election, American Exceptionalism will overcome whatever divisiveness and challenges remain because that is what

American Exceptionalism really is. They say adversity doesn't build character, it reveals it. The character of the American people - like the character of the people of Newcastle and thousands of other cities and towns across this country - has been displayed the most when it was needed the most. It is difficult for those of us living through 2020 to imagine a time when American Exceptionalism was more needed, and as the year comes to an end, we pray our readers wake up this morning with the knowledge that it won't come from our leader, regardless of who that is. American Exceptionalism - that remarkable ability to overcome the most insurmountable obstacles and emerge stronger from those challenges - is within each one of us. Its power is truly unleashed when we unite behind nothing more than the love we have for this nation and our fellow Americans. In a time of uncertainty, that is a simple truth. And it is the truth that can finally set us free from 2020.

You think Wyoming is empty? 5 more lonely

The Big Empty. Some decades ago, somebody came up with that motto for Wyoming in a contest to provide a not-so-complimentary nickname for the Cowboy State. It was a takeoff on The Big Easy, which is the motto for New Orleans. (Fellow columnist Dave Simpson is fond of using the term, The Big Lonesome.) Well, I can confidently say that Wyoming is not the only state in the West that has lots of empty spaces. Our recent 2,000-mile, six-state road trip found us traveling through lots of empty places similar to our long spans of apparent emptiness. For example, my late dad always called the Shoshoni-Casper drive "96 miles of nothing," but he could be forgiven. He grew up in Iowa, where there is a road and a farmhouse every quarter mile or so. And to Lois Herbst and Phil Roberts, please do not remind me of all the wonderful things

to see and do between Casper and Shoshoni. I know, I know. Sometimes I think my columns about my trips are like subjecting my friends to an old-time photographic slide show. But please be patient. I will try to sprinkle this column with some interesting tidbits. On the other hand, is there any way possible to write about empty spaces and make it interesting? Well, here goes: Our trip started from Lander to Las Vegas with our motorhome, where we put it in storage. Then from Vegas to Sedona. Then to Petrified Forest National Park en route to Farmington, NM and Durango, CO. Then to Montrose, CO and finally, home to Lander. Whew! Did that in 12 wonderful days. The temperatures were amazing. It was 100+ in Vegas. In Sedona it was just 92 but the TV newscasts said Phoenix just set a new record of 144 days



Bill Sniffin
My Wyoming

over 100 degrees in 2020. Now that would be uncomfortable if you were cooped up for six months in that heat during this COVID-19 epidemic, but I digress. First empty space is from Salt Lake City to St. George on Interstate 15. Lots of interstate with an 80-mph speed limit for passing by very few towns. Luckily, a great many Dairy Queens are on that route, though. Utah's roads were not great. We already know Wyoming is behind on maintenance. So, apparently, is Utah. St. George to Las Vegas is EMPTY, except for the beautiful Virgin River Gorge. I should say it is daunting in a big old motorhome, going downhill through that scary canyon. Interstate 40 in Arizona is a mess. Every bit as bad as our interstate highways or probably worse. And empty? How about a place with signs warning you of sand storms? Sedona is an island of beauty surrounded by vast areas of . . . nothing? Just mediocre hills and valleys

covered in scrub. An immense expanse of nothing greeted us as we left Flagstaff east on Interstate 40 looking for the Petrified Forest National Park. It is well worth the visit but is 30 miles off the interstate. Lots of interesting places along there including Newspaper Rock, which unfortunately we bypassed. Pat Schmidt later sent me a photo of the rock - one of the best examples of old petroglyphs in the country. From there to Farmington, NM, it was very empty. Not a convenience store for 50 miles (and we really needed one!). I thought Farmington was going to be a little town. It is 50,000 people. Took forever to drive through it. Can't complain of the scenery from Farmington to Durango and on to Montrose. Bob, Steph, and Summer Bonnar (of Newcastle) hosted us for a fun time in Durango. This Durango-Montrose stretch offered lots of wonderful alpine scenery, including the truly amazing Million Dollar Highway north of

Durango. The towering San Juan Mountains offer spectacular views. While in Montrose, we spent two wonderful days with our daughter and her husband and our three grandchildren. Plus, two great-grandchildren, too. Nice family times. Last few empty spaces on our trip home were from Craig, CO to Baggs and on to Creston Junction west of Rawlins. Of course, that 120-mile stretch from Rawlins to Lander is one of my favorite places on earth but to many folks, well, it looks like the Big Empty. So, there you have it. Yawn. Another Sniffin travelogue. Since most people are holed up and we weren't, I thought our trip might be worth sharing.

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Elections have consequences, but one is not the end

The 2020 elections are this week and, depending on when you read this, may either be looming or recently completed. As all of America makes its choices on who to lead us and who to trust to make key decisions for our cities, states, and nation, we should all remember the fundamental truth that elections have consequences. For better or worse, the people who we choose this week will be making decisions that impact almost all parts of our daily lives. Depending on who we elect, those decisions may differ dramatically. To illustrate, consider the 2016 Presidential election. The election of Donald Trump had massive impacts on our daily lives. President Trump nominated three justices to the U.S. Supreme Court and many other judges throughout the country. The difference in judicial philosophy between



Khale Lenhart
Guest Editorial

those President Trump appointed and those that would likely have been appointed by Hillary Clinton will almost certainly impact many areas of our day-to-day lives. President Trump's tax plans, spending priorities, foreign policy decisions, and handling of COVID-19 are all vastly different than what we would have seen under Hillary Clinton. The same holds true for this election. The administrations of Joe Biden and Donald Trump will make very different decisions on very important areas of our lives. It is vital that voters make their preferences known. This also holds true for our other national races and our state and local races. The balance of power in the United States Senate may very well come down to a single Senator. The difference between what bills could be passed with a Republican Senate as opposed to a Democratic Senate are significant. Our state legislature will also have its decisions and solutions impacted by the candidates elected on

Tuesday, not to mention the races for mayor, city council, and school board. All of this is to say, as we have all heard a million times, it is important to vote. The results of our votes have real world consequences. At the same time, when the dust settles, many of us are going to be disappointed at the results. The two party system lends itself to relative parity - at least on a national scale - and it is almost impossible for a single party to maintain control over an extended period of time. Some candidates we believe in will lose, and sometimes in circumstances we believe are unfair. We can mourn the results for a while, but even though every election is important, we should not let a single election lead us to despair. Even good ideas sometimes fail to catch on the first time. It is important that we learn lessons from elections, but it is also important not to overlearn them. Just because a candidate or cause is unsuccessful in a particular race - and especially a particular close race - does not mean that the candidate or cause will be forever unsuccessful. Elections are merely

a reflection of a particular point in time. They measure voter attitudes and enthusiasm in that moment, but as we can see by changing vote totals for candidates, voter attitudes change over time. One election will not make or break a particular party or cause. It may result in better or worse policies in the short term, but it will not end the debate. We will still have to carefully contend with the issues, keep an eye on our elected officials, and fight for what we believe in. Victory does not mean that everyone - or even a majority - agree with a particular course, and our public officials should still be proactive in explaining their decisions and their rationale to the public. A winning candidate one year may be a losing one the next. Life will go on, even in the political sphere. The political world is a series of battles, but it is doubtful anyone will ever win the "war." As we digest the results of this year's election, let's keep that in mind. It may be painful. It may be joyful. It is certain to be important, but just as certainly, it is not the end.

Deadline for letters is noon on Friday

Recapture

A PIECE OF HISTORY

**25 Years Ago
November 9, 1995**

The Carl Kuemmerle post and auxiliary met Nov. 2 at the VFW Hall. Commander Richard Nance showed the WWII flag and all present agreed to keep it and display it at the post home.

The Newcastle Christian Women's Club will hold their luncheon and bazaar on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from noon to 2 p.m. The luncheon and bazaar will be held at the Fountain Inn located at the junction of US 16 and 85.

Song writer, singer, recording artist, Mark Baker will appear in concert at First Baptist Church, 903 S. Summit, on Nov. 12 at 6 p.m.

Several Weston County 4-H members and youth participated

in the Western Junior Livestock Show. Megan Darnell showed her Columbias and received a Purple Ribbon in showmanship, Grand Champion Yearling Ewe, Reserve Champion Yearling Ewe, and Champion Pen of Three.

The Newcastle Sports Boosters are back in action. With Steve Holloway at the helm as president, Glen Reed as vice-president and Peggy Carr as secretary-treasurer, the organization is ready to give Newcastle sports a shot in the arm, said Holloway.

The U-12 girls soccer team finished up their fall season at the Cheyenne tournament where the Thunder Rock team played three tough Cheyenne teams. The girls did not lose one game, playing their best

team ball of the year.

The Ernie Cummings spent Thursday with Ann Cummings. Bill and Jo Fulton worked cattle at the ranch with the help of Roger Cossart, Jim Millett, Tom and Waynette Nichols and Reuben Ritthaler in preparation for shipping Wednesday.

The George Kennedys were in Gillette Thursday and had lunch out with the Cory Hopkins. Vi Coutant, Julie Abbott and Shelby Abbott had Sunday dinner at the Dairy Dell.

**50 Years Ago
November 5, 1970**

A trailer home owned by Harold Drake was destroyed by fire Monday morning east of Newcastle at the Homestead Trailer Park.

Norman B. Gray was re-elected justice of the state supreme court and Rodney M. Guthrie was re-elected judge of the sixth judicial district Tuesday.

Bill Fassbender, Norm Caillier and Burt Bower were elected to four year terms as city councilmen in Tuesday's election.

Mrs. Irene Phillips and Marcus Phillips were in Newcastle on Saturday on business and for medical attention.

Mr. Creed Wheat and Jim and Mr. Dennis Gunnerson and Mark, all from Laramie, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Childs and family.

Mrs. Carl Kuemmerle and Cindy were Saturday evening callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fulton and family.

Mrs. John Barker Jr. and children were in Newcastle on Monday, Thursday and Friday on business. Miss Jeanine Thompson celebrated her birthday at a supper at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thompson and family on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wakefield were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Pickett and family. Mr. and Mrs. Mick Dowdy and Jeff and Lisa attended open house at the Gertrude Burns school in Newcastle on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Barritt and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Horn spent Sunday hunting in the Black Butte area. Mrs. Billy Dick Riehemann called on Mrs. Irene Phillips on Wednesday.

The Twentieth Century Club met at the home of Mrs. James Lane Thursday, Oct. 29. The Guest Day Tea was enjoyed by a large group.

The Herb Quests and Frank Trupp were dinner guests at the Clay George home Wednesday. Mrs. Lawrence Popham drove the school bus for Wayne Peterson during hunting season.

**100 Years Ago
November 4, 1920**

The Tidd boys made a business trip to town last week. Ralston's well rig seems to be a white elephant. This week the gasoline engine decided to rest a while.

Elmer Goodson moved a shack onto his homestead last week. George Beard was in Upton last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. A.L. Crossley rode over to Luce's last week. Mrs. Kate Hamm and children visited Mrs. W.J. Crossley last week.

Ed Ashmore hauled a load of potatoes from Baldwin's last week. Arthur Fields has been hunting out saddle ponies from the range this week.

An unconfirmed report of the burning of the Upton school building has reached Newcastle. With telephone connections down it is impossible to confirm the persistent rumor, which has been circulated here since morning.

The drive for Red Cross membership will be launched in Newcastle at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, exactly the time the Armistice was signed and hostilities ceased on the western front, according to county officials.

Next to the election, the final outcome of which already is clear, comes the big Osage map to be off the presses in the News-Journal office one week from today, November 11th. Every subscriber to the News-Journal will receive one of these and every new subscriber up until the 15th of the month. Here's the chance to secure a map which is authentic in every detail, showing all completed wells and wells drilling at this time.

Mrs. Susan York has gone to Upton to make arrangements to start advertising to make final proof. Arthur Davis is hauling coal.



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Payments may be made the following ways:

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WHAT'S UP Nov 2020

Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

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| Fri Nov. 6 | 5:30PM 9AM | BINGO Free Hearing Tests | VFW Hall WC Senior Center |
| Sat Nov. 7 | 9-3PM | Holiday Bazaar | WC Event Center, Fairgrounds |
| Mon Nov. 9 | 6:30PM | WC Fair Board | Fairgrounds, WC Event Center |
| Tue Nov. 10 | 10:30AM 6PM 7-8PM | Alzheimers/Dementia Support WC Humane Society Mtg Alanon Meeting | WCHS Shelter Senior Center Family Room |
| Wed Nov. 11 | 6:30AM 8-5PM 8-4PM | Wellness Wednesday Free Veterans' Dental Clinic United Fund Pie Auction | WCHS Black Hills Dental Decker's Market |
| Thur Nov. 12 | 7PM | WCHS Q&A Call-In Session | 746-3755 |

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| Nov. 7 Ellen Butts Carol Cargill Jo Shackelford | Ellen Griffin Andrew McKay Shel & Lonette Murphy 🐶 | Nov. 11 Doug Hudson |
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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

More history of Paul Keef's Confectionary



Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent
With Leonard Cash

Picking up where he left off last week, historian Leonard Cash continues to reveal the history of Paul Keef's Confectionary that once occupied lot 7 on block 10 (at the time located between City Grocer and Peerless Bar), which is now the empty lot next to Perkin's Tavern.

According to the June 8, 1939, edition of the *News Letter Journal*, Ray Dale was remodeling the front of the bakery in a modern stucco design.

Keef had a unique history, and in an article titled "Keef's Ancestral History Dates Back to 1660 in U.S." from Jan. 4, 1940, the paper gives a brief description of his ancestry.

"Paul Keef, Newcastle's wheelchair business man, who has operated his confectionery business in a successful manner for several years, has an interesting ancestral history, it was revealed this week," the article says.

His bloodline could be traced all the way to New England colonists. Keef's great-great-grandfather Roswell Scovil was born in Connecticut, and

he was a descendent of Stephan Scovil, who descended from Arthur Scovil, who arrived in Boston in 1660. The article also says that Keef's grandmother Anna Ellen Scovil Walker (daughter of Lucious Scovil) was 89 years old and living in Seattle at the time the article was published. She had 24 grandchildren, including Keef, 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Unfortunately, a few months later, a fire destroyed Keef's business. On Oct. 10, 1940, the paper reported that Fire Prevention Week was observed Oct. 6-12 by the schools and fire department. Ironically, the "worst fire in the business district in seven years" hit both bakeries (Keef's and the Newcastle Bakery) that same week. Mayor Rasmus Andersen commended the work of the firefighters who extinguished it.

"Fire Chief M.L. Hays explained that the fire was especially difficult to cope with because of the metal sides and covering," the article says. "He added that more water was used on the fire than any other since the large blaze seven years ago this month."

The fire was suspected to have been caused by defective wiring, and both Keef's and the bakery's stock was destroyed.

Around Oct. 17, 1940, Keef held a "fire sale" to sell all the remaining merchandise, and the article advertised that there was a large price reduction. He never reopened, according to Cash.

On Jan. 31, 1951, 11 years after the fire, Keef passed away in Sundance at the Barnes Rest Home at the age of 53, due to an illness, according to his obituaries from Feb. 1 and Feb. 8, 1951. Keef was born on



Nov. 18, 1897, and he moved from Miller, South Dakota, to the Newcastle area when he was 13. He lived on a ranch until 1920, which was the year he had an accident that caused paralysis, confining him to a wheelchair for the rest of his life.

"In spite of this handicap, he was able to make his own living, besides buying a home and a store building," the article says.

He ran a popcorn wagon on Main Street before he opened Paul's Confectionary. "Rock of Ages" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" were played at his funeral, and his former schoolmates served as pall bearers.

After the building sat empty for a few months, the Hested Stores Co. moved in, announced an article from May 1, 1952.

"The Hested Stores Company of Wyoming takes great pleasure in announcing the opening of another of their Variety stores, their newest addition being the grand opening of their Newcastle store," the article says.

The Hested building was complete with new fixtures,

fluorescent lighting and "carries hundreds of new items of merchandise." Live turtles were to be sold at the event, as well as free balloons for the children and flowers for the ladies. Robert Williams, vice president of the company at the time, was scheduled to be present at the event, along with other company members. Lloyd Yahnke from Auburn, Nebraska, was appointed the manager. The company was expecting to open lines in Gillette and Buffalo in the near future.

By Sept. 24, 1959, the paper reported that H. Dale Thomas, who was the manager, was transferred to Torrington, so Bob Madsen was taking his place.

An article from May 17, 1960, revealed some changes with the Hested Co. The general offices of 96 stores in several states were moving from Fairbury, Nebraska, to Omaha.

"Bob Madsen, manager of the Newcastle store, announced the forthcoming move Wednesday, along with plans for construction of an Omaha headquarters building for the Hested Stores Company," the article says.



Photos courtesy of Leonard Cash

A few different businesses have occupied Lot 7 on block 10, including Hested's and Black Hills Printing & Signs.

The office was to be two stories high with dimensions of 183 feet by 57 feet on both floors. It was scheduled to open by July of 1961 and was to "speed service to the individual stores and help to hold down distribution costs," according to Madsen.

The Sept. 29, 1960, edition of the paper reported that Tom Kelley assumed the manager position. Kelley was in the company's manager training program in 1958. He was a native of Iowa Falls and went to Ellsworth College and served in the U.S. Army for two years in Japan.

Evidently, he did not stay very long because, according to the Aug. 22, 1963, issue, Val Hankins of Laramie was succeeding the manager position from John Bach.

Nearly three years later, the March 31, 1966, paper announced that Hankins, who was active in the chamber of commerce and Jaycees, was transferred to Douglas and Tom Funke from Greeley, Colorado, was transferred to the Newcastle store. Funke had been involved with Hested stores for five years.

Unfortunately, things did not bode well for Hankins. On April 11, 1968, the *News Letter Journal* reported the tragic deaths of Hankins and his wife, Sandra, and their daughter, Cindy. He was 35 when he died and Sandra was 25. Their daughter was merely 4 years old. The family was on their way home from Valentine, Nebraska, when they were found dead in the car. Cindy and her 5-month old brother, Patrick, were wrapped in coats and blankets when they were rushed to the hospital, where Cindy passed away. Fortunately, Patrick

was in improved condition and being treated for shock and frostbite.

The Oct. 14, 1976, paper announced that A-1 Agency bought the Hested building (which was closing its business) from Lee Realty Co. of Nebraska.

The next business to occupy the building was Pacesetter One. However, it did not get its start in the old Hested building. According to an article from April 1, 1976, Don Dilts and his wife, Jo, opened this men's and youth clothing store next to their bowling alley (formerly located on the west end of town), but around March 2, 1978, the Diltses leased the Hested building from Joe Thaler and moved the Pacesetter store there.

The June 5, 1980, issue reported that Jack and Marge Huber sold the Sears catalog store to the Diltses, and the store was moved into the same building as Pacesetter One.

The final businesses to occupy this now empty building were the Main Street Mall and Ice Cream Alley. An article from March 28, 1985, announced that Sheila Johnson opened a beauty shop and ladies' boutique "with space available for other small shops."

However, the Main Street Mall did not last very long because by June 13, 1985, Kathy Dobbs opened the Ice Cream Alley there, serving ice cream and sandwiches.

According to Cash, the building sat empty for a number of years with a few businesses here and there, including a print shop, but today it remains vacant. Next week, Cash will begin a series on lot 8, which at one time was home to First National Bank.

BLAST FROM THE PAST



Here's a photo from the *News Letter Journal's* archives. This photo was possibly taken in 2018. —subjects unknown.

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Possible skating rink by December

Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent

When Dr. Sara Thurgood, of the Monument Health Newcastle Clinic, presented the idea of forming a youth hockey team to the community on Facebook, she wanted to see if enough people would be interested.

“Boy, was there interest,” she said.

Not only were people in favor of the idea, but Justin Tystad of Pinnacle Bank decided to take it to the next level and proposed putting a rink in. Support began pouring in, and people were willing to donate time, money and resources to the project.

After Thurgood, Tystad and Scott McGuire (the school psychologist and former college hockey coach) presented their ideas at Newcastle City Council and Rec Board meetings earlier this month, they realized that the next step would be to “formally charter as a committee,” Thurgood said. A tentative meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Thurgood has invited the community to join them at 6 p.m. to discuss ideas and form a local skating association. The location of the meeting will be determined soon. Once an official group is formed, getting the necessary funds and resources will be more probable, she said.

“That gets us through the door,” Thurgood said.

According to Thurgood, Tystad suggested having a semi-permanent rink, which would be fairly inexpensive to maintain, up and running by the holidays. In the future, she said, it might be possible to establish a more permanent rink that can be converted to a water park in the summer.

The first thing that needs to be decided is where to install the rink, Thurgood said. A standard hockey rink is 200 feet by 80 feet, but a half-size rink (100 feet by 50 feet) would be big enough to play on, she said. Suggested locations include the skate park behind Loaf-n-Jug and Centennial Park, but the leading contender



Newcastle could have a hockey rink as early as December, according to Dr. Sara Thurgood, who had the idea to form a youth hockey team in the community.

is Weston County Fairgrounds.

Because practices will most likely take place in the dark after parents are off work and kids are out of school, light and heating sources are needed to “facilitate a comfortable environment,” Thurgood said. She added that hockey is a risky sport, so there is a need for certain safety measures and equipment installed. Thurgood said 3 to 4 inches of water would be ideal, although it’s possible to skate on 1-inch-thick ice. Time needed to freeze the ice, a certain number of days under 27 degrees Fahrenheit, must also be considered. A Zamboni machine would be needed to smooth the ice, but it can be attached and “jury rigged” to a John Deere, Thurgood said.

Although a temporary rink can be installed quickly, Thurgood said, she is hoping to have something more permanent that won’t get torn up. She wants to get enough people interested and construct something permanent enough to make it last. There is “definitely potential” to “think big,” she said. Eventually, a sound system, skate rentals and a hot cocoa station could be organized.

Thurgood said that her daughter played hockey in their former home of Birmingham, Alabama, and in order to continue playing, Thurgood has been taking her to Rapid City several times a week, which

gets tiring. That’s where the idea of forming a local team came in.

“She loves this sport,” Thurgood said.

She said it will take a few years to teach kids in Newcastle how to get good enough at skating to start playing hockey, but the goal is to eventually form age-based teams, possibly as a branch of Thunder Dome in Rapid, similar to how baseball season is conducted.

Thurgood said she hopes to have training camps and recruitment sessions in the near future, possibly with the National Hockey League’s Learn to Play event or something simple with local coaches. Hockey also offers some great scholarship opportunities, so getting the Newcastle youth involved could help cover college expenses, she said.

“We’ve got so many kids in this community,” Thurgood said. “It’s a great sport.”

To keep up with the updates and developments of the project, check the Newcastle Talk of the Town Facebook page, where Thurgood has been posting information and ideas. More information will be available after the Nov. 10 meeting. She said they’re willing to take any help they can get, including time, money, resources, service and labor.

“If you’re interested, come to the meeting,” Thurgood said.

Schools

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said that late-start days will give teachers more leeway, whether they are working on curriculum or dealing with students who have been quarantined. He noted that teachers are facing complex situations while trying to educate students in and out of school.

Extracurricular activities have also taken some hits as COVID-19 guidelines continue and the calendar also reflects some of those changes, LaCroix said.

With the Wyoming High School Activities Association not permitting overnight stays for activities, LaCroix said that it made more sense

to have kids in school on what would have been a high activity day in previous years.

“We can’t do things the same as we did before, so it is more productive to have the kids in school and give them a bigger break in the spring,” LaCroix said.

Because of this, the school board has made Jan. 15, Feb. 5, Feb. 19 and March 5 school days.

“These days were moved to extend spring break, beginning April 1 through April 6, schedule a PT day, teachers will be at school but students will not, in March and end the school year a day earlier,” Holmes said.

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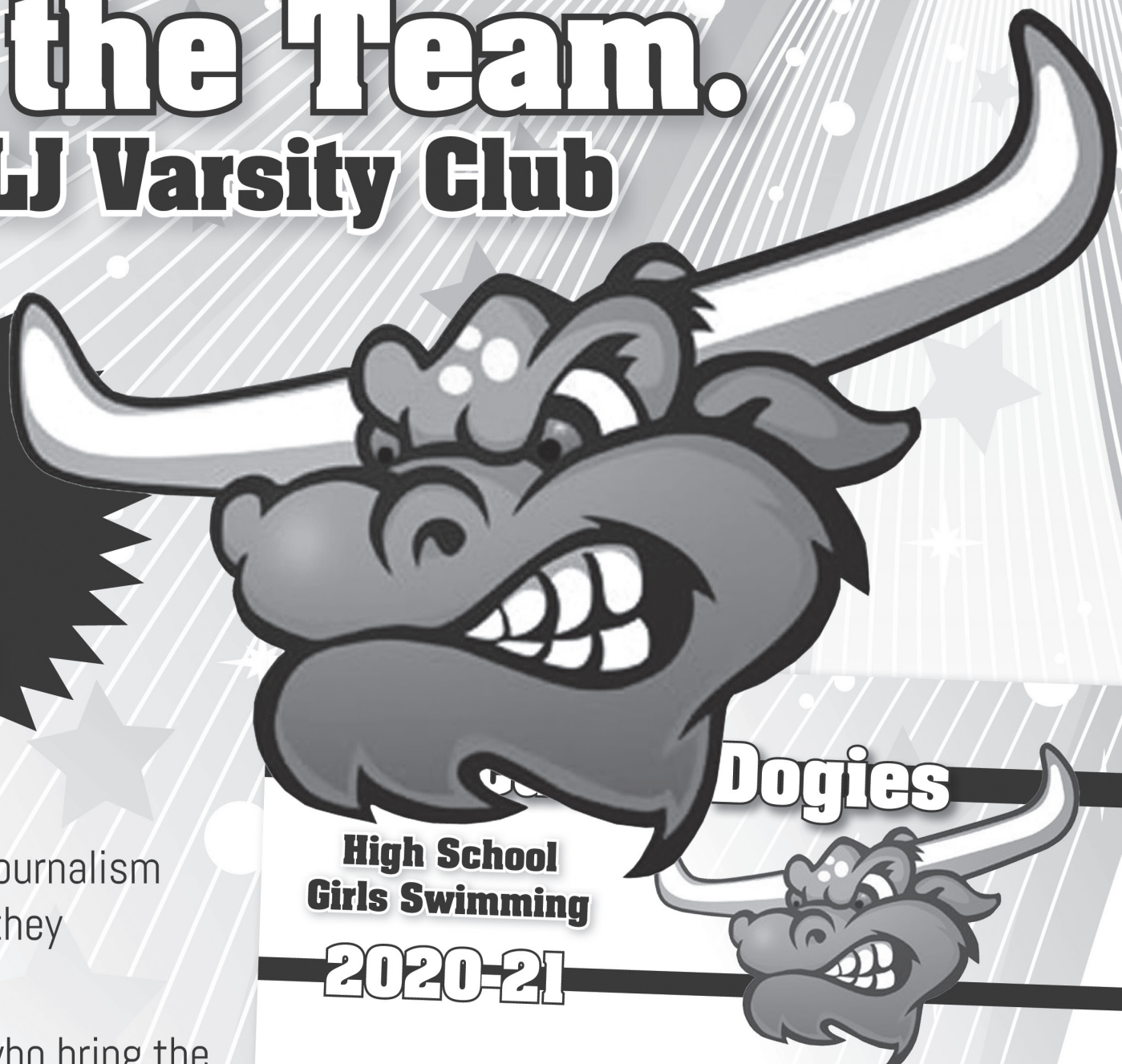
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RECOGNIZING local veterans AND THEIR SERVICE



LYLE SYLTE

WW II vet celebrates 94th

Written by Michael Troupe
Mrs. Troftgruben's English
Class, Dec. 4, 2018

To every American, patriotism is a very important part of life. Some show this by serving their country, making the ultimate sacrifice. They are not only protecting what they love, they are protecting the future of the United States of America. They spend countless days or months away from their loved ones, not knowing if they will see them again. They go into war knowing that they may not make it back home, and if they do make it back home, they may not come home in one piece, mentally or physically. Knowing this is very hard to deal with, but they must push it to the back of their mind and fight on. Just like a drill sergeant said, "Embrace the suck."

Serving your country is one of the most patriotic things a person can do. Those who cannot serve because of something, physically or mentally, show their patriotism in other ways, such as going to fundraisers for disabled veterans, and making and selling things that are patriotic. Those that were drafted served their country, even though they did not originally plan on doing that with their lives. Most World War II, Vietnam conflict, and older veterans were drafted because the country could not get enough people to join. Therefore, only 1 percent of the United States population is enlisted in the military. The veteran that was interviewed for this paper was Lyle Sylte, a WW II vet and, just like a large amount of people from that time period, a man who was drafted.

Lyle Sylte is one of the oldest veterans in Newcastle. There are not a lot of WW II veterans left, so it is even more important to preserve their stories. Sylte was born in Ulen, Minn., on Sept. 21, 1926. His parents were Oscar and Leana Sylte. Before being drafted,



Submitted photo

Newcastle resident Lyle Sylte served during World War II.

Sylte was working for United Air Lines in Cheyenne, Wyo., according to Sylte. Lyle worked on the planes and made sure they were ready for flight.

When Lyle was drafted, he was sent to Fort Hood, Texas, for his basic training. He spent six weeks in Fort Hood to complete basic training. Fort Hood is one of the biggest forts in the United States. This allows for two armored divisions to train with no problem of space. The fort is made of army trainees and personnel that operate and use the base for training purposes. This fort is also known for deploying heavy forces during times of war. After Sylte's training in Fort Hood, he was sent to Portland, Ore., to go through what is known as AIT (advanced individual training). Lyle was in Oregon to undergo special infantry training to become a replacement infantry man (which is no longer a MOS). While I was interviewing Lyle, he could not recall much about his special training in Oregon. After completing infantry training, Sylte was then sent to California, to wait for deployment to Japan.

While waiting to be shipped out to Japan, the U.S. dropped the atomic bombs on Japan.

When this happened, Lyle was so excited because he thought he would not get deployed. Then he got new orders that still sent him to Philippines, but he was a part of the Signal Corps. The Signal Corps oversaw sending U.S. equipment back to the U.S. They were also in charge of taking care of the prisoners of war. The most important equipment that was majorized to send back to the U.S. was weapons, tanks, transport trucks, jeeps, and planes. Lyle was one of the guards that watched Japanese prisoners. Lyle told me that the Japanese prisoners did not try to escape because they were afraid of what the Philippine people would do to them. During Lyle's first few weeks in the Philippines, they stayed on the beach. Lyle said those two weeks were mostly spent playing games on the beach and were a lot of fun.

After those two weeks, they were moved to another island that was not nearly as fun. Lyle told me about a trip that he took with a couple of his buddies into the main heart of the island. While on this trip, Lyle found a Japanese weapon. He cleaned it up and sent it home. He still has

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Veterans Day is Nov. 11

PAUL WEYRICH

Korean War vet celebrates 90th

Courtesy of Jessie Canaday

Paul Weyrich was born on his father's 54th birthday on Sept. 27, 1930, on the family farm near Sturgis, S.D. He attended school in Sturgis and was drafted into the Army in 1952 during the Korean War. He was stationed near the 38th Parallel as a 60 MM gunner and earned the Combat Infantry Badge.

Following his return home after 16 months in Korea and 31 days on the ocean, Paul and his brother bought a TD-18 International Crawler tractor and went to work in construction. Construction work took him to numerous jobs in Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Montana and South Dakota. He leveled locations for oil rigs, built dams, roads, bridges, and even worked on the Minuteman Missile Silos around Ellsworth Air Force Base and the rest area outside of Lusk, Wyo.

Paul married Helen in 1954 and they moved to Newcastle in 1960, where they built their house and developed the first of four mobile

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Veteran Paul Weyrich recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

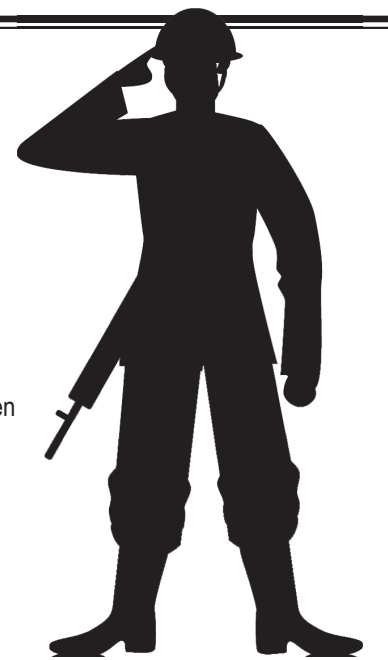
Dance the Night Away

By Kassidee Jeppesen

Ten tiny toes on two boots of steel, swaying left to right
A pair of small hands grasped tight in rough dirt covered paws
The room is filled with music, laughter, and love
A father and daughter dance the night away

Two glass slippers on two boots of steel, swaying left to right
Her eyes are bright and filled with life, his smile is tired
Her smile is wide, his eyes are sad filled with the horrors he's seen
A father and daughter dance the night away

Ten toes on the cold hard floor, unmoving, stiff
Her eyes are wet, and her smile is absent
His eyes are dark and filled with hate, his voice is weak
His heart has taken a toll, the years of war has done its job
A father and daughter dance alone this night



DAVE PAULLEY

Intro by Walter Sprague

A couple months ago, Don Thorson took me out to meet Dave Paulley. I've always had a deep respect for our veterans, but there was something more in this meeting. As I was listening to Don and Dave talk about their service, about growing up together, and about touring the Pacific Islands that they revisited after their service, I was struck by the sense of brotherhood they exhibited toward each other. All too often I don't see this bond among family members, depending on the family. But here was an attachment that ran deeper than what I normally see. It was a respect and care for each other based on mutual difficult times, and yet times that defined both of these men, not just for the experiences they had during war time, but also for the high character that was developed in them. It really struck me as they talked — you could not survive in the situations they were in unless you had a deep sense of brotherhood, of belonging,

and of proving that you could be relied upon in times of great risk and need. Both Don and Dave exhibited these great qualities in their lives.

Artist blends love of wings and the west

Upon entering the Western Wings Art Studio of Dave Paulley in Osage, visitors are greeted by paintings on the wall that not only explain the studio name, but also announce the passions of the artist — western scenes and airplanes.

"I had always been interested in western art and painting," stated Paulley.

In 1964, his interest prompted Paulley to take a correspondence course for a year and a half from, as he recalls, several of the top illustrators in the country at the time. To increase his knowledge Paulley spent two weeks with a German artist in Denver. At the time, he was working as an airframe and engine mechanic for an aircraft



NLJ file photo

Dave Paulley, pictured in 2011, paints from a World War II B-24 bomber pilot seat at his home in Osage.

flying service, Sky Harbor, in Cheyenne. Paulley had become a pilot in the mid 1940s, following in his father's footsteps.

"I flew some, but worked mostly in the shop as a mechanic. I worked at that

business for 12 years," Paulley said. "In 1968 I became a full-time artist. I quit my job after I went out and found a year of commission work in Cheyenne. The times were good, and good for my art."

Paulley was born in Midwest, Wyo., to Francis (Hooper) and Gordon Paulley, the oldest of three children. His family moved to Osage when he was 2 years old. He attended Kitty Moats School through

the eighth grade and graduated from Upton High School in 1949. He attended college one year at the University of Wyoming, then enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Boot camp was in San Diego, Calif. From there he was stationed in Jacksonville, Fla., and Memphis, Tenn., and then to Moffatt Field, Calif. He was honorably discharged in 1955, after serving in the Korean War.

Paulley said he did a lot of painting in basements and spare bedrooms in Colorado before he finally decided to move back to his roots in Osage. He moved into the childhood home left by his parents when he married his wife, Elsie. Shortly after moving back to Osage in 2002, the Paulleys built an art studio in their backyard.

At first Paulley only painted western theme paintings, but his aviation background eventually came through as well. His painting, "Hey, can I have your saddle?" combines both a western theme and airplanes. The picture shows a cowboy on a horse next to an empty saddled horse while a cowboy climbs into a plane with a pilot.

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Annual veterans Day concert will be virtual

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

With COVID-19 actively spreading in the community, Weston County School District No. 1 will still celebrate Veterans Day, Nov. 11, and honor those who fought for the country and freedom, although this year's program will look a lot different.

"To be on the safe side this year, we won't be holding an in-person assembly for Veterans Day next week," said Tyler Bartlett, Newcastle Middle School principal. "At the same time, we want to try to find a way to honor these men and women and show our respect and appreciation for all they have sacrificed for

our country."

Bartlett said that choir instructor Jan Ellis and band instructor Ryan Whipple are working on recording performances of both the middle and high school students. Those recordings will then be compiled into a virtual assembly.

"We're also working on including a guest speaker like we normally would," Bartlett said. "Our tech director, Beau Gregory, has been instrumental in making this possible, and if all goes according to plan, we should have a finished product to share with our students, staff and community by next Wednesday."

At this time, more information will become available through the school district's website and Facebook pages.

Sylte

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it to this day, although he said he has not had it out in years. He still thinks it is the best souvenir he could have found. They also played games such as basketball and football.

The best part of being on deployment is getting orders that sent them back to the United States. While Lyle was being sent home, he was put on Super Liner. While on his trip home, he avoided his KP duties, this was basically working in the kitchen. The only reason he could get away with this for the entire trip home, was because there were so many people on that ship.

One thing that Lyle said that he will always remember was coming in the San Francisco Bay area, and going right underneath the Golden Gate bridge. It made him think of how lucky we are, to have our freedom, how much he missed this great country, and how he never wanted to be gone for that long ever again.

Since Lyle was home, he visited his family. He did not tell anyone that he was coming home. He surprised his mom, Lyle said he almost gave her a heart attack. Shortly after being home, he started college. He loved the college life, he did not like the service too much.

After attending college, Lyle move to Newcastle to become an accountant for a big oil company. He has been in Newcastle since. He had a small family here in Newcastle. Lyle loved being a civilian over being the military. Lyle still wishes that he would have stayed in contact with his friends that he made while in the military. That is one of his biggest regrets.

Lyle told me that one thing



Submitted photo

Veteran Lyle Sylte turned 94 in September.

that he wants the readers of his story to remember is that war is a terrible thing. It tears families apart, it rips countries apart, and destroys a person's life. He may not have seen the front line, but the stories he heard from the men coming back from the front line are haunting and terrifying. The politicians use the word "war" like it does not mean anything. This is because no matter what happens, they will not have to go fight. It is not their life, they're ruining. A way to honor our veterans is to take their stories of being on the front line and learn from them. Not to make the same mistake again, to learn how to talk to one another with out starting a fight with other people. We owe

our veterans everything; without them we would not be sitting here today, with all the freedoms that we have. Veterans are the ones that have put their lives on the line for their country. They may not have known completely what they were fighting for, but they continued to fight on and do their best to make it back home, to their families.

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Weyrich

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home parks. He retired from construction in 1971 and then went to work for the Weston County School District as maintenance engineer.

Along with their three children, Paul and Helen built and operated the Lazy W Mobile Home Park, the Newcastle Mobile Home Park, the Diamond W Mobile Home Estates and the Rolling Wheels Mobile Home Estates. Consequently, the Newcastle City Planning Commission called upon his developer expertise to help write new regulations for city zoning and mobile home parks. He retired from the school

district in 1992 and became an award-winning Winchester gun collector.

Paul and Helen have three children, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They enjoy watching wildlife, playing the slots in Deadwood, S.D., and teaching their grandchildren how to play the game of Pitch. As Paul reflects on his life, he was grateful to have seen many interesting changes over the years — mostly for the better. One such change was the use of tractors to replace horses for farming. Happy 90th Birthday!

Paulley

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"Most of those old cowboys weren't trusting of airplanes, so the cowboy asked, 'Hey, can I have your saddle?' I do a lot of historical stuff. I have always loved history," Paulley explained.

Another painting Paulley is proud of is a depiction of the Moffet Field Airbase in California, where he was stationed during what he calls the Korean crisis.

Anticipating a letter drafting him into the Army, Paulley entered the naval service, where he would rather spend his time fighting for his country. When he was in boot camp his mother received his Army draft letter, and Paulley was satisfied with the choice he made because it helped develop his interest in flying.

"We flew supplies, men

and what-not into Japan for the Korean problem," stated Paulley. "I was never in the sea Navy, the air Navy. I spent all my time in the air, when most sailors spend their time in the ocean."

After spending his four years in the Navy, Paulley went back to Osage, working at the power plant, but he wanted to stay in aviation so he eventually made his way to Cheyenne where he began working for the aircraft flying service, Sky Harbor.

Paulley is also proud of the chair he paints in, an actual pilot seat from a B-24 bomber in World War II, which sits in the Western Wings Art Studio in front of his easel. Paulley said the chair is comfortable, and he has reupholstered it and added wheels to enhance its

mobility.

"Dad found it in Casper after World War II ended. As a little kid, I flew a lot of hours in that chair," laughed Paulley.

You can find Paulley's paintings and prints for sale online at davepaulley.com.

Dave Paulley passed away on Oct. 2, 2020. He was 89 years old. According to his obituary, memorials have been established to Alley Cat Rescue, c/o Ginger Fields, 17 E. Main Street, Newcastle, WY 82701 and Pacific Ghosts, P.O. Box 859, Hyde Park, NY 12538 USA. A military service at the National Cemetery will be held at a later date with a reception held in Upton to be announced closer to the date.

(Excerpts from NLJ stories and David Paulley obituary)



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The Weston County Event Center at the fairgrounds was filled with dozens of people as voting took place on Tuesday. Workers said that the turnout was much greater than the Primaries, and people were lined up, the parking lots were quickly filled, and voter enthusiasm was big.

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| Y | N | Ballot Proposition 1: Shall Weston County impose a lodging excise tax in the amount of 4% upon the sales price paid for lodging services, the primary purpose of which is for local travel and tourism promotion? |
| 1,895 | 1,497 | |
| Y | N | Ballot Proposition 2: Shall Weston County Wyoming continue to impose a sales and use tax at the rate of one (1) percent upon retail sales of tangible personal property, admissions and services made within the county to raise funds for the general revenue? |
| 1,914 | 1,487 | |
| Y | N | Ballot Proposition 3: Shall the Weston County Hospital District continue the District's mill levy at the current six (6) mills; which was increased from three mills in a special election in 2008 and was continued in the general election in 2016, to continue to provide funding to support the Weston County Hospital, the Weston County Manor, and Weston County Home Health? |
| 2,029 | 1,380 | |
| Y | N | Constitutional Amendment A: This amendment will remove the constitutionally specified limit on the amount of debt a municipality can create for sewer projects and would allow the Legislature to prescribe by law the debt limit for municipal sewer projects. |
| 1,541 | 1,679 | |

incumbent Justin Norman receiving the most votes with 249 and write-in candidate Nick Trandahl securing the second seat with 201 votes. Write-in candidates Jeffrey Hargrave (192 votes) and Robert Willis (175) were unable to gather enough votes to earn one of the two available spots in the general election.

In another noteworthy turn, longtime Weston County School District No. 1 Trustee Tom Wright was unable to secure reelection, finishing sixth in a race for five available seats, despite claiming 1,071 votes.

WCSD#1 Board Chairman Tina Chick was the leader with 1,458 votes, and current trustees Ron Mills (1,415 votes), John Riesland (1,300) and Dana Mann-Tavegia (1,251) will once again fill four seats on the board. Newcomer Billy Fitzwater

took the fifth seat with 1,294 votes, while challengers Sharla Dowding (942) and Rachel Blumenthal (847) were unable to secure a seat on the board.

With only two candidates running for three open seats, both Diana White (559 votes) and Curtis Rankin (529) will serve on Weston County School District No. 7's Board of Trustees.

Weston County voters turned out and supported all three local ballot propositions once again. The local lodging tax passed with 1,895 votes in favor and 1,497 against. The county sales and use tax also passed with 1,914 votes in favor and 1,487 against, while the 6 mills for the Weston County Hospital District passed with 2,029 to continue the mill levy, and 1,380 against.

Other local and state races were uncontested. Both Republican candidates for Weston County Commissioners will join the board in January, with Don Taylor receiving 2,267 votes and incumbent board chair Ed Wagoner receiving 2,260 votes.

Weston County Clerk of District Court Tina Cote received 3,251 votes in her uncontested race. Both Chip Neiman for House District 1 and Hans Hunt for House District 2 ran unopposed and received 1,300 votes and 1,789 votes, respectively.

Rounding out the races in this year's general election were the race for U.S. Representative and the race for current Senator Mike Enzi's seat in the U.S. Senate. Incumbent Liz Cheney (2,760 votes) smoked the competition in Weston County, with Lynette Grey Bull claiming 402 votes, Jeff Haggitt tallying 180 and Richard Brubaker getting 72. Cheney would win the state-wide tally convincingly.

Former representative Cynthia M. Lummis easily won the race for the U.S. Senate seat

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Note: The above are Weston County votes only, and have not yet been made official.

* Denotes unofficial winner.

in Weston County with 3,041 votes against candidate Merav Ben-David who received 400 votes. She also prevailed state-wide by a wide margin.

The presidential race results in Weston County were just as cut and dry with 3,107 votes for the GOP ticket of Donald Trump and Mike Pence, while Democratic candidate Joe Biden and his running mate Kamala Harris received 360 votes.

According to Weston County Clerk Becky Hadlock, Weston County saw a significant voter turnout with 3,560 total ballots cast, roughly 1,400 of those through early and absentee voting.

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UMS Wrestling, Quad @ Wheatland

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SCHEDULE

Table with columns for event name, date, location, and time. Includes sections for Newcastle, Upton, and various sports like Swimming, Wrestling, and Basketball.

A DREAM DASHED BY 1 SECOND



Photo courtesy of Mike Moore/Gillette News Record

Father BJ Ship comforts Newcastle swimmer Raeleigh Ship, 16, after she missed a state qualifying time by 1 second in the 100-yard freestyle during Thursday's Last Chance Meet at the Campbell County Aquatic Center.

It's all about attitude

A couple of weeks ago, one of my students who is also an athlete walked into my classroom and announced that she had made the decision to change her attitude, and by doing so had gotten a great deal accomplished.



Sonja Karp Karpe Dogie

It was a Friday, and I have to admit that I was not feeling being at work. I had quite a bit of grading to do, I was tired and I was looking forward to the end of the day and the start of the weekend.

She explained that simply by changing her attitude to one where she cared about how she performed in athletics and academics had resulted in improving the results of her efforts.

I applauded her for taking the initiative to better herself, but stubbornly held on to my own attitude of not wanting to

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Three Dogie swimmers will compete at state finals in Laramie

Sonja Karp NLJ Sports Reporter

It was the last chance for two Lady Dogies to get under the 3A state qualifying time in their events in order to be eligible to compete in an individual event at this week's state meet in Laramie.

Raeleigh Shipp has been steadily dropping time in the 100 Free, drawing ever nearer the 1:04 time required to advance to the culminating event of the year. Last Thursday in Gillette, she cut two seconds off the personal

best time she put up at the Conference meet, but still found herself just one second shy of the magic number.

"Raeleigh was really excited and went out and had a great swim," exclaimed head coach Doug Scribner. "In her heat she was seeded last and she finished first and second overall. She has dropped almost 15 seconds since she started working on her free-style earlier this year."

Lydia Anderson was also hoping to add the 50 Free to her state slate, and had less than a second to shave off her best time in order to make it happen.

NHS Girls Swimming

Newcastle @ Last Chance Qualifier in Gillette 10/29/20

- Individual Results: 200 Medley Relay: 2:33.06, 2. Raeleigh Shipp, Lydia Anderson, Rebekah Olson, Hannah Gross, 50 Freestyle: 1. Hannah Gross 26.26 4AQ, 7. Lydia Anderson 28.75, 100 Free: 1. Lydia Anderson 1:05.40, 2. Raeleigh Shipp 1:05.89 PR, 100 Backstroke: 1. Hannah Gross 1:03.43 4AQ, 11. Rebekah Olson 1:40.87, 400 Free Relay: 4:58.14, 3. Raeleigh Shipp, Lydia Anderson, Hannah Gross, Rebekah Olson

Unfortunately, she too found herself just out of the qualifying time of the 28 seconds required to secure herself a spot in Laramie in that event.

"Lydia was still just a little short again this week," Scribner began. "We just didn't find the right combination of things to get her under the mark. I think the anticipation of qualifying and getting it done in the 100 Free may have taken some of the urgency out of the 50 for her."

Anderson will be competing in the

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Newcastle netters are one-and-done

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Reporter

The 2020 volleyball season ended too soon for the Lady Dogies Thursday at the 3A East Regional Tournament in Douglas. The squad had set themselves up to give them the best possible scenario for advancing to the state tournament, however a combination of unexpected events and the return of unwelcome early season errors were too much for the team to overcome.

"It was a crazy week, and a crazy trip to Douglas," head coach Keeley Anderson sighed. "Then a rotation mistake made the first set irregular and I think it was all just a little too much for the girls to adjust to in such a big game."

To call their contest against the Lady Bison of Buffalo a big game on Thursday is a slight understatement, given the winner would qualify for the state tournament and the loser would end their season. After defeating Buffalo in four

sets on their home court just five days prior, Anderson and her crew were feeling confident riding that momentum into round one of the tournament on Thursday.

However, on their way to Douglas, Anderson was removed from the bus at Lusk, she was absent from practice during the week, and in her hurry to have things in order, mistakenly filled out the lineup sheet for the contest which resulted in the Lady Dogies playing out of whack at the beginning of the match.

"I had self-quarantined at the beginning of the week after having close contact with a positive Covid case and was awaiting a decision from the health department," Anderson explained. "I tested on Wednesday and was negative so they gave me the okay to go. I guess they changed their mind."

The Lady Dogies had an hour to adjust to the absence of their head coach, but then had another curve ball thrown their

way when the team's lineup ended up skewed as Anderson had flipped Hunter McFarland and Jaylen Ostenson which meant that there was one rotation where neither she nor Tiernan Stanton were in the front row.

"I was in a hurry to fill it out, so that was totally my fault and I think that got them off to a wonky start," Anderson admitted. "Jay and Hunter are both good athletes, but it hurt us not to have one of our middles in the front row for that one rotation."

It was clear that the team was a little off their groove as Buffalo dominated them to take the first set 25-14. However, the Lady Dogies were able to turn things around in set two, though the score was close with Newcastle hanging on to pull off the 27-25 win.

"We have battled all season, so I knew that we would need to play well to get another win on them," Anderson nodded. "We didn't want to get behind two sets, because that really

makes it tough to battle back, but we just couldn't really get going."

Statistically speaking, the Lady Dogies struggled with unforced errors that had haunted them early in the season. Errant hits and only three blocks in the entire match really sealed the deal for the squad.

"There were a lot of strings of mistakes and it just seemed like the girls were not in the right headspace which is understandable given the circumstances," Anderson sighed. "There was also a great deal riding on the outcome and it was definitely the most high-stakes game they had played all year."

Though Buffalo was able to win the match in four sets, the Lady Dogies had a couple of players really step up and shine in the contest. Ostenson finished the game with 17 kills resulting from 43 attack attempts and McFarland was responsible for setting much of those up.

NHS Volleyball

3A East Regional Tournament in Douglas 10/29/20
Newcastle v. Buffalo 14-25, 27-25, 17-25, 20-25
Individual Stats:
Jaylen Ostenson: 12-14 serves, 2 aces, 17 kills, 5 digs
Tiernan Stanton: 11-12 serves, 2 aces, 7 kills, 3 block assists, 3 digs
Caitlyn Pehringer: 3 kills, 2 set assists, 3 digs
Honesty Olson: 4-5 serves, 9 set assists, 3 digs
Shawnee Miles: 8-8 serves, 5 kills, 1 set assist, 6 digs
Hunter McFarland: 16-17 serves, 5 kills, 19 set assists, 13 digs
Alaina Steveson: 1 dig
Shelby Tidyman: 9-9 serves, 3 block assists, 1 set assist, 11 digs
LaKacee Lipp: 13-13 serves, 1 ace, 1 set assist, 10 digs
Gabby McVay: 1 set assist, 3 digs

"You could tell Jay was trying her best to take on that leadership role and do what she could to get the win, and she and Hunter are a good duo," Anderson nodded. "Tiernan had some really good hits, but she just wasn't getting set up very well to throw the hammer down as much as we wanted."

With the season ended, Anderson reflected on her first

year as a head coach and is looking forward to the future of her squad.

"It was a unique year for sure with Covid and other issues that caused some confusion throughout the season," Anderson chuckled. "I have a really good idea of what we need to work on for next year. It stinks that it ended this way but I learned a lot this year and I think I've got a better plan to help them reach their potential next year."

The Lady Dogies are losing Honesty Olson, Caitlyn Pehringer, Alaina Steveson and Claire Beastron to graduation this year, but will be returning the core of the varsity squad in 2021.

"The seniors were not a big bunch but it'll hurt for sure," Anderson stated. "We will need to replace a setter next year so I will have to consider what to do with that loss. There's potential with a couple of players but there are several factors to consider moving forward."



All Hallows' Eve



Photos by Walter Sprague and Alexis Barker/NLJ



Newcastle's downtown was bustling with goblins, ghouls, princesses and witches Saturday for the annual Halloween Trunk or Treat event, sponsored by the Newcastle Area Chamber of Commerce. Numerous businesses and individuals participated, parking their cars along Main Street to hand out candy to trick-or-treaters. The event also featured a Frightmare trailer for a little added extra fun. Above, mother Nicole Bissey escorts her daughters Camden Shrader and Charlotte McAuley around the event. People were encouraged to wear their masks and practice proper social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. At left, although unable to have the usual haunted house event this year, the Frightmare trailer was decked out with spooky decor. Here, an actor playing a ghouls hands out candy to trick-or-treaters. Far left, getting into the spirit of the season, homes and businesses were decorated for Halloween. Michael Freeman decorated the Farmer's Insurance office with skeletons and witches. Top left, the Ghostbusters and Stay-Puff Marshmallow man came out to trick or treat.

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City Council Minutes

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020

The special meeting of the Newcastle City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Don Steveson. Those present were President Steveson; Council members Ann McColley and Tom Voss. Council members Michael Alexander and Pam Gualtieri attended via Zoom meeting. Also present were City Attorney Michael Stulken, City Police Chief Sam Keller, City Clerk/Treasurer Greg James, City IT person Leanne Cox and Weston County Emergency Manager Gilbert Nelson.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss application for COVID Relief Grant funds allocated to the City and administered through the Wyoming Office of State Lands & Investments, proposed to be spent for new dispatch hardware and software and related equipment. Nothing else will be considered or acted upon during this Special Council Meeting.

Gilbert Nelson opened the discussion by stating the Weston County Commissioners asked him to consider using COVID CRG funds to replace the existing aged dispatch equipment. He said after talking to Commissioners, the Sheriff, Chief of Police, deputies and officers it became evident new equipment was needed. Applying for the CRG funds would allow this purchase without disrupting existing agency budgets. Leanne Cox noted the currently quoted process for the Spillman system are likely high retail prices and do not reflect appropriate government discounts. Also this system is eligible for financing through Motorola should that need

arise. A couple of points that were made clear from Council and those present. Should either of these grants not be approved, no hardware or software would be purchased. Also, grant funds must be spent by December 30, not merely encumbered.

Tom Voss moved to support the grant application. At this point there was no second. Mr. James noted a procedural point that the Council could amend the original resolution in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the full allocated amount of \$275,179.00 with the designated person for the City or they could pass a new resolution in favor of Mr. Nelson making the application on behalf of the City. After brief discussion, Ann McColley stated she believed the City should make its own application. Tom Voss withdrew his original motion and then moved to support the grant application, have Newcastle submit its own application and amend the original resolution, No.6, Series 2020 to increase the amount applied for from \$50,000.00 to the limit of the allocation \$275,179.00 and leave \$50,000.00 to cover wages as previously indicated. Ann McColley seconded the motion. Again it was clarified that if either of the grant requests were denied, there would be no purchase of equipment. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no further discussion concerning the purpose of the meeting. Ann McColley moved to adjourn, seconded Tom Voss. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Don Steveson, President ATTEST: City Clerk/Treasurer, Greg James

(Publish November 5, 2020)

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of Powder River Energy Corporation's (PRECorp or the Cooperative) Application for authority to increase its Cost of Power Adjustment by \$3,786 per annum, effective January 1, 2021, to reflect a change in the average wholesale power costs.

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

On October 22, 2020, PRECorp submitted its Application seeking Commission approval to adjust its total Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA) factors, which will result in a net change in the Cooperative's revenues of \$3,786 per annum, effective January 1, 2021, pursuant to Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 26, and in accordance with the COPA procedures set forth in the Cooperative's Billing Adjustments Tariff. The COPA is a mechanism by which the Cooperative recovers and/or returns changes in its' wholesale power cost relative to the amount of power cost embedded in base retail rates. The Cooperative's Application outlines the proposed COPA factors, which reflect the projected cost of power for January through December 2021 using projected billing units for the period and the applicable wholesale rates from Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin), the Cooperative's wholesale power supplier. Basin's rates are subject to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) approval but are not proposed to change on January 1, 2021. In the event FERC makes any adjustments to Basin's filed rates, PRECorp proposes to address these alterations by reflecting the changes in its balancing account. Additionally, the proposed COPA factors reflect the reconciliation of the COPA revenue for the months of October 2019 through September 2020, and the accrual of interest on any over-recovered balances during the true-up period.

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

Table with 4 columns: Existing COPA Factor, Proposed COPA Factor, Change in Revenue. Rows include All Rate Classes except LP-TOU, LPT, LPT-CBM, LP-TOU Transmission.

This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect the Application at the Cooperative's business office located in Sundance, Wyoming and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours, or online at: http://psc.state.wy.us/.

Anyone desiring to file a statement, public comment, protest, intervention petition, or request for a public hearing in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before November 25, 2020. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please mention Docket No. 10014-215-CP-20 (Record No. 15632) in your communications.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or if you wish to file a statement, public comment, or protest, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated: October 28, 2020

(Publish November 5 and 12, 2020)

WCSD#1 Warrants

Table listing vendors and amounts for Weston County School District #1 General Fund Warrants over \$500 for October 2020. Includes vendors like Amazon Capital Services, Norco LLC, and Golden West Technologies.

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Cowboy State Look-In

Courtesy of the Wyoming News Exchange

Mask mandate in effect

CHEYENNE (WNE) — A mask mandate for Laramie County that will apply in many public spaces has been finalized and will take effect Monday, local health officials announced Friday afternoon.

With the number of active COVID-19 cases in Laramie County more than six times higher than at the start of October, local health officials deemed the mask order necessary to help slow transmission of the novel coronavirus.

Laramie County now joins Teton County as the only two counties in Wyoming to issue some sort of mask mandate. The Wind River Indian Reservation also has a mask requirement.

The order, which tentatively expires at the end of November, requires Laramie County residents and visitors to wear masks when



inside of or in line to enter any retail or commercial business, when obtaining health care and when using public transit. Staff members of those businesses would also be required to wear face coverings when interacting with the public.

Certain people are exempt from the order, including those with medical conditions that prevent wearing a mask, those whose work prevents them from wearing a mask and those under the age of 18. The order still encourages minors who are above the age of 2 to wear face coverings.

The order also exempts faith-based organizations, though they are encouraged to follow safety protocols from the Wyoming Department of Health. Under the order, individuals are also exempt while actively exercising in a gym.

Community college costs up

SHERIDAN (WNE) — Students planning to attend any of the state's community colleges will pay slightly more in tuition beginning in the next academic year.

The Wyoming Community College Commission voted earlier this year to increase tuition rates and remove a cap on the number of credit hours for which a student may be charged.

The vote occurred last month during the commission's October board meeting.

"At a time when Wyoming is facing the worst financial crisis since statehood, every decision must be a thoughtful one," Northern Wyoming

Community College District President Walter Tribble said of the change. "Our Wyoming Community College commissioners did not take this action lightly. They understand fully that we are all in this together, and that even our students must share in the burden to keep our system strong."

According to Larry Buchholtz, WCCC chief financial officer, the commission increased tuition by 6%, meaning the cost per credit hour went from \$99 to \$105 for in-state residents.

The increase could generate \$5 million in revenue per biennium, if enrollment

doesn't change, Buchholtz said.

In addition, the WCCC removed the cap on credit hours charged. In the past, students were only charged for the first 12 credit hours taken. In 2019, the WCCC moved the cap from 12 to 15 credit hours. In October, the cap was removed completely, so students will pay for all credit hours.

The WCCC last passed a tuition increase for community in 2018, at which time the cost went from \$94 to \$99 per credit hour.

The increases will go into effect for the fall semester of 2021.

Yellowstone closes for season

POWELL (WNE) — There was a flurry of activity at the East Gate to Yellowstone National Park on Sunday as park employees prepared to close to automobile traffic for the winter.

The gate will remain closed for about six weeks until the winter over-snow season starts.

But the next time Park County's only gate will swing open to wheeled vehicles won't be until the first Friday in May — hopefully. The 2020 opening was delayed about three weeks due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Who knows what 2021 will bring.

Despite the late start and an early fall blizzard, the park continued to draw a good crowd.

More than 837,000 visits to the park were logged in September, smashing the previous September record of 724,000 visits, set in

2018. In his third year, Superintendent Cam Sholly said he is very pleased with the way the season went.

"Although a challenging season in many ways, the Yellowstone team and our partners made this summer a success and allowed millions to experience Yellowstone, while maintaining low COVID-19 infection rates," Sholly said. "I cannot say enough about the performance of this team and the strong collaboration with our surrounding states, counties and communities."

The East Gate was fairly quiet Sunday, with mostly locals looking for one last chance to search for wildlife on a beautiful day in the 50s. Traffic in the eastern section of the park was light and, even at the Midway Geyser Basin and Old Faithful, parking was a breeze.



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