

Dispatch disagreement continues

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

The Newcastle City Council took what appeared to be a first step toward a deal that would have meant Weston County

would only have one dispatch center for all emergency responders, but the Board of Weston County Commissioners declined to accept the city's proposal because they did not feel it offered the type of com-

promise county officials have been seeking.

The council approved the proposal, which was offered by Mayor Pam Gualtieri during their regular meeting on April 17. She proposed that

the City of Newcastle would continue to operate emergency dispatch under the guidance of a five-person advisory board representing Newcastle, Upton and Weston County. She suggested that board consist

of Sheriff Bryan Colvard, Newcastle Police Chief Chuck Bowles, Upton Police Chief Susan Bridge and two additional citizens.

In addition to the advisory board, Gualtieri proposed that

the dispatch would remain a city service, be relocated to the newly renovated space at City Hall and that the city would reimburse Weston County for

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Photos by Walter Sprague/NLJ

On Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1, Newcastle Area home-schoolers presented the play "The Mysterious Case of the Fallen Egg" at the Crouch Auditorium in Newcastle High School. The comedy who-dun-it in one act was well acted and presented with plenty of actors taking the stage — and plenty of audience members laughing and enjoying the mayhem of the mock noir play. Above, Alice, Sammy Scoop's assistant, played by Raeleigh Shipp, questions Henny Penny, one of the suspects, played by Lydia Lanctot. Below, private eye Sammy Scoop, played by Samuel Ferguson, tries to get the truth out of Peter Rabbit, played by Dominic Lanctot, who also plays one of the King's Men.

*A tale, a fable, told by a crew,
— mightily able —*

Talented home-school students of our area recently created a fairy tale world upon the stage of Crouch Auditorium. Humpty Dumpty (a name that's caused our spines to prickle since we cherished his book or toy as wee ones) came alive there, through scenes the audience laughed and cried with. The amplified words and music thrilled with remembered magical images, laughter, and calamity.

The audience watched and heard a group of talented young folk bring the tale of now antiquated books leaping to life before their eyes! Anticipation, drama, music and pleasure filled the theater. Props built by the students transformed the stage to a road, a palace, a bridge, a courtroom. The tale broadened with more hallowed tales braided into the action — remember Rapunzel's castle and her prince? From there, the cast transported their audience — through art — to other places, times and tales.

The set, acting and directing were all superb, in this

writer's eyes. If audience appreciation can be taken as an indication, the attention, response and applause proved the rest of the crowd shared my opinion.

The home-school students set their sights very high.

Then they worked building the set, the props, the costumes, and learning their lines for three months prior to presenting the play.

A joyous "victory party" celebrated the play's success the following Sunday, with dining, laughing and reminiscing. Then cast, crew and families were privileged to view their hard work brought to life on the big screen. I managed to connect with a few of them following that treat, and learned they'd found joy in both the effort and the positive final result.

Nadelyne Lanctot is the versatile actress who played both Mistress Mary and Little Red Riding Hood. The busy 12-year-old (who also helped direct) is in the seventh grade, and says the best part of her experience was "getting and



giving joy." Sixteen-year-old Samuel Ferguson is probably the most widely traveled actor in the production, having

already lived in Alaska, Oregon, South Dakota and now Wyoming. He also spent

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Finding our FOCUS

Mystery surrounds latest upheaval at victim services agency

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Officials from the Wyoming Attorney General's Office and Crook County Family Violence have confirmed that former FOCUS Director Stacie Hoxie is no longer in charge of Weston County's local victim services organization. FOCUS is currently being overseen by a new board chairman also,

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Clerk clings to control

Alexis Barker
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Tension and confusion regarding the creation of a human resources position for Weston County government came to a head on April 4 after Commissioner Don Taylor asked for some clarification related to the HR duties during the Board of Weston County Commissioners meeting.

As previously reported, the board voted on March 21 to temporarily move HR duties from the county clerk's office to the county attorney's office while members discussed establishing an HR position for the county.

After the motion, the process of transferring the duties from County Clerk Becky Hadlock to County Attorney Michael Stulken began, but Taylor voiced concerns after hearing of some issues related to the transfer of responsibilities.

Specifically, Stulken explained on April 4, there were questions about payroll and its relation to the intake of new county employees with someone other than the clerk acting as the human resources person. According to Stulken, Hadlock and he had been working through the process, but

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Hageman is reaching out to Weston County

Walter Sprague
NLJ Reporter

As part of a series of "Congress in Your Community" visits, Wyoming Rep. Harriet Hageman will have staffers in mobile offices in the area on Friday, April 21, and she plans to follow that up with a visit to Weston County herself on April 29.

"My primary obligation as your congresswoman is to make sure that Wyomingites in every corner of the state have their voices heard and receive the assistance they need," Hageman said in a press release. "These mobile office hours are a chance for anyone who does not live near

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday
Cloudy/Wind
Hi 37, Lo 22



Friday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 38, Lo 20



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 47, Lo 27



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
Hi 56 Lo 35



Monday
Showers
Hi 55, Lo 36



Tuesday
Showers
Hi 48, Lo 32

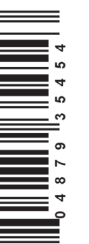


Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy
Hi 52, Lo 30



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Former day care worker charged in child abuse case

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A former employee of the Weston County Children’s Center has been arrested on a charge of felony aggravated child abuse related to an incident at the local day care on Nov. 16, 2021.

Felony information documents filed on April 6 in the Sixth Judicial District Court for Weston County allege that the employee, Megan Martin, inflicted serious injuries on a child that was under her care at WCCC.

“On or about November 16, 2021, in Weston County, Wyoming, a person responsible for the child’s welfare as defined by Wyoming statute §14-3-202(a)(i), intentionally or recklessly inflicted upon a child under the age of 18 years physical injury as defined in W.S. Section 14-3-302(a)(ii) (B), excluding reasonable corporal punishment, and in the course of committing the crime of child abuse, defined by Wyoming Statute §6-2-503(b) (i), did intentionally or recklessly inflict serious bodily injury upon the victim, Aggravated Child Abuse, in violation of Wyoming Statutes §6-2-503(b)(i)(c) and 6-10-102,” the document states.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, an infant at the Weston County Children’s Center suffered a subdural hematoma and retinal hemorrhage injuries as a result of actions taken by Martin. Doctors at the Colorado Children’s

Hospital classified the injuries sustained as non-accident trauma (NAT), also known as shaken baby syndrome.

As previously reported, Martin and another employee had their employment terminated in March 2022, after misdemeanor charges were filed on March 8 against both former employees. Those charges were later dropped.

Weston County Children’s Center Director Francie Gregory declined to comment on the matter. She told the News Letter Journal that the board had also indicated to her at their meeting on Monday, April 17, that they did not wish to provide a statement or any public comment on the incident or investigation either.

Martin’s age is not listed in the court documents, but they indicate she was born in 1985. She has not yet been bound over to district court, and according to the notice of setting document, a preliminary hearing is set for May 1 with Judge Lynda R. Bush.

Martin has posted bail and was released. The court approved that bond was set at \$5,000 cash or surety, according to the order setting bail.

The felony information document notes that aggravated child abuse is a violation of statutes §6-2-503(b)(i)(c) and 6-10-102. If found guilty, Martin faces up to 25 years in prison and maximum of \$10,000 in fines can be assessed as well.

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Birthday wishes

Photos by Walter Sprague/NLJ

On Saturday, April 15, Pat Adams celebrated her birthday at the Newcastle Country Club. Adams was surrounded by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and even great-great-grandchildren, as well as many friends. Along with iced tea, lemonade, and coffee, cupcakes were also enjoyed by the large crowd. Above, Adams enjoys her birthday with her daughter, Shelly Miller, and grandson, David Stith. Below, cupcakes in lavender and white were passed out to help celebrate.

Hageman

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one of my three district offices to share their questions, thoughts, and any issues with federal agencies with my team.”

According to the release, the purpose of “Congress in your Community” is to offer assistance to anyone who may be having difficulty with any federal agency — the IRS, Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, etc. Hageman’s staff will be available to listen to concerns and assist when possible.

A link to sign up for assistance is at hageman.house.gov/media/press-releases/harriet-hageman-announces-congress-your-community. There, people can fill out a Google doc requesting a meeting, and a time and place to meet with the appropriate staffer will be offered.

Hageman will be in the northeast corner of the state next week, when she is scheduled to appear at the Upton Community Center on Saturday, April 29, at 10 a.m. to hold a town hall. Later that day, at 5 p.m., she will be at the Crook County Lincoln Day Dinner in Hulett.

CORRECTION

In the Easter Egg Hunt photos, published on April 13, 2023 on Page 8 of the News Letter Journal, it should have stated that the event was put on by the Faithful Warriors Youth Group of Cambria Church. We regret the error.

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Asking the hard questions

As schools across Wyoming and the nation adjust to changing needs — which include funding, teacher retention and recruitment — the subject of a four-day school week has come to the forefront among district officials, including Weston County School District No. 1. The following editorial was published in the Buffalo Bulletin on April 12, addressing this issue in Johnson County, and its relevance also applies to Weston County. We at the News Letter Journal feel the questions asked in the Bulletin’s editorial should also be posed and answered in our county, then used by local officials in determining what is best for WCSD No. 1 faculty, students, and student families.

So, we share with you this editorial from the Buffalo Bulletin, and ask that our community raise these questions and seek input from all involved, not only school officials or staff, but also those most affected by any changes in scheduling, the students and their families.

Here it is:

As Johnson County schools again explore the possibility of moving to a four-day school week, committee members have identified cost savings, teacher recruitment and retention, improved student and teacher attendance, increased

professional development time and increased time for students and staff to spend with their families as reasons to study the move.

We applaud School Board Chairwoman Jan Johnson for rightly pointing out that “student success” should also be a goal the committee considers. Hopefully, student success will be the

primary consideration when evaluating any changes to the school week schedule.

As the committee begins its work, there are a number of questions that stakeholders — parents, students, staff, community members — deserve to have answered.

First and foremost: What does the preponderance of evidence suggest about how a four-day school week affects academic performance? How are students of different ages affected by increasing the length of the school day? Do certain students stand to benefit — or be harmed — more by the move than others?

And, as a community, how many hours of the day are we comfortable with our kids spending in school? Some Buffalo High School teams start the day with morning practice at 5 a.m., other activities run until well past 9 p.m. at BHS. How long will students’ days have to become to accommodate a four-day school week and student activities? Or,

what concessions and changes will coaches and activities advisers have to make to accommodate a longer school day? And how might student health be impacted by the change?

Structurally, how would a four-day week affect the school calendar? Does that eliminate or shorten either Christmas or spring break? Does it mean starting the school year earlier in August or going later into June? Additionally, teachers and staff deserve to know how the move would affect their pay and the number of paid days they may take each year. What training and resources would the district provide to teachers to help them transition to a four-day week effectively for maximum student success?

In 74% of Wyoming households with children, all parents work. How would a four-day school week affect families in which all parents work? Are there sufficient programs in place to provide a safe, structured environment to kids on Fridays? What about older kids — do we want them entertaining themselves on Fridays?

Finally, from an assessment standpoint, what metrics would the district use to measure the effectiveness of the move? At what interval would the district re-examine the move?

We are encouraged by the deliberate process the committee is undertaking and we are hopeful that ultimately student achievement will guide the decision making.

Guest Editorial

Buffalo Bulletin April 12, 2023

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Trump’s case — when novel theories become legal principles

Defendant Donald J. Trump and his supporters have assailed the 34-count felony indictment of the former president brought by the Manhattan District Attorney as resting on a flimsy, untested and novel legal theory that converts Trump’s alleged misdemeanors to felonies.

While a jury of President Trump’s peers will decide his fate, assuming the case goes to trial, it turns out that the theory of the case underlying the 34 felony charges brought by the Manhattan district attorney, Alvin Bragg, may not be novel at all. New York legal experts have pointed to a lengthy record in the state of converting misdemeanor charges to felonies.

Setting aside the question of whether Bragg is promoting an untested legal theory, that he is swimming in uncharted waters, does the alleged novelty of his legal theory, or any legal theory, weaken its strength and legitimacy? How do new legal theories become established legal principles and constitutional doctrines, including those of enduring importance? These are questions central to our constitutional system and civic education.

Every legal concept and principle, every constitutional doctrine, has a creation story.

They require invention, beginning, perhaps with a mere assertion by legal scholars, judges and other public figures. Some American legal principles, not enumerated in the Constitution, evolve slowly, over a long period of time, with roots in English legal history that reflect fundamental controversies surrounding the evolution of constitutional government.

The doctrine of judicial review is such an example. Other legal doctrines, including the assertion of executive privilege, arrive suddenly, like a thunderclap or a lightning bolt, lacking doctrinal paternity, historical precedent and practice. These are declarations grounded on an “ipse dixit” — it is so because I say it is so. Like Topsy in “Uncle Tom’s Cabin,” executive privilege “never was born. It just grew like cabbage and corn.”

Judicial review — the authority of a court to declare laws and governmental actions unconstitutional — is a pillar of American Constitutionalism, but it was a mere seedling and bizarre legal theory, at that, when James Otis asserted it in 1761 in the landmark Writ of Assistance Case. That case represented a historic battle waged against a repressive English law that rangled colonists’ conceptions of a yet unarticulated legal concept: the

right to privacy derived from unreasonable searches of their homes and businesses.

Otis, a young, Boston attorney, whose growing reputation for genius, eloquence and creative legal reasoning, drew attention from men of great stature, including John Adams. Otis argued on behalf of colonists that the writs of assistance statute, which authorized sweeping searches — fishing expeditions — violated colonists’ constitutional and natural rights. He reached a crescendo when asserting a novel legal theory: the court has the right and duty to declare the law null and void, that is, unconstitutional. The court was stunned by the argument that judges possessed the power of judicial review. Otis lost his case, of course, because judicial review had never taken root in Anglo-American legal history.

But Otis’s creative legal theory quickly found currency, for two reasons. First, it drew upon the observations of Sir Edward Coke, the magisterial 17th Century English champion of the common law, to whom the colonists looked for defense of English liberties and early expressions of constitutionalism. Otis’s legal research took him to Coke who, in 1610, in the landmark Dr. Bonham’s Case, offered a minority opinion from the bench: a law against common right and reason should be declared null and void. Coke’s novel theory never found

foundation in England, as it surely could not, since Parliament is sovereign and its laws are not subject to judicial review. In Coke, Otis found instant pedigree.

Second, Otis’s argument provided a sorely needed weapon for colonial lawyers to wield in court as they attacked as unconstitutional a series of statutes familiar to readers — the Stamp Act, the Sugar Act and the Iron Act, among others — that violated the rights of an emerging citizenry. Otis’s powerful argument was cited and quoted again and again in courts up and down the Eastern Seaboard. For this argument and other contributions, Otis is widely recognized as the Godfather of American Constitutionalism. His novel theory became a cornerstone of our legal system.

Executive privilege — the claim of presidential power to withhold information from Congress and investigators — has no similar pedigree. In fact, the English King had no authority to withhold information from Parliament. There was no historical figure in England — no member of Parliament and no legal scholar — who invoked the words or asserted the spirit of “executive privilege.”

Executive privilege was, in fact, not invoked in the United States until 1954, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower conjoined the words “executive” and “privilege” to justify his deci-

sion to withhold information from Sen. Joseph McCarthy, who was bullying government officials on the false accusation of communist loyalties. Americans cheered Eisenhower’s novel legal theory and his willingness to denounce McCarthy, but that legal concept, neither grounded in the text or the history of the Constitution and at odds with the architecture imposing executive accountability, would become a regrettable doctrine in the presidential arsenal for circumventing legal and constitutional requirements.

In the end, novel legal theories, whether invoked in 18th century Boston or 21st century New York, should be judged on their merits.

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Deadline for Letters to the Editor is noon on Friday

Letter to the Editor

Let us speak

To the Editor:

Tonight (Wednesday, April 12) I tried to speak during Mr. Brad LaCroix’s superintendent report. The Weston County School District No. 1 Board was speaking about the four-day school week, and how that would affect the concurrent classes for those students trying to gain their associate’s degrees.

During this time, I typed in and asked if I could speak as a student. I was then told by Chairman John Riesland,

“no, that should have happened during public comment.” How was I supposed to know this was going to come up?

I feel like this was a clear sign from Mr. Riesland that he indeed does not care about our education, nor does he want student involvement.

I, as a student at Newcastle High School and one who is currently working toward my associate’s degree, would have loved to give an insight on how I

feel and how I do not think a four-day school week would be beneficial. This is my education and that of my peers.

Mr. Riesland, it is not about you or your board, this is about the students. When are you going to realize that? You are an elected official, you are put into office by the people of this county to do a job and represent those people who put you there, and I do not feel you are doing that.

I am appalled that you shut a student down when they are taking time out of their day to listen in to a public meeting and be involved in their education! I feel like during meetings the people should be allowed to speak if they have questions, concerns or insight on these types of things being discussed.

Again, this is the students’ education, not the board’s. You say, “Students are our business,” so it’s hard to believe when students aren’t allowed to speak on behalf of their education.

Sincerely,

— Jayde Harrington



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Obituaries

Arthur J. 'Art' Cottrell Dec. 1, 1964–April 13, 2023

Art Cottrell, 58, passed away April 13, 2023, at Rapid City, South Dakota.

Art was born on Dec. 1, 1964, in Newcastle, Wyoming, to Nick and Shirley (Sug) Cottrell. He attended elementary and high school in Newcastle, graduating in 1983.

Art worked at the local sawmill for a while, then moved to northern California to be closer to his father, working at Yosemite National Park where he met his first wife, Sandra. They were married in 1988. Born to this union was a son, Sean, in October of 1989.

During this time he worked for his father-in-law's construction company as an apprentice plumber.

After divorcing, Art moved back to Newcastle, in 2001, where he worked at the Hi-16 then at the Old Mill Inn where

he worked as a cook for several years. Art worked at the Wyoming Refining Company for 13 years until health issues forced him to leave. He worked at the Hi-16 Cafe until his death.

On Sept. 6, 2003, he married Ann Roberts in Newcastle.

He is preceded in death by both of his parents; and both maternal and paternal grandparents.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; stepson, Allen Roberts of Louisiana; three step-grandchildren, Sable, Abbey, and Natalie; his in-laws, Harry and Lavonne Roberts of Newcastle; brother-in-law, Rob Roberts, and step-nephew, Kenneth, both of Rapid City; sister, Nicki (Jay) Cox of Newcastle; brother, Brad (Suzan) Cottrell of Casper, Wyoming; and nephews, Dan Striker of Rapid City, Chance Cottrell of Montana and Nikolai Cottrell of Montana.

Art touched many lives throughout his

lifetime and even after his passing. He donated several organs to help others carry on their lives that would not have been fortunate otherwise. Art was always there to lend a helping hand to family and friends in need. He will be sorely missed.

At his request and the permission of the landowner, his ashes will be spread at White Rock on May 13, 2023, at 3 p.m. His family and friends will be meeting at 5 Moore Lane, east of Newcastle, and hiking up to disperse his ashes. Everyone is welcome to attend, and immediately following there will be a barbecue at 5 Moore Lane, Art's childhood home, to celebrate his life.

JAMES T. FRIDLEY –April 13, 2023

James T. Fridley, 80, passed away Thursday, April 13, 2023, at Weston County Health Services.

A full obituary is pending. Arrangements are by Black Hills Funeral Home.



Arthur Cottrell

Access to veterinary antimicrobials

The Food and Drug Administration is bringing the use of many common veterinary antimicrobial drugs under direct veterinary supervision effective June 11, 2023. This is the result of growing concerns that unchecked use of drugs that are also important in human medicine may lead to the development of resistant microbial strains. Under the Guidance for Industry #263, antibiotics that are currently available over the counter will become available by prescription only. The full text of GFI #263 is available at bit.ly/GFI-263.

This FDA regulation builds on the 2017 Veterinary Feed Directive, which limits general use of antimicrobial-containing animal feeds. In the livestock industry, the impact of this regulation was primarily felt by the feedlot sector. However, the impending GFI #263 will impact all types and classes of livestock and domesticated animals.

A prescription from a licensed veterinarian will be required to purchase antimicrobial drugs that includes oxytetracyclines (e.g., Liqueamycin LA-200, Oxytet), penicillin, sulfa-based antimicrobials, tylosin (e.g., Tylan) and cephalosporins, among others. GFI #263 addresses antimicrobials only and does not affect antiparasitics, pro/pre-biotics, supplements or non-antibiotic

topical treatments. A complete list of the drugs restricted to prescription use under GFI #263 can be viewed online at bit.ly/GFI-list.

It is important to note that purchasing prescription antimicrobials from the veterinarian who is prescribing the drugs is not required. The prescription will be good for purchase at any farm and ranch supply store that carries the product.

It might be tempting to stock up the animal medicine cabinet while antibiotics remain available over the counter, but ranchers should keep in mind the expiration period of the products and their rates of use to ensure they are not spending money only to have the drug expire on the shelf. Expired drugs should be disposed of and not used in livestock or other animals.

Perhaps the most important step animal owners should take in preparing for the implementation of GFI #263 is to ensure they have in place a veterinary client-patient relationship. Essentially, a VCPR is a shared understanding between veterinarian and client of the management of an animal such that the vet can ethically diagnose diseases and prescribe medications, the client is involved

in the process, and the patient receives the highest quality care.

The American Veterinary Medical Association lists the Wyoming definition for a veterinary client-patient relationship, or VCPR, as follows:

A veterinarian-client-patient relationship shall be characterized by:

1. The Licensee [veterinarian] assuming the responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the animal and the need for medical treatment;
2. The client has agreed to follow the instructions of the Licensee;
3. The Licensee having sufficient knowledge of the animal to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of its medical condition. This means that the Licensee has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal as a result of an examination or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the location where the animal is kept;
4. Readily available follow-up care in case of adverse reactions or failure of the regimen of therapy.

Many farmers and ranchers operate under an informal, good faith VCPR. With the

upcoming changes to the use and availability of antibiotics, having a formally documented VCPR is recommended.

Preparing early will speed up the process of accessing treatments when an animal gets sick. Check with your veterinarian to see if they have a VCPR agreement form you can sign together or draft your own. Many templates and examples are available via a quick internet search.

If working with a new veterinarian, animal owners should expect an in-person examination of the animal in question before a prescription for antibiotics will be made. In herd/flock health situations, this might involve a site visit by the vet to the ranch or animal housing area. In cases where a VCPR already exists, these steps may not be necessary.

The implementation of Guidance for Industry #263 on June 11 will impact the livestock industry across Wyoming. Producers who are prepared and have a defined working relationship with their local veterinarian will be well-positioned to access critical antimicrobial drugs and continue to provide excellent health care for their animals.

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- **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; Undeafened Youth/children's ministry (3 years old-12th Grade) Wednesday 6 pm
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**25 Years Ago
April 23, 1998**

If Sander Sanitation Service, Inc. and the City of Newcastle's landfill are a good match, the city's landfill operation could be put into the black. Depending upon the number of loads Sander Sanitation would bring to the city landfill, the city could see an extra \$94,000 per year. The downside is that a load or two per day from the company could reduce the life of the landfill by as much as one-third.

RENEW has been sponsored by the City of Newcastle to receive a \$132,353 block grant allocated by the Wyoming Community Development Authority. The money will be used to purchase and renovate a home that will facilitate up to six disabled adults.

No one knows yet if there is, in fact, oil flowing under Mondell Airport, a city-county facility located about seven miles west of Newcastle. But if there is, Lake Ronel Oil Co. of Tyler, Texas, could be asking for an oil and gas lease down the road.

He's been told he'll make a killing prom night, but Newcastle's only private taxi and limousine service isn't in the business to make millions. A profit once in a while wouldn't be bad, however. The City Council agreed to relieve Tony Shucraft of the required \$15 per quarter license fee that vehicles are required to pay under a 1948 ordinance.

Val Thorson is still undefeated as she won the 800m and 1600m runs at the Rapid City Track-o-Rama last Saturday. The stiff competition drove several more Dogie tracksters to state qualifying marks.

The Newcastle Knights AAU volleyball club competed at the Gillette Tournament on April 18. Sandy Kohlbrand's 12 and Under team won six games in their pool and advanced to the A division.

**50 Years Ago
April 19, 1973**

The Dogie Drive In and Restaurant is now open under new ownership. Rom and Karen Ziniel have opened the business and will hold a grand opening on Apr. 28 and 29.

For the first time in more than a year, a phone rang at the Four Corners Store north of Newcastle. Installation of



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the phone last week at the store owned by Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Metz marked the completion of a \$153,000 project jointly undertaken by area residents and Mountain Bell.

A five-state legislative conference has been scheduled in Newcastle for Oct. 7-9. Panel discussions will highlight the annual conference with topics of energy crisis, medical education, mental health studies, land use management and legislative procedures to be discussed.

The Gibson Discount Center in Newcastle will open today, Thursday. The store manager is Tom Carillo, who moved to Newcastle from Rock Springs, where he was a group manager.

Weston County Chairman Andy Hansen announced today that Treasury statistics just released credit citizens of

this county with investments of \$9,249 in U.S. Series E and H Savings Bonds during February, bringing the total sales for the year to \$27,706, which is 16.69 percent of the 1973 quota.

The Newcastle Dogies placed seventh at the Upton invitational track and field meet last Saturday. Newcastle thinclads placing were Richard Blakely, fifth, low hurdles; Newcastle, fifth, two-mile relay; Blakely, triple jump, second; Scott Worden, first, 880; Newcastle fourth, mile relay; and Robbie Heard, fourth, shot put.

**100 Years Ago
April 19, 1923**

This morning when we got down town we heard many rumors concerning the striking of oil in the Skull Creek well. A trip to the location proved the

rumors to be without foundation and we found the crew hard at work making hole in regulation style.

The annual school fair, to which all schools of the county were invited, was held at the new building last Friday and Saturday. The wall exhibits were better than those shown last season and the contests in arithmetic, writing, algebra, and typewriting were up to standard.

During his speech at the Lion's Club dinner Friday night, Attorney McAvoy stated that in recent correspondence with eastern advertisers, the News Letter editor told the gentlemen that our circulation reached from the Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and from New York to San Francisco and that we worked until two o'clock in the morning to "keep it from going to hell."

Jesse Baker is helping with the dehorning of the cattle at the 7L ranch. Lucille Black is staying with Mrs. Baker during Mr. Baker's absence from home.

At her home in the Forest Hill Park, Mrs. Dan Evander entertained a large group of ladies on last Thursday afternoon (Just-Us-Club). A dainty luncheon, consisting of salad, wafers, cake, ice cream and coffee were served.

On Friday evening at the new school building the seniors of the local high school delightfully entertained a number of their friends at a dancing party, teachers and students of the county being present.

From the vault ...



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This is an aerial view of the Gertrude Burns School in Newcastle..

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Thurs. April 20-23	7PM Nightly	A Preacher in the Patch	WC Senior Center WC Event Center
Fri. April 21	9AM 1PM 1PM 6PM	Caramel Rolls Bridge Pioneering on the Patio (butter making) BINGO	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center Red Onion Museum VFW Hall
Sat. April 22	10AM	Light Rifle Shoot	WC Sportsman's Club
Sun. April 23	3PM	How Sweet It Is Concert	Crouch Auditorium
Mon. April 24	9AM 10AM 1PM 6PM 7PM	Exercise Class Arbor Day Celebration Computer Clinic WC Republican Party Alcoholics Anonymous	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center Community Garden WC Senior Center Upton Community Center WC Senior Center
Mon. April 24-28	9AM-5:30PM	Used Book Sale	WC Library
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Dispatch from Page 1

a portion of the new Motorola CIS system recently purchased by the county. She noted that the city would negotiate a payment plan with the county for their portion of the system.

“We are trying to make it as fair for everyone as possible. We have to come to an agreement,” Bowles said of the proposal. “There are going to be things the city doesn’t like. We have to put our pride aside and do what is best for the citizens.”

Following discussion, the council voted to approve the proposal — pending approval of the proposal by the Board of Weston County Commissioners and Upton Town Council — with the understanding that contracts between the entities would still need to be negotiated.

However, during their meeting the following morning, on April 18, the county commissioners discussed the proposal with Colvard, who stated during the discussion that he believes the most significant compromises offered in the proposal were being made by the county. And the commissioners agreed.

The general consensus of county officials was that they were not ready to move forward with the proposal and that discussions needed to continue, and County Attorney Michael Stulken suggested that the city and county consider hiring a mediator to oversee negotiations.

“I did talk about maybe getting a mediator to try to help resolve some of these issues,” he said. “A third party with no stick in the game. To tell each side they are wrong or right.”

There was hope for resolu-



Photos by Walter Sprague/NLJ

On Wednesday, April 12, Newcastle Mayor Pam Gualtieri called a special meeting to take place in the Newcastle Council Chambers. The open meeting was a joint session between the Newcastle City Council, and the Weston County Commissioners to discuss dispatch issues, in hopes of taking steps to find a solution. Participation by the people of Weston County was huge, with more chairs having to be brought in to accommodate the large crowd. Above, three Weston County Commissioners, Garrett Borton, Vera Huber, and Don Taylor, participate in the discussion.

tion leading up to the proposal because the council and three of the five Weston County commissioners (Don Taylor, Garrett Borton and Vera Huber) agreed at a joint public meeting hosted by the city council on April 12 that two dispatch services are not the best option for the county or its residents. However, after this week’s meetings they appear no closer to an actual settlement to the long-running dispute.

Tensions between the two entities have escalated for several years, and culminated in the city’s decision over a year ago to move the Newcastle Police Department and dispatch ser-

vices out of the Weston County Law Enforcement Center and into City Hall. At the same time, county officials made the decision to build and operate a second dispatch center.

The main point of contention between the two bodies involves who would oversee dispatch operations. County officials have expressed support for the creation of a joint powers board to oversee dispatch operations, while the city council has consistently demonstrated that it wants the Newcastle Police Department to maintain oversight of the dispatch center. City offi-

cials have also proposed an updated service contract with the county to compensate the City of Newcastle for operating dispatch.

Taylor and City Councilman Tyrel Owens have been joined by other members of their respective boards in admitting over the past two years that two dispatch centers is not the right solution to end the ongoing debate.

Other government officials, including Colvard and Weston County Emergency Management Coordinator Gilbert Nelson, have agreed, stating on several occasions

that the two entities working together to avoid two dispatch centers is the most feasible and fiscally responsible option.

Recently, newly hired Bowles has lent his voice to those supporting a single dispatch center, and several members of the public who spoke out during the April 12 meeting also expressed support for the county and city continuing to work together under one emergency dispatch center.

During that meeting, Bowles stated that he saw three options that the city and county could choose.

Option one would be using the city’s recently renovated space to house dispatch services — including the county’s newly purchased Motorola CIS system. The city would continue to employ the dispatchers, and Bowles would work with Colvard and Bridge to oversee the service and address concerns that have been raised about the present dispatch operation.

“We would all come together with a seamless transition with the new system and move forward,” Bowles said, noting that this option would give the dispatchers a new space where they would be comfortable away from the county jail.

“I think, all in all, it saves the taxpayers money,” Bowles said of the option, which mirrored the proposal offered by Gualtieri and approved by the city council.

The second option would involve the county and the city continuing on the current path with two dispatch centers, one operated by the city and one operated by the county.

“I don’t know of any pros to that. I tried to think of some, and I can’t come up with any,” Bowles said.

The third option, he explained, would be a county run dispatch service that the city would then utilize as well. Bowles noted that he is not a fan of this option because it would result in four currently employed city dispatchers losing their jobs if the county was not willing to guarantee that they would be offered jobs at the county dispatch center.

The commissioners who were present at the joint meeting made it clear they could not speak for the whole board, but they agreed that the two entities should work together to keep the dispatch as one. The question that remained was who would operate the service and where it would be housed.

Colvard, Huber and Taylor all stated that they would like to see the dispatch operations remain at the Weston County Law Enforcement Center, but they did express belief that there is still potential for the entities to work together to come up with a solution and agreement.

At the end of the April 12 meeting, the elected officials who were present requested that Colvard, Bridge and Bowles work with City Attorney Dublin Hughes and Stulken to come up with contracts that would protect all the involved entities, and in spite of the commissioner’s decision to not accept the city’s proposal, a meeting between these individuals is still scheduled for Wednesday, April 19.

FOCUS from Page 1

and the operation is presently being run by interim director Sandra Stevens of Crook County Family Violence in Sundance. Stevens met with the Newcastle City Council on April 17 to inform the council of her appointment and to assure the city that FOCUS is still operating despite the transition. She noted that she hopes the public can be patient while FOCUS navigates the transition period.

“We are going to do our best to provide services five days a week. There will be times there is not someone in the office,” Stevens said, adding that the calls coming into the Weston County office will be rerouted to the cell phones of both herself and victim advocate Kayleigh Gould.

Stevens said she will oversee the

administration of FOCUS while Gould oversees the advocacy portion of the agency’s responsibilities.

Megan Hughes, deputy director of the Division of Victim Services in the Office of the Attorney General, confirmed for the News Letter Journal that there had been personnel changes at the local agency and that Stevens had taken over as FOCUS’s interim leader.

When asked about rumors circulating in the community that FOCUS was out of funding and without a director, Hughes insisted that was not the case.

“Allow me to assure you that the FOCUS program is very much operational and continues to provide victim services in Weston County. The rumor of FOCUS being out of money is inaccurate,” she said. “There has been a

change in program staffing.”

Hughes noted that she is responsible for supervising the services’ regional program management team. This team oversees sub grantee programs (like FOCUS) across the state.

“Additionally, I have served as the RPM for the FOCUS program for the past six, seven months,” she said.

No additional information about personnel changes and overall future of FOCUS in Weston County was provided to the News Letter Journal, despite requests to both Stevens and the current FOCUS Board president, Bethany Lakes, by press time.

Additional questions about the sudden transition were also submitted to the Division of Victims Services, but Director Cara Boyle Chambers told

NLJ that the division has no additional comment and that questions and requests for further information should be addressed to the FOCUS board.

This is the second time in less than a year that the local victim services organization has experienced upheaval. The now departed Hoxie had reported to both the Weston County Commissioners and News Letter Journal in July of last year that FOCUS was struggling to address victim needs because of cuts to state funding. Those reports came on the heels of a revelation that former Newcastle Police Chief Sam Keller had been serving on the FOCUS board when he was arrested for domestic violence on May 30 of that year.

According to a board roster provided to NLJ by the Division of Victim’s

Services after Keller’s arrest, the former police chief was listed as the board’s treasurer, but Denise Piscioti — who was serving as the FOCUS board president at that time — said he was serving as “a member at large” at the time of the incident. It is unclear when Lakes became the board’s president, but she was not listed as a board member of the agency at that time.

Concerns were also expressed last July that Keller had benefitted from rental assistance provided by FOCUS for the home he shared with his female victim. The FOCUS board cited confidentiality concerns when they refused to confirm or deny that their former fellow board member was living in a home where rental assistance was being provided by the agency.

Clerk from Page 1

things got a “little tricky” when it came to payroll. He said that payroll is statutorily the clerk’s duty, but Taylor interjected, stating that the motion to move HR to the attorney’s office had nothing to do with payroll (as it pertained to their concerns involving state statute).

Taylor explained that commissioners only wanted to move employee issues and relations to the county attorney’s office until the board could determine a full job description for a human resources person, and Commissioner Vera Huber stressed that the purpose of

the HR position would be to ensure consistency for county employees. She noted that the HR person would also be responsible for educating new employees on county policies and procedures, as well as benefits and other necessary information.

Huber acknowledged that each specific office or department in county government could have its own inter-office policies developed by department heads, but she said there was a need for consistency across county departments in many areas. She also

maintained that the HR person could be responsible for explaining payroll and benefits and giving the new employees the paperwork.

“Putting that stuff into payroll. That is (County Clerk Hadlock) Becky’s office’s part. ...The educational part is human resources,” Huber said.

Hadlock insisted, however, that the forms and education about payroll would remain in her office.

“The only thing he (county attorney) will get is the handbook,” she declared.

Hadlock said that she sees

education about payroll and forms related to payroll as part of the payroll process, and argued that if something were missed during that education, it would come back on her office.

“It is going to stay in my office,” she asserted.

“I am going to disagree with you,” Huber responded.

Huber then noted that when she herself received her paperwork for county payroll from the clerk’s office after winning election as a county commissioner, she was not provided any education by Hadlock

or anybody in her office. Commissioner Garrett Borton agreed, noting that it would have been nice to have some education when he received his paperwork. He said that the packet that is received from the county “is a lot,” but that no direct education was provided by Hadlock. Both were referring to the fact that commissioners receive pay for their commissioner duties, and should have received any payroll training that is offered to other county employees.

“I just got the packet, and I was told by other employees

the same thing happened to them. That no one talked to them,” Huber said. “The education is what we should be concerned about. HR is here to make sure the employees are educated and have a good understanding of benefits.”

Stulken reaffirmed, however, that the education aspect of the benefits and payroll system is going to require cooperation between him and the clerk, as payroll is the statutory duty of the clerk.

“We are probably going to have to work together on that stuff,” Stulken said.

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Concert Association closes the season with final show

Alexis Barker
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Current members of the Weston County Concert Association are welcoming newcomers to an opportunity to enjoy the final concert of the 2022-23 season at Crouch Auditorium. A tribute to James Taylor is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Sunday,

April 23 in the Crouch Auditorium. "This being the last concert, as always, new people who want to be a part of our membership can buy a membership that will last through next year at this year's price," said Jan Ellis, the association's president. "I don't know what next year's prices will be, but I am sure they will go up some. If you buy for next year,

you get this year's price and this last concert as a bonus." She noted that existing members can also purchase the 2023-24 season membership at this year's current price of \$10 for students, \$40 for adults and \$85 for a family. The last concert for this season, Ellis said, is titled "How Sweet It Is: Tribute to James Taylor."

The program features Steve Leslie, a Nashville-based singer, songwriter and guitarist. According to his biography, Leslie's songs have been recorded by Kenny Rogers, Mark Chesnutt, George Strait, Darryl Worley, Rhonda Vincent, Neal McCoy, Darius Rucker and many others. During the tribute concert, Leslie

will perform the music of Taylor in an authentic and spell-binding concert event, the show's description states. Ellis said that Leslie not only looks like Taylor, he also sounds like him. "Steve's warm baritone, exceptional guitar technique and uncanny resemblance, is truly a one-of-a-kind tribute to this American music icon," the description continues.

Published poets



Photos by Kim Dean/NLJ



Newcastle Middle School English teacher, Nikki Bartlett, proudly announced five students whose poetry was selected and published along with other talented young authors across the United States in the 2022 Rising Stars Collection book. The students read their poems that were written last year while in middle school at the Weston County School District No. 1 board meeting on April 12. Top left, Joslyn Pischke reads her poem about rodeo. The board, above, took a short recess to congratulate the young authors and enjoy cookies with them. Josie Smith, Bristol Sweet, Joslyn Pischke, Preslee Fitzwater, NMS teacher Nikki Bartlett and Cole Allison, left, celebrate the occasion with a photo op. At right, Bartlett asked all of the students to sign a copy of her book and watches as Fitzwater pens her signature.



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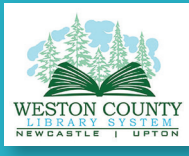
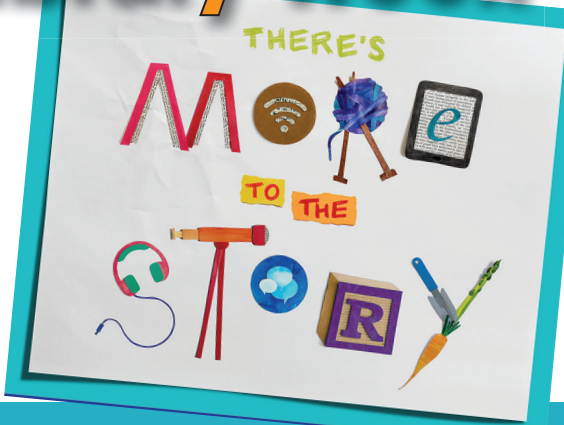
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two and a half years in Texas, so it's not surprising that his favorite subject is geography. Samuel has been in two plays and says memorizing all the lines is the hardest part. Home-schooling has enabled him to pursue a lot of other interests, with guns and shooting at the top of his list. He understands and enjoys many facets of shooting sports, and wants to do more of it.

Karen Slagle lives on a generational family ranch roughly 40 miles southwest of Newcastle. The land and livestock are their own school, and her entire family is grateful for the opportunity to be educated by those creations of God, they said. Karen starred as Mother Goose in the play and said, "Getting into the character of Mother Goose was difficult." She also enjoyed "playing off Mother Hubbard," actually her sister, Mary. The Slagle family takes pride in helping produce a wonderful healthy, American food source like beef to help feed the world.

Clara Jane Ballard was probably the most enthusiastic actress I interviewed, as well as the youngest — the tiny mite is all of 3 years old! She starred as "a sheeps," and her favorite part of playing her role as part of Little Bo-Peep's lost flock was hiding, she said excitedly. She's not in school yet, and thought (with the cutest giggle) that it was "silly" for asking if she was when her age had already been established — to which no argument could be made. Clara Jane is glad they "let her" be in the play, she said. I'm convinced the entire audience agreed.

There were times in the performance when sheep nearly stole the show, and when the very young did steal the show, another "sheep," who also doubled as an elf, is 4-year-old Ellie who lives "in town" and is in first grade of home school. Playing two roles could stump the greatest actress, but Ellie says it was fun.

If there's such a thing as "the wisdom of years," Rip Van Winkle ought to carry off that award. The directors did a fine job of type-casting ninth-grade student Harrison Gross in that role. The freshman home-school enthusiast touts the "quality" of education he's assimilating.

"It's best for parents and youth," Harrison declared. "You can be at home, and not separated all day. You get a quality education, you have freedom, and you're not shut up with those lunatics at school."

Little Bo Peep was well played by Ellen Lilly. When asked the most difficult part of carrying off her role she said, "The costume was hot!" The directors forewarned her it would be that way, and Ellen said her "sheep" also kept her busy.



The police chief, played by Connor Stolhammer, in the play "The Mysterious Case of the Fallen Egg," which was presented by home-schoolers at the Crouch Auditorium in Newcastle High School on March 31 and April 1.

The "Handsome Prince" was aptly represented by Ramsey Gross. The 17-year-old eleventh-grader said his role, "Was a whole lot of fun to play."

Ramsey enjoys a variety of school subjects, especially history, he said.

"I like to learn about the century 1700 to 1800, and am lately studying American history," Ramsey said.

As a career, Ramsey is looking to "handyman skills." He's most wise in that because every Wyoming housewife — every housewife everywhere — needs to have the phone number of a home handyman written on their calendar! Remember that name, Ramsey Gross.

Young Nicole Williamson played the horse "Butternibble." She said, "doing the play" was the best fun she had. She also "over-made all the costume." When commenting that the costume looked like it would've been very hot, she laughed and said, "It sure was! That was why I over-made it."

Raeleigh Shipp played Alice in Wonderland, and helped in assigning parts for the play and other jobs as needed.

"It was exciting," she said, "to see the community turn out for the performance and enjoy it so much."

Audiences rarely understand how much effort goes into the production of such a performance.

Eight-year-old Payton Hodge is in the second grade and played "Flopsie" on stage. She said it was fun, but they had to keep working, and they "worked for three months" before the curtains opened.

Sixth-grader Taryn Cohl likes home school. She was "Mopsie" on stage, and most unfortunately injured her toe "before they even had the second practice!" Due to the pain from that, she felt hers was the "hardest girl part."

Mary Slagle, 11, is a fifth-grader. Her favorite part of home school is that she can go out and help on the ranch, she said. In the play she worked backstage, and "helped talk" for Mother Hubbard.

"I love how I got to let out my energy backstage, and not many lines on stage. I could have fun, and watch," said Lydia Lanctot, who played Henny Penney. Obviously she enjoyed all facets of the performance!

Home school holds little prejudice where age is concerned. I experienced that when I was 5 and completed the "first year work" from Calvert School in Baltimore, Maryland. When finished with that, I was ready for the third grade. I rode a bus to town school when I was 7, and tested to begin the fourth grade. That personal experience convinced me home school produces excellently educated graduates.

The Humpty Dumpty cast underscored my belief in boldface! I'm encouraged about the future of Newcastle when I look into the eyes of 4-year-old Ellie, who lives there. She's a first-grader, and played both a sheep and an elf in Humpty Dumpty.

Perchance you still have the slightest lingering doubt? Then you must meet 10-year-old Evalyn Ballard. She lives in Newcastle, is in the fifth grade, and played a sheep on stage. The best thing about her experience? Evalyn unhesitatingly declared, "I got to get to know Little Bo Peep."

I asked her if she has plans for her life, and how home school ties into that. "I have a big interest in science, especially human anatomy," she said. "I hope to be a doctor."

I asked if she thought she would reach that goal, Evalyn looked me in the eye and very confidently replied, "Probably." She is probably right!

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

Track			
4/21/23	Douglas HS	A	TBA
4/28/23	Buffalo HS (Buffalo Twilight Invite)	A	TBA
5/5/23	Sundance HS	A	TBA
5/12-13/23	3A East Regional @Rawlins	A	TBA
5/18-20/23	State Track @Casper	A	TBA

Ladies' Soccer			
4/20/23	Torrington HS	A	4PM
4/22/23	Buffalo HS	A	NOON
4/28/23	Worland HS	H	4PM

Men's Soccer			
4/20/23	Torrington HS	A	4PM
4/22/23	Buffalo HS	A	NOON
4/28/23	Worland HS	H	4PM

High School Rodeo			
All dates tentative/subject to change			
4/21-23/23	Rock Springs: Cutting/RCH TBD; JH - Fri; HS - Sat & Sun	A	
4/28-30/23	Big Piney: Cutting/RCH TBD; JH- Fri; HS Sat & Sun	A	

Light the beam

The Sacramento Kings are not a name that strikes fear or awe among NBA enthusiasts, however, a marketing scheme which was boldly announced last September may have been the impetus to light a spark under a team whose last trip to the NBA playoffs, and last winning season, happened before the iPhone was invented 17 years ago.

The marketing idea was to send a 300-watt purple laser beam blazing from the rooftop of the Kings' stadium, the Golden 1



Sonja Karp
Karpe Dogie

Center, to the heavens after each game the Kings win, whether they are playing at home or away. After the announcement of the beam, Kings' guard De'Aaron Fox stated to ESPN "...well, [shoot] we got to win, or this would be a bad meme after every loss if we're not winning. I didn't want to be made fun of."

Light the Beam has become the battle cry, and the "Beam Team" has become the moniker for the Kings as they continue with their Cinderella season.

Was it the beam, or was it just coincidence, that the Kings put together 48 wins throughout

— See **Karpe**, Page 16

Ladies get first conference win

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

After a month of postponements and cancellations, the Lady Dogie Soccer Team was busy last week trying to make up for lost time. Three conference contests, against Worland on Tuesday, in Douglas on Thursday, then in Rawlins on Saturday, meant that head coach Cami Willyard's crew were in for a tough, meaningful week.

Despite losses to Worland and Douglas, the Lady Dogies were able to pick up their first, and crucial, win against the Lady Outlaws with their first shutout of the season.

"It was a tough week," said Willyard. "After battling against the top two teams in our conference, we were pretty wiped out by the time we played Rawlins, but we found a way to gut it out to get the win."

If the schedule were not enough of a challenge, the Lady Dogies' keeper, McKenzie Rose, also suffered a strain to her wrist in practice on Monday, so the junior was only able to play in the goal for a portion of the contest against Worland on Tuesday, and not at all in the remaining contests of the week.

"That made things interesting for the rest of the week,"

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Senior Gabby McVay has scored a goal in every one of the Lady Dogies' contests this season, and the April 11 game was no exception as she found the back of the net for one of the two Newcastle goals in their loss against Worland.

Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

Newcastle tracksters brave the elements

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

It was cold, windy and pretty miserable Friday in Upton, but the Newcastle track team was happy to be able to get their second competition under their belts. Environmental conditions had an impact on times and jumps, but, according to head coach Chad Ostenson, his team competed well despite the adversity thrown at them.

"We were second and third in the 100 Meter Dash with Holden [McConkey] and Colton [Vanderpool-Mobley], and then Collin [McConkey] was right there in the top ten with his

10th-place finish," Ostenson reported. "The times are what they are, but as far as hanging in there with some pretty good competition goes, we did a nice job."

Those same three athletes doubled down on their performance in the 100 Meter Dash when they finished second, fourth and fifth (same order as above) in the 200 Meter race as well.

The 4x100 Meter Relay team of Vanderpool-Mobley, Collin McConkey, Casey Matthews and Holden McConkey improved their time from two weeks ago to finish second in 45.84. That improvement was enough to qualify the team for the state meet in May.

Jacob Prell had a great day in the shot put, tossing yet another personal record, 41-8.25, to take first place in that event. Holden McConkey finished sixth with a put of 37-2, which was impressive given this is the first time competing in the shot put for the senior.

Junior Casey Matthews was second in the 400 Meter run, cutting almost 4 seconds off his time from two weeks ago with his 56.61 second finish.

"He ran it for the first time in Wheatland, and I don't even know if he knew exactly what he was doing," Ostenson explained. "It was fun to see him drop that much time, especially with the weather like it was."

CJ Hardy was second in the High Jump, and though his 5-10 clearance was two inches under his leap from two weeks ago, given the conditions, it was a good performance.

Logan Olson was fourth in the 800 Meter run, Eli Morrill finished eighth in the 110 Meter Hurdles, Sam Scribner was ninth in the Long Jump and fifth in Pole Vault.

Juniors Thomas Prell and Nate Strickland were among the top 10 in Pole Vault and Discus, respectively, with Strickland hurling a personal best of 105-8.

The Lady Dogies also showed up to

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Dogies have tough week

Sonja Karp
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NHS Men's Soccer

Newcastle v. Worland 4/11/23 0-5
Dylan McFarlin: 0-2 shots on goal
Will Beastrohm: 12 saves

Newcastle @ Douglas 4/13/23 1-6
Finn Gerlag: 1-3 shots on goal
Dylan McFarlin: 0-1 shot on goal
Skyler Cummings: 0-1 shot on goal
Will Beastrohm: 14 saves

Newcastle @ Rawlins 4/15/23 1-5
Finn Gerlag: 1-3 shots on goal
Dylan McFarlin: 0-1 shot on goal
Caleb Hossfeld: 0-1 shot on goal
Sam Cunningham: 0-1 shot on goal
Will Beastrohm: 6 saves

The Newcastle High School men's soccer team had a grueling week that was tough on their conference record, as they dropped three straight games, against the No. 1-ranked Worland Warriors on Tuesday, the Douglas Bearcats on Thursday and the Rawlins Outlaws on Saturday.

By the time head coach Sally Hoover's skeleton crew made the long haul to Rawlins, the squad was showing signs of a long, hard week.

"It was a tough week," Hoover said. "They were three teams who played very different games, and we just had to make adjustments and learn as we went."

In the make-up game against Worland on Tuesday, the Warriors took a quick lead just five minutes into the contest as they found the back of the net to go up, 1-0. Then at the 30-minute mark, they extended their lead to 2-0 going into the half.

"We came out slow," admitted Hoover. "They play a very controlled, methodical game, which is just really good soccer. We try to do the same thing, but we need to get our touches down a little better."

In the second half, the Warriors went on a scoring frenzy, finding the back of the net in the 49th minute, the 50th minute and the 52nd minute.

"They really controlled the ball the majority of the game," Hoover said. "They are just a really good team."

From there, the Dogies ramped up their defensive presence on the pitch to hold Worland out of the goal for the remainder of the contest. Unfortunately, the necessary defensive play by Newcastle impacted their offensive game, which meant that they lost their first game of the week 0-5.

"I think the final score says a lot about their coach," Hoover said. "I could tell when they came out in the second half, their coach had told them they needed to use their time on the

field to work on things, rather than try to run up the score."

On Thursday, the Dogies traveled to Douglas to take on the Bearcats in their first contest of the year played on turf. Aside from a faster surface to adjust to, the Bearcats also play a much different game than the Warriors, so Hoover's squad needed to adapt to that as well.

It became quickly apparent that Douglas is a one-man team, as senior Jackson Hughes had his way on the field scoring four goals in the first half to take the 4-0 lead going into the break.

"There are no time-outs in soccer, and the boys couldn't hear me from the sidelines, so we had to wait until half-time to make the necessary defensive adjustments to slow Jackson down," Hoover began. "We rearranged some players and put Skyler [Cummings] on him in the second half, and he shut him down. His only other goal was a PK in the final 14 seconds of the game."

The Dogies played the Bearcats pretty even in the final 40 minutes of play. Finn Gerlag was able to get his team on the board 25 minutes into the second half when he drove the ball up the field, out-maneuvering the Douglas defense to find the back of the net, which gave Newcastle one point to Douglas' five.

Then the PK opportunity for the Bearcats at the end of the game inflated the score to 1-6 in Douglas' favor.

"We were able to see some things that we need to work on," Hoover said. "We needed

to support each other better, and that we cannot just try to outrun them one-on-one, because we get shut down. When we went to Rawlins, that was much, much better."

A five-hour bus ride to Rawlins on Saturday morning was how the Dogies started off their final conference contest of the week.

The fatigue of the grueling schedule showed as the Dogies were overrunning the ball on defense and were not getting good touches. The Outlaws also brought an astounding amount of speed to the pitch, which the Dogies struggled to contain.

Rawlins scored two goals in the first half in the 23rd minute and 35th minute to go up 2-0 at the half.

"You could really tell the boys were tired by half time," Hoover sighed. "When they came out, it almost seemed as though they were defeated, but I think it was just the fatigue setting in."

Rawlins scored again right away coming out of the break to go up, 3-0.

"We possessed really well for the next 25 minutes," Hoover said. "We kept the ball on our offensive side of the field, and Finn got his goal, but then in the last four or five minutes we ran out of gas and they got their last two goals to take the 5-1 win."

Gerlag's goal was, once again, a result of him out-maneuvering the defense to find the back of the net.

"Everything we worked on after the Douglas game, we executed against Rawlins, so that was awesome," Hoover reported. "We worked on having three outlets, even on a breakaway. Being there to support our offensive attacks gives us options and it also helps us recover if the ball is taken away from us."

This week, the team has two more conference contests as they travel to Torrington on Thursday to take on the Trailblazers, then will head to Buffalo to face the Bison on Saturday.



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NHS Track & Field

Newcastle @ Upton 4/14/23

Women's Team Results:

1. Upton 108
2. Wright 106
3. Tongue River 87
4. Big Horn 75
5. Newcastle 65
6. Hullett 51
7. Kaycee 41
8. Moorcroft 31
9. Sundance 30
10. Arvada Clearmont 14

Women's Individual Results:

- 100M:
4. Savannah Carr 14.91
5. Julie Morris 14.96
11. Taylor Conklin 15.79
12. Sara Huey 16.22
200M:
17. Taylor Conklin 35.11
800M:
1. Aspen Bloom 2:41.85 PR
1600M:
2. Aspen Bloom 6:07.66
100M Hurdles:
1. Jaylen Ostenson 18.29
4x100 Relay: 57.14
3. Julie Morris, Savannah Carr, Taylor Conklin, Jaylen Ostenson

Long Jump:

4. Julie Morris 13-11
8. Savannah Carr 12-10
12. Elizabeth Rushton 11-08
13. Taylor Conklin 11-6
15. Sara Huey 11-00

Pole Vault:

2. Elizabeth Rushton 6-0
6. Julie Morris 27-2
27. Veronica Ayers 15-9

Shot Put:

11. Runik Herrberg 27.74
18. Jayden Corley 28.15
23. Drew Conzelman 30.42

Discus:

3. Jaylen Ostenson 86-8
13. Elizabeth Rushton 70-9

Men's Team Results:

1. Big Horn 149
2. Tongue River 128
3. Wright 91.5
4. Newcastle 78.5
5. Sundance 70.5
6. Upton 55
7. Kaycee 33.5
8. Hullett 31
9. Moorcroft 21
10. Moorcroft 21

Men's Individual Results:

- 100M:
2. Holden McConkey 12.29
3. Colton Vanderpool Mobley

2. CJ Hardy 5-10

10. Collin McConkey 12.87
16. Aiden Butler 13.22
25. Thomas Prell 13.92
30. Drew Conzelman 15.03

200M:

2. Holden McConkey 24.62
4. Colton Vanderpool Mobley 25.36
5. Collin McConkey 26.23
11. Runik Herrberg 27.74
18. Jayden Corley 28.15
23. Drew Conzelman 30.42

400M:

2. Casey Matthews 56.61 PR
- 800M:
4. Logan Olson 2:31.79 PR
- 1600M:
15. Logan Olson 5:54.27
- 110M Hurdles:
8. Elijah Morrill 20.02
9. Runik Herrberg 20.09 PR
- 300M Hurdles:
12. CJ Hardy 54.52
- 4x100M Relay: 45.84
2. Colton Vanderpool Mobley, Collin McConkey, Casey Matthews, Holden McConkey 3AQ

High Jump:

1. Jacob Prell 41-8.25 PR
6. Holden McConkey 37-2
16. Aiden Butler 31-8
21. Dayne Evenson 30-4.5
22. Ryan Fladstol 30-2.5
27. Peyton Simmons 27-11
- Discus:
9. Nate Strickland 105-8 PR
12. Dayne Evenson 89-9 PR
21. Jacob Prell 73-10
22. Collin McConkey 72-9
35. Aiden Butler 59-1
38. Tyler Stith 35-9

compete. Lizzie Rushton tried her hand at pole vaulting for the first time, and was rewarded with a second-place finish after clearing the bar at six feet.

"The wind was blowing so hard that it kept knocking the bar off," Ostenson said. "They had to hold onto it, so the fact that the vaulters were able to have a pretty good day between the wind and the cold that made it hard to get a good grip on their pole, is pretty great."

Julie Morris had a good day, which covered the gamut of track and field. The sophomore finished fifth in the 100 Meter Dash, fourth in Long Jump with a leap of 13-11, and sixth in Shot Put with a throw of 27-2.

Savannah Carr also performed well, trading spots with Morris by taking fourth in the 100 Meter Dash in 14.91 seconds, and eighth in Long Jump with a 12-10 leap.

Sophomore Aspen Bloom took second in the mile run with a time of 6:07.66, and followed that up with a first-place finish in the 800, finishing in 2:41.85.

"I think she was a little disappointed with her time in the mile, so when she got to the 800, she really gutted it out," Ostenson said. "That's fun to see a kid compete, and when you look at the temperature and the wind, she did a really

nice job."

"The sophomores are really coming along," Ostenson continued. "There's a good group of them in both the boys and the girls."

Senior Jaylen Ostenson made strides after her first meet of the year two weeks ago by finishing first in the 100 Meter Hurdles with a time of 18.29 and third in the Discus with a toss of 86-8.

"She scratched on a couple of her throws that were 15 to 20 feet further than that one, so she was out there in the 100 feet area," Ostenson said. "She's still working on getting back into a rhythm with the hurdles, but that's coming."

She also competed in the 300 Meter Hurdles, but there was a problem with the timing of the race. The athletes were given the option to run it again 30 minutes later, but Ostenson chose to scratch as it wasn't enough time to recover from the first grueling attempt.

The ladies were also able to put together a relay for the first time in a few years, and the team of Morris, Carr, Taylor Conklin and Ostenson finished third in the 4x100 Meter Relay with a time of 57.14.

The Dogies are scheduled to travel to Custer for a meet on Thursday, however, once again the weather is not looking good for a meet.



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The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice of the Application of Powder River Energy Corporation's (PRECorp or Cooperative) for authority to revise its rules and regulations to establish meter equipment clearance requirements to prevent interference with maintenance and testing activities, revise its non-industrial line extension policy to provide for the collection of costs incurred up to the point of cancellation, and revise its meter testing and verification program.

1. PRECorp is a public utility as defined by Wyoming Statute § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 37-2-112.

2. On March 31, 2023, PRECorp filed an Application requesting authority to revise its rules and regulations to establish meter equipment clearance requirements to prevent interference with maintenance and testing activities, revise its non-industrial line extension policy to provide for the collection of costs incurred up to the point of cancellation, and revise its meter testing and verification program.

3. The Cooperative states the changes to the meter equipment clearance requirements and meter testing and verification program are consistent with its transition to an automated meter information meter and communication system.

4. This is not a complete description of PRECorp's Application. The Application is available at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours or at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (enter Record No. 17274).

5. Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, protest or to request for hearing in this matter must do so, on or before May 15, 2023. An intervention request must set forth its grounds, as well as the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please mention Docket No. 10014-229-CT-23 in your communication.

6. If you wish to participate in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711.

(Publish April 20 and 27, 2023)

Legal Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS JOHN BORGIALLI DECEASED

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 13th day of April 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Thomas John Borgialli was admitted to probate in the Sixth Judicial District Court, and there will

be no present administration of the Estate. Any action to set aside the Will shall be filed in the Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated this 13 day of April 2023,
S. Thomas Throne, Throne Law Office, P.C.

Attorney for Petitioner:
S. Thomas Throne, #5-1602
Throne Law Office, P.C.
P.O. Drawer 6590
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- Icelandic currency
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- Software program, for short
- Tool with toothed wheel
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- Butter ____ or ____ tape
- a.k.a. Common Market
- Printer cartridge color
- Toothy fish
- *Battle ____ or ____ tissue
- *Ninja ____ or ____ dove
- Oil group
- *Drug ____ or ____ friendly
- Old TV episode
- Nobel Peace Prize capital
- *Amazon ____ or ____ valley
- Ages and ages
- Earth shaking
- Hokkaido language
- *Odd ____ or ____ soup
- Stay clear of
- Vegetative state
- Olden day "your"

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- On behalf of
- "Fine by me"
- *Basket ____ or ____ study
- *Adam's ____ or ____ pie
- Finely-spun cotton threads
- Eagle's foot
- Workout unit
- Slightly drunk
- "Doggone it!"
- College drilling org.
- 1/36th of a yard
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- #15 Down, pl.
- Come to pass
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- Fissure

- *Silly ____ or ____ down
- Church part, pl.
- Antiquity of the past
- *Southwest ____ or ____ Minor
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- Rainbow swimmer
- *Free ____ or ____ hour
- Glorify
- Weighted weapon
- Nevada Wolf Pack's home
- Cuban dance
- 1.094 of a yard, pl.
- *Doctor ____ or ____ knows?
- Description of a fool
- Give qualities or money
- More eccentric
- Theatrical performance
- Previously mentioned, acr.
- Hair styling products
- Annoying biter
- Irish name of Ireland
- Very bright star
- *Easter ____ or ____ salad
- *Dry ____ or ____ cream
- Part of tennis match

FIND THE SOLUTIONS IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER

Gwamma by JaNel M. Farnsworth

Bid Notice

WESTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REGIONAL LANDFILL PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the Weston County Solid Waste District (WCSWD) Regional Landfill – Phase 1 Construction will be received by the WCSWD, until 1:00 P.M. local time, May 12, 2023, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bidders may mail bids to the WCSWD, c/o Bob Hartley, PO Box 158, Newcastle, WY 82701; or hand delivered to Bob Hartley prior to the bid opening time by contacting him at 307-746-8094. The project consists of various earthwork tasks including gravel surfacing, culverts, structural fill, excavation, topsoil placement, seeding, subgrade preparation, sand layer installation, compacted soil liner, geosynthetics installation, fencing, electric and pump installation, and all other work necessary for the construction of a new 5-acre cell, access road, electrical infrastructure, and storage pad at the landfill site south of Newcastle, Wyoming.

Bids will be received for one prime Contract for the work. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis as indicated on the Bid Form. Each bid must be accompanied by Bid Security for five percent of the total amount of the bid.

Bidding Documents may be examined after April 24, 2023, either online at www.questcdn.com (QuestCDN ID #8476946) or at the office of the Engineer, Trihydro Corporation, 2687 Aero Loop, Sheridan, Wyoming, on Mondays through Fridays by appointment. Online Registration on QuestCDN is mandatory for all bidders.

Contractors, in submitting their respective bids, acknowledge that such bids conform to all requirements of Wyoming State Statute. Each bidder must include a bid security with the bid, payable to the WCSWD, in accordance with the instruction to Bidders. For bids greater than \$150,000, bid security shall be in the form of a Bid Bond, prepared on the form provided in the Project Manual, issued by a Surety authorized to do business in the State of Wyoming and acceptable to the OWNER in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by a bid guarantee in the required amount. Bids under \$150,000 may be a cashier's check or any

approved method by WCSWD.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a contract performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as originally bid or subsequently modified. The surety company shall be authorized to do business in the State of Wyoming. The cost of the bonds shall be included in the Contractor's Bid Proposal. When the Successful Bidder delivers the executed Agreement to the Owner, it must be accompanied by the required Construction Performance Bond, and Construction Payment Bond on the forms included in the Project Manual. No exceptions will be made.

No bidder may withdraw its bid after the scheduled time of the bid opening. Bids are to remain open for 20 days after the bid opening. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, and to waive any irregularities of any bid. The Owner also reserves the right to award the contract to such responsible bidders as may be determined by the Owner.

Pursuant to W.S. 16-6-106, "preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, agricultural products, equipment, machinery and provisions produced, manufactured or grown in Wyoming, or supplied by a resident of the state, quality being equal to articles offered by the competitors outside of the state".

Pursuant to W.S. 16-6-203, Wyoming labor shall be used on this project except other laborers may be used when Wyoming laborers are not available for the employment from within the state or are not qualified to perform the work involved. For further details see W.S. 16-6-201 through 206.

A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held at 1:00 P.M. local time on May 2, 2023. Interested contractors are to meet the Owner at the Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center, 22918 Highway 85, Newcastle, Wyoming. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is mandatory. Please direct all questions to Ryan Swanson via email at rswanson@trihydro.com prior to 5:00 P.M., May 4, 2023.

Owner: WCSWD
By: Robert Hartley
Title: Chairman

(Publish April 20 and 27, 2023)

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

1. RMP is a public utility, as defined by Wyoming Statute §37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), providing retail electric service under certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission. RMP is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyoming Statute §37-2-112.

2. On April 17, 2023, RMP filed an Application requesting authority to revise rates pursuant to two different rate schedules. The Company proposes to increase its Tariff Schedule 95 Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ECAM) rates by approximately \$50.3 million to recover deferred NPC. The Company also proposes to decrease its Tariff Schedule 93 REC and SO2 Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (RRA) rates by approximately \$1.5 million to account for sales of RECs and SO2 emission allowances. The Company requests interim approval of the proposed rates effective for usage on and after July 1, 2022, subject to further review.

3. The following table summarizes the proposed price changes by tariff rate schedule. Within each rate schedule, the percentage change to individual customers may be higher or lower than the average due to rate design, customer load factors, and usage characteristics. The combined effect of the 2023 RRA and ECAM in this Application represents an overall proposed rate increase of approximately \$48.8 million or approximately 7.4 percent.

Residential	
Schedules 2, 19	4.9%
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Schedule 25	5.4%
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Schedule 33	7.8%
Schedule 46	8.1%
Schedule 48T	8.9%
Irrigation	
Schedule 40	6.3%
Schedule 210	6.2%
Lighting Schedules	
Schedule 15	4.6%
Schedule 51	2.9%
Schedule 54	9.5%
Schedule 58	11.3%
Overall	7.4%

4. This is not a complete description of RMP's Application. You may review the Application at RMP's Wyoming offices and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours or on line at <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 17279) or RMP's website at www.pacificorp.com.

5. Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, protest, intervention petition, or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before May 19, 2023. Petitions 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.

6. If you wish to intervene in this matter 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, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-642-EM-23 in your communications.

Dated: April 18, 2023

(Publish April 20 and 27, 2023)

Public Notice

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

Notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Transportation has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming and, S & L Industrial, LLC, The Contractor, on Highway Project Number B214022 in Campbell, Crook, Johnson and Weston Counties, consisting

of pennant signing, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on May 17, 2023.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is April 6, 2023.

Pam Fredrick
Senior Budget Analyst
Budget Program
Wyoming Department of Transportation

(Publish April 6, 13 and 20, 2023)

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE or the Company) for authority to change its Energy Efficiency surcharge rates as more fully described below.

1. BHE is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D) and 37-2-112. Black Hills Energy is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Black Hills Corporation.

2. On March 30, 2023, BHE filed this Application requesting authority to update its Energy Efficiency (EE) rates to reflect the forecasted EE program costs for June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024, the EE balancing account balances as of February 28, 2023, and to recover the lost margin revenue associated with the program period of March 2020 through December 2022, effective June 1, 2023. Specifically, BHE requests authority to increase the EE surcharge rate by \$0.0044 per therm for residential customers and by \$0.0005 per therm for non-residential customers. The EE program is designed to encourage residential commercial

customers to purchase and install energy-efficiency products and appliances. Qualifying appliances and/or measures are eligible for rates under EE rates following the submission of proper documentation.

3. This is not a complete description of BHE's Application. It is available at the Commission offices or online at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 17269).

4. Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so, in writing, on or before May 12, 2023. Any intervention request filed with the Commission must set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention, as well as the position and interest of the petitioner. Please mention Docket No. 30026-73-GT-23.

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

Dated: April 14, 2023.

(Publish April 20 and 27, 2023)

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP or the Company) for authority to Establish Intermediate Low-Carbon Energy Portfolio Standards and Requirements pursuant to the provisions of Wyoming Statute § 37-18-102 and Chapter 3, Section 38 of the Commission's rules.

1. BHP is public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C) and 37-2-112.

2. On April 3, 2023, BHP filed this Application, requesting authority to establish Intermediate Low-Carbon Portfolio Standards and Requirements. The Application is responsive to the requirements of Wyoming Statute § 37-18-102 and Chapter 3, Section 38 of the Commission's rules. Further, it is in-compliance with the Commission's decision in Docket No. 20002-123-EA-22 (Record No. 17028). The Application addresses the Neil Simpson II coal-fired generation facility which is an 80 MW plant that is wholly owned by BHP.

3. BHP continues to rely on the Black and Veatch report dated March 29, 2022, which the Company commissioned to evaluate potential carbon capture utilization and storage (CCUS) options at the Neil Simpson II facility. Based upon the Black and Veatch report and the results of the Company's recently concluded Request for Proposal process, the Company states it is unable to recommend a low carbon standard but continues to evaluate existing and

developing technologies to determine the best option, for customers, regarding the installation of CCUS technology at Neil Simpson II.

4. This is not a complete description of the Application. It is available for inspection at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The Application is also available on the Commission's website at <https://psc.wyo.gov> (Hot Topics), <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 17276) or Black Hill's website at www.blackhillsenergy.com.

5. Anyone wishing to file a public comment, statement, protest, intervention petition, or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before May 12, 2023. Public comments should be submitted to wpsc_comments@wyo.gov. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 20002-126-EA-23 in all correspondence with the Commission.

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

Dated: April 11, 2023.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Procedural Rules and Special Regulations, notice is hereby given of the Joint Application of Cheyenne Light Fuel and Power Company (CLFP) and Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) d/b/a Black Hills Energy (collectively Joint Applicants) for authority to establish a Low Carbon Surcharge Tariff and rate. The Joint Applicants propose to use the revenue collected under this tariff and rate to offset incremental costs incurred to comply with the Low Carbon provisions of Wyoming Statute § 37-18-102 and Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 38.

2. CLFP and BHP are public utilities, as defined by Wyoming Statute §37-1-101(a)(vi) (C), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of Wyoming Statute §37-2-112.

3. On April 14, 2023, the Joint Applications filed an Application requesting authority to establish a Low Carbon Surcharge Tariff pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 37-18-102 and Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 38. The Joint Applications propose to establish an initial surcharge rate of 0.67% of customer total electric bills, effective for usage on and after September 1, 2023. The Joint Applicants anticipate this surcharge rate will collect \$980,896 per annum for CLFP, and \$119,104 per annum for BHP.

4. The Joint Applicants have incurred, or plan to incur, approximately \$1,100,000 in consulting and other costs related to Low Carbon compli-

ance efforts. They proposed to create a regulatory asset and record compliance costs in FERC Account 182.3 (Other Regulatory Assets). In the event that the Commission does not issue a final decision prior to May 15, 2023, they request interim approval on or before that date.

5. This is not a complete description of the Joint Application. Interested persons may inspect it at the Commission's office in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours. The Joint Application may also be viewed online at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 17278).

6. Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before May 15, 2023. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket Nos. 20002-127-ET-23 and 20003-223-ET-23 in all correspondence with the Commission.

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

DATED: April 14, 2023

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Cowboy State Look-In

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Governor advances phase 2

SHERIDAN (WNE)—Gov. Mark Gordon announced he has advanced the second phase of the Wyoming Innovation Partnership, a workforce enhancement initiative aimed at improving opportunities for Wyoming residents to boost their incomes by receiving training and earning degrees in high-growth fields.

Gordon awarded more than \$26 million in total funding, which was appropriated by the Wyoming Legislature to advance the second phase of the WIP.

The projects and programs were selected based on an evaluation of short- and long-term metrics, outcomes and collaboration to support a resilient workforce and economy.

"These funds will help us

to expand and continue our efforts to build a well-trained workforce of the future in high-wage and high-growth fields," Gordon said.

Funded applications came from all eight of Wyoming's community colleges, the University of Wyoming, the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services and the Wyoming Department of Education.

The applications included projects from the six existing programs (consortial infrastructure; digital infrastructure and technology; energy; entrepreneurship; health care; and tourism and hospitality) and three additional component areas in manufacturing, workforce development and agricul-

Newly funded agriculture proposals included precision agriculture, ranch management and controlled environment agriculture. Additional proposals in advanced manufacturing and internship development for young adults and construction trades were also included in the new component areas.

Gordon launched WIP in 2021 to modernize and focus Wyoming's efforts to develop a resilient workforce and economy.

The partnership involves the University of Wyoming, the state's community colleges, Wyoming Business Council and Department of Workforce Services.

This story was published on April 15, 2023.

Meeting Notice

WESTON COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The Weston County Natural Resource District will hold a Special Board meeting on Friday, April 21st at 1 pm. This will be a conference call to review comments to be submitted to the Newcastle BLM office on their Resource Management Plan update. The board will also review an invoice for mapping software. Questions? Contact the District office at (307) 746-3264.

(Publish April 20, 2023)

Meeting Notice

WESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING NOTICE

Weston County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees will have a 6:00 pm early start on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, for an executive session under W.S. 16-4-405(x) to discuss future planning.

(Publish April 20, 2023)

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Degenfelder opposes rule change

CHEYENNE (WNE)— State Superintendent of Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder released a statement Thursday regarding the Biden administration's proposed Title IX rule changes.

Title IX is a 1972 law that bans sex discrimination in public schools, colleges and universities that receive federal funding. Among other changes, proposed new rules that are due to take effect in May would include protections for transgender and nonbinary students for the first time.

Degenfelder said in the statement: "I oppose

the recently proposed rule change to Title IX regulations. It is yet another example of the Biden administration's aggressive federal overreach. This action not only circumvents the federal legislative process, but it overrides the work being done at the state level to best meet the needs of local communities. ...

"This is about fairness and safety for biological women in sports — biological men should not be competing in women's sports."

This story was published on April 15, 2023.

City joins second opioid settlement

GILLETTE (WNE) — Last week, the Gillette City Council voted to join the OneWyo II Opioid Settlement, which means more opioid money should be coming to Gillette.

Five companies have reached settlements regarding potential opioid litigation, including pharmacies Walmart, Walgreens and CVS, as well as pharmaceutical companies Allergan and Teva.

Their settlements include the following:

Allergan has agreed to a \$2.37 billion settlement over seven years

Teva has agreed to pay

\$4.25 billion over 13 years

CVS has agreed to pay \$5 billion over 10 years

Walgreens has agreed to pay \$5.7 billion over 15 years

Walmart has agreed to pay \$3.1 billion over six years

At this point it's not known how much the city will receive from this settlement. This is the second opioid settlement the city is part of.

At the beginning of 2022, Wyoming joined a global class-action suit that led to a \$26 billion settlement against pharmaceutical distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen are

responsible for \$18 billion over the course of 18 years, and Janssen, a subsidiary of Johnson and Johnson, will disburse \$8 billion over 10 years.

The city received about \$114,000 from the OneWyo I Opioid Settlement, but it has not yet figured out how to spend the money, although the city council has discussed it.

The county has discussed joining this second opioid settlement. It has received nearly \$300,000 from the first one.

This story was published on April 18, 2023.

AARP seeks to honor state's top volunteer

SHERIDAN (WNE) — AARP is now accepting nominations for its 2023 Wyoming Andrus Award for Community Service, which honors 50+ Wyomingites who are sharing their experience, talent and skills to enrich the lives of their community members.

Nominations for this year's award will be accepted through July 15 at the AARP Wyoming State Office. Nomination forms are available by contacting Avery Yak at ayak@aarp.org, or on the web at aarp.org/AndrusAward.

Nominations will be evaluated by the AARP Wyoming State Office based on how the volunteer's work has improved the community, reflected AARP's vision and mission, and inspired other volunteers.

The state office will then pare down the list of nominees to three finalists. The public will then be asked to vote for the state Andrus Award winner by "liking," and "sharing," a video of their favorite nominee posted on AARP Wyoming's Facebook page.

AARP Wyoming will make a \$500 donation to a non-profit in the name of the person who nominated the Andrus Award winner.

AARP Wyoming Andrus Award for Community Service nominees must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Nominees must be 50 years or older.
- The achievements, accomplishments, or service on which the nomination is based must have been performed on a volunteer basis, without pay. Volunteers receiving small stipends to cover the costs associated with the volunteer activity are eligible.
- The achievements, accomplishments, or service on which the nomination is based must reflect AARP's vision and purpose.
- The achievements, accomplishments, or service on which the nomination is based must be replicable and provide inspiration for others to volunteer.
- Partisan political achievements, accomplishments or service may not be considered.
- Couples or partners who perform service together are also eligible; however, teams are not eligible.
- This is not a posthumous award.

This story was published on April 17, 2023.

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Willyard chuckled. “We ended up moving Kathryn Huber into the goal, who is only a freshman. It’s her first time playing keeper, and she was nervous, but she did really well.”

In the first contest of the week, the Lady Dogies came out firing against Worland. Willyard mused that the Lady Warriors were a little off their game, but her team made them pay with Gabby McVay getting a goal in the fifth minute of play.

“Mack [Conzelman] is doing a great job on the left wing, and she brought it down to the 18-yard box, dropped it back to Gabby who took a touch and found the back of the net for the 1-0 lead,” Willyard described. “It’s common for one team or the other to score within the next five minutes, and that’s exactly what happened.”

Once that seal was broken, both teams went on a scoring frenzy. In the sixth minute Worland tied things up at 1-1, then took a 2-1 lead 10 minutes after that.

However, Newcastle had an answer when, in the 17th minute, Conzelman attacked a misplayed ball by the Lady Warriors, executed her signature cut-back move to the middle, and did a nice job of finishing on the far post. Not only was it her first goal of the season, but it tied things back up at 2-2.

Unfortunately, the Lady Warriors got one more in before the end of the first half to take the 3-2 lead going into the break.

“We were feeling pretty good at that point. They are a really skilled and a very tactical team who was ranked fifth in the state,” Willyard said. “We definitely competed, and we made some adjustments, but then in the second half our keeper went down and we had to put a newbie into the net.”

Freshman Kathryn Huber transitioned to keeper as Rose moved to the outside back, which she hasn’t played so far this season.

“Kathryn has not played goal keeper in her life,” Willyard admitted. “She knew that Kenz’s wrist was bugging her, so she did practice in the goal on Monday. I felt for her, because I know that was a lot of pressure on her.”

The Lady Dogies gave up three more goals in the second half to drop the contest, 6-2. The loss was admittedly a little demoralizing for the team, but, according to Willyard, the problems were easy fixes.

With one practice to make changes, the Lady Dogies were tasked with taking on the Lady Bearcats in Douglas, who are at the top of the East Conference.

“We worked on playing lower on our defense to absorb their speed,” Willyard explained. “Lauren Olson is stupid fast, and she definitely hurt us in the first half.”

In the first 15 minutes, Newcastle found themselves down 2-0, but they were able to hold them out for the remainder of the first half.

“We got under Olson’s skin in the second half,

and Emi Lichtenberger did a great job of thwarting her attack,” Willyard said. “Emilie Jensen moved to defensive mid fielder and she and Mia Peterson did an amazing job in the middle, and we didn’t give up anything in the middle like we did against Worland. But that also hurt our offensive opportunities a little.”

Douglas scored again three minutes into the second half, but a minute later McVay came back and got her team on the board.

“Gabby rushed down a ball in the middle and flicked it over the keeper’s head,” Willyard described. “We were pumped and kind of took control for the next 15 minutes.”

Ava Williams almost had a goal by heading it in, but they had a defender there to save it. Then, a few minutes later, Conzelman took the ball down the left side, passed it back to McVay who one-touched the ball and put it over the keeper’s hands, closing the gap to 2-3.

With three minutes to play, Douglas was able to take advantage of the Lady Dogies’ offensive pressure to get one more in to take the 4-2 win.

“It feels like a 3-2 game and it showed us that we can play with pretty good teams,” Willyard said. “It

was definitely better than our Worland game.” Finally, on Saturday the team made the long trip to Rawlins to play the Lady Outlaws. Willyard admitted that the team went in thinking they were the better team, but they also knew they had to prove it.

The Lady Dogies opened up the contest by scoring in the 24th minute. Ruth Rose drew a foul outside the 18-yard line, and Hailey Beastrom got the net to take the free kick and found the back of the net to give her team the 1-0 lead.

Ten minutes later, Leti Ayers was fouled, giving Newcastle another free kick from 20 yards out. McVay took this one and it went over the keeper’s hands to go up 2-0. The fatigue of the week began to show after that.

“You could tell that this was our third game in five days. We have very few subs so we were hurting,” Willyard said. “But we battled through and found a way to get it done.”

The Lady Dogies got called for a handball in the box, giving the Lady Outlaws a penalty kick with seven minutes to play. Huber made a nice save to mark her first shutout of her career and for the team on the season.

“I was so proud of how the girls finished the game after being so tired and having played two pretty tough games on Tuesday and Thursday,” Willyard said. “We are having to learn things on the fly this season and, overall, we finished well and we got better each game, which is all I can ask for.”

This week, the Lady Dogies will travel to Torrington on Thursday, then to Buffalo on Saturday for two more conference match-ups.



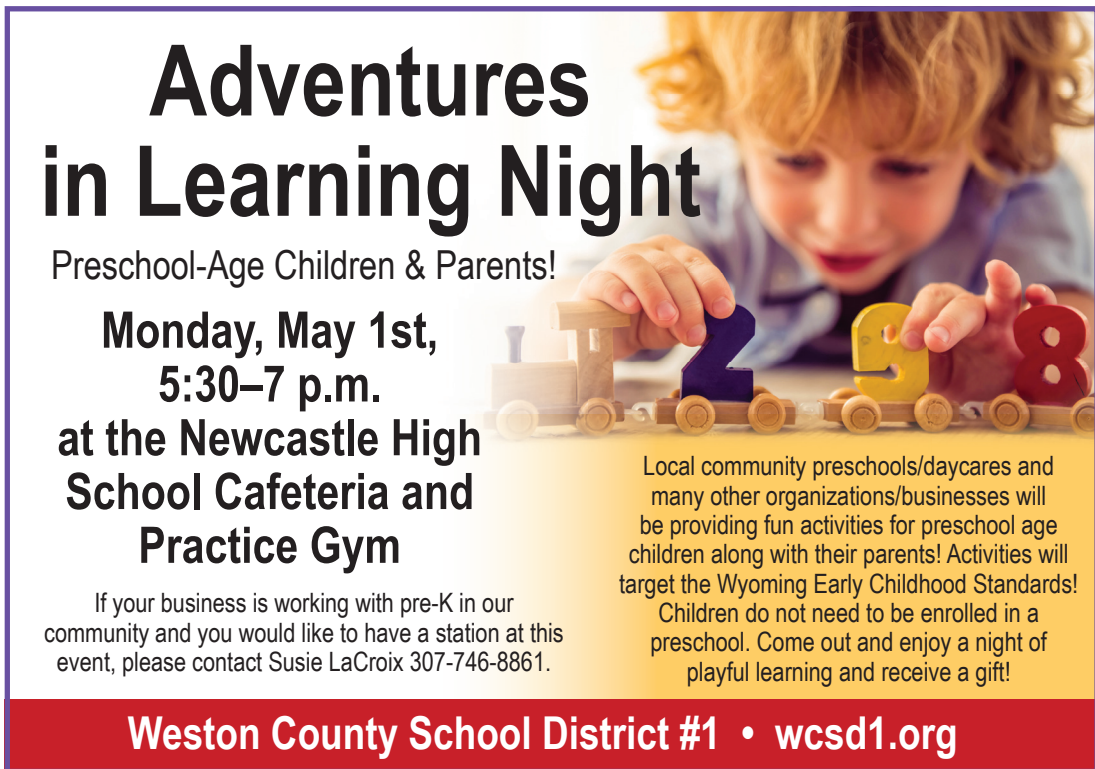
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That is not always the case when it comes to high school basketball, especially when school sizes vary widely across the different classes in the state.

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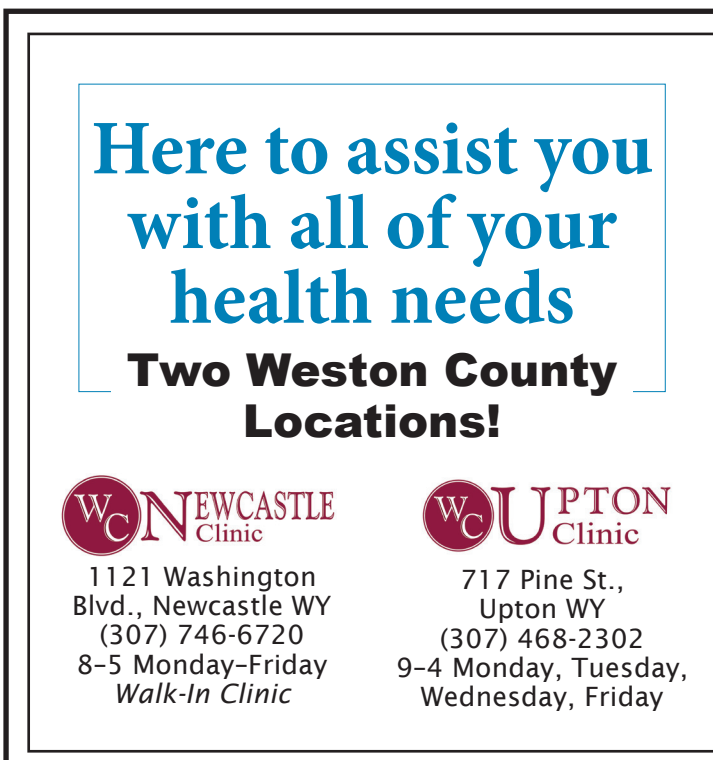
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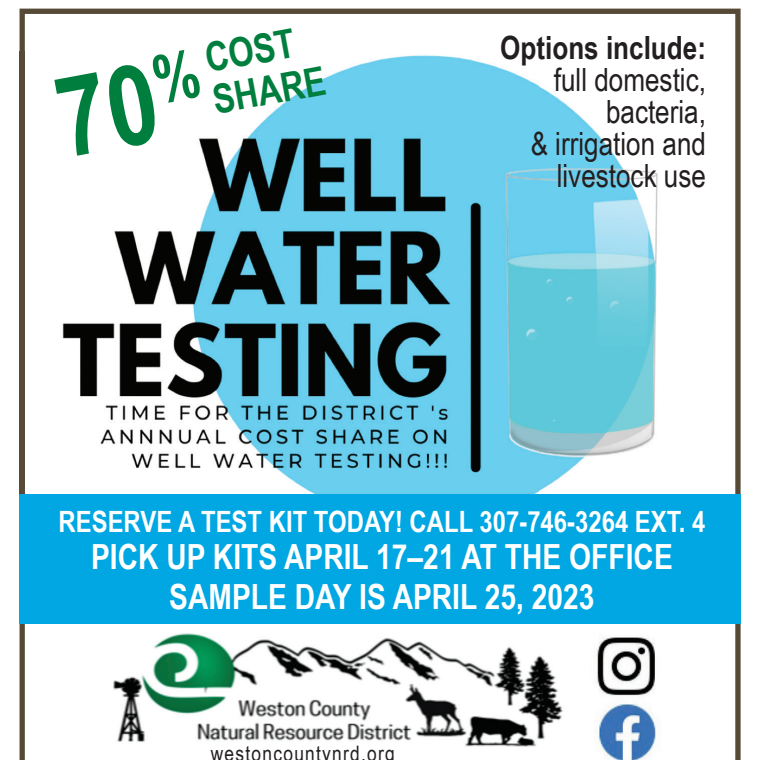
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