

## City, county explore ambulance district

**Alexis Barker**  
NLJ News Editor

After expressing concerns over the level of service being provided by Newcastle's current ambulance service, the

city wants the county commissioners to explore the option of creating an EMS district to help fund ambulance operations in Weston County.

The Newcastle City Council held a meeting on April 26 to

discuss its concerns about the ambulance service provided by Campbell County Health, who took over emergency medical services in Weston County on July 1, 2021, from former Newcastle Ambulance

Service owner and operator Roger Hespe.

Under Hespe, the longtime volunteer ambulance service became a private enterprise, and at the time of its sale, Mayor Pam Gualtieri claims

the council was told by buyers that the services they provided would be equal to — if not better than — the services provided by Hespe's business. According to the mayor, however, concerns over wait

times and what she said is an increase in life-flight use have led her and council members to question whether or not the community is receiving the

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## Trial set for Tuesday

NLJ, plaintiffs to get their day in court with commissioners

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After more than a year and a half of back and forth between the News Letter Journal and the Board of Weston County Commissioners regarding the secret ballots used to select the replacement for former Rep. Hans Hunt in 2021, a judge will finally determine if the voting method used by the commissioners violated Wyoming's Open Meetings Law and the state's Public Records Acts.

Also to be determined is the legality of using text messages by a quorum of the commissioners to make decisions and discuss county business after Judge Stuart S. Healy III, of the District Court in the Sixth Judicial District, in a Feb. 21 hearing, accepted the plaintiff's request to amend lawsuit to include those messages in their lawsuit.

During the February hearing, Bruce Moats, who is representing the NLJ, Kari Drost, Patricia Bauman and Raymond Norris, asked that the hearing take place in Weston County, and Healy agreed. The case is scheduled to be heard by the judge on May 23 beginning at 1 p.m. in the Weston County Courthouse's upstairs courtroom.

In preparation for court, Moats took depositions from four of the five involved parties — current commissioners Ed Wagoner, Nathan Todd and Don Taylor, as well as former commissioner Marty Ertman — on April 14. Since that time, he has also deposed Jeremiah Reiman, the executive director of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association.

According to Moats, former commissioner Tony Barton was not deposed before court as part of his strategic plan. He did confirm, though, that Barton has been subpoenaed to appear in court.

The hearing will be open to the public.

## Aiming forward



Clara Lipp, 9, and 8-year-old Morgan Dixon, both in the second grade, shoot at 3D targets during the 4-H archery class held at the Four Seasons Arena on Saturday, May 13.

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## Search progressing for hospital's new CEO

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NLJ News Editor

The search for Weston County Health Services' new CEO continues, as the board of trustees has completed a stage in which they interviewed eight potential candidates for the position. The hospital board now

hopes to shrink that pool to three by May 16, according to the board's chair, LeAnn Kenagy.

The search for a new CEO began in February after longtime CEO Maureen Cadwell announced her retirement. Cadwell had served as CEO for 10 years, and her retirement was announced during a special board

meeting on Feb. 6. The board notified the public of the special meeting a day earlier and indicated it was for the purpose of discussing personnel and the Monument Health contract with the facility's attorney.

Piper Allard, the former chief operating officer at WCHS, is serving as interim CEO while the search is being

conducted.

Since Cadwell's retirement, Kenagy reported that Weston County Health Services and Monument Health have agreed to negate the "management" contract that had been in use by the two entities.

Under that contract, Monument Health — a larger healthcare company

based in Rapid City, SD — actually employed the CEO for Weston County Health Services.

Kenagy said that Thomas Worsley, the Weston County Hospital District's Monument Health representative, has assured the board that nothing would

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## Trail time has arrived

Cave Man Fun Run kicks off outdoor rec season

**Bob Bonnar**  
NLJ Publisher

In March, Gov. Mark Gordon signed a bill that created a \$6 million outdoor recreation trust fund, and over the past two years, the state has also set aside more than \$25 million in federal stimulus and state tourism dollars to fund outdoor recreation projects.

But work to enhance outdoor

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**Organizers hope the scenic vistas of the Flying V Trails will encourage more Weston County residents to take up mountain biking and other forms of outdoor recreation.**

recreation opportunities in Weston County has already been underway for a decade, and some of that work is going to be showcased for the public on Saturday.

A group in Weston County anticipated the growth in outdoor recreation several years ago, and this weekend they are extending an open invitation to join them in celebrating one of Weston County's newest treasures, while also honoring the visionary who saw the potential recreational and economic benefits that could come from the area's rugged trails and spectacular vistas.

The third annual Cave Man Fun Run — held in memory of "Cave Man Forester" Bill

Kohlbrand — will take place at the Flying V Trails on May 20. It will be held in conjunction with a Flying V Trails Day to show off 10 miles of trails and "two-track" that are accessible to new and beginning riders, adaptive riders and even strollers. This most recent area trails project was completed this past fall.

"Bill Kohlbrand and I started these trails almost nine years ago, so it is a re-opening, and we are inviting the community to come out and see these trails," said Jeremy Dedic, one of the driving forces behind Bent Sprockets, a local club committed to "getting people

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### WEATHER FORECAST

**Thursday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 66, Lo 40



**Friday**  
Sunny  
Hi 69, Lo 45



**Saturday**  
Sunny  
Hi 78, Lo 49



**Sunday**  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 74 Lo 53



**Monday**  
Mostly Sunny  
Hi 80, Lo 54



**Tuesday**  
Thunderstorms  
Hi 76, Lo 54

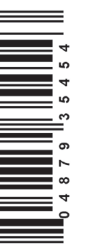


**Wednesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
Hi 78, Lo 55



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# Newcastle's Community INVESTED Bank



Edgar and Connie Thompson - After testing out various words, Edgar landed on INVESTED to describe Pinnacle Bank, while Connie contributed the idea for a new community project - developing a fund to help needy patients pay for necessary medications.

We LOVED the idea so much, we DOUBLED the winning donation amount and will be giving: **\$500** DONATION TO WESTON COUNTY PHARMACY & **\$500** DONATION TO CAMBRIA DISCOUNT DRUG to help struggling patients!

Thank you Edgar and Connie!  
What a great way to INVEST in our community!



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## Mastering blanket making



Photo by Walter Sprague/NLJ

T. J. Van Buren of Spearfish and with Happy Place Makery held a chunk blanket workshop at Pizza Barn on Thursday, May 11. Several women came to learn how to make this unique style of yarn blankets. Above, Van Buren teaches Sherry Lytle of Osage and Ann McColley of Newcastle weaving patterns.

## Ambulance

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level of service they expected.

During the April 26 meeting, Christopher Beltz, paramedic and director of urgent and emergent services for Campbell County Health, said that a lack of staff has meant that only one ambulance is being fully staffed 24/7. He noted that this is also part of Campbell County Health's business model.

According to Beltz, two employees are always ready to respond 24/7 in Newcastle. Those two people staff one ambulance. The other ambulance owned by the service are without EMTs to staff them.

"We have tried to recruit enough providers for on-duty and backup coverage," Beltz explained. As a result of their inability to recruit local EMTs, when a second call comes in, the service needs 45 minutes to an hour to get a second crew to Newcastle from Wright or Gillette.

"We are providing a backup crew; they are just an hour away. We don't have citizens that work for us that can be here in 10 to 15 minutes. We are actively recruiting. There seems to be little or no interest," Beltz said.

It was later confirmed that Beltz was referring to EMT classes that were offered, but were not advertised locally — only online through Facebook and other means.

Gualtieri also questioned the increase in life-flight use, stating that her research shows that from 2017 to November of 2019 there were four life flights in Weston County. From October 2021 to 2023, there were 12.

Gualtieri said this was a huge difference.

Beltz pointed out that the call for life-flight use is not made by the ambulance service but by

the doctors. He explained that several things are considered when transferring a patient; these include staffing, weather, road conditions and the acuity of the patient.

The council opined, though, that the decision to use life flight could be affected by the hour wait time for an ambulance to transfer the patient.

"From our understanding, we need the backup," Gualtieri said.

And Beltz said he agrees wholeheartedly.

"I think we agree there is a problem. We need to work on building up that workforce," Beltz said, assuring the council that active recruiting would continue.

A new set of rules that allow Wyoming counties to set up and tax for an EMS district may offer a solution to the problem, and Gualtieri got the ball rolling on May 1 when she proposed pursuing an EMS district to the council.

"It would have to be something the county goes with ... that the people vote for. It would have to go to a ballot," Gualtieri said.

The Weston County Commissioners discussed the topic on May 16. Chairman Ed Wagoner reported that the formation would take at least a year and that a tax is not guaranteed but must be voted on by the citizens.

Commissioner Don Taylor questioned the benefit of creating the district, noting that he is worried about the current ambulance service.

"If you form a district, they (Newcastle Ambulance Services) are under no obligation to stick around. Two mills would generate close to \$400,000 a year, which would be a very small amount of what

it takes to put an ambulance service together," Wagoner said, adding that it would be the district's job to go after the bills.

Commissioner Nathan Todd questioned if there was any rule stating that the district can't work with the private business to fund the ambulance service. According to Wagoner, he had not seen anything on the topic in the bill's text.

The new law establishing the process for setting up the EMS district goes into effect on July 1, and it allows the commissioners, by resolution, to begin formation of a district to provide emergency medical services. This would include specifying the appointment of a board of directors of the district, specifying taxation requirements and requiring the board of directors for an emergency medical service to attempt to collect for services rendered as specified, according to the legislation.

At the time of establishment, which would occur only after voters approve the district and tax, the legislation states that "the county shall levy a tax for that year upon the taxable property in the district in its county for its proportionate share based on assessed evaluation of the estimated amount of funds needed by each district providing emergency medical services."

The tax for the district, the legislation continues, "shall not exceed in any one year the amount of two mills on each dollar of assessed valuation of the property unless up to an additional two mills is approved by the board of directors and approved by the electors."

If approved, the additional tax would remain in place until a vote was made during a general election to discontinue the tax.

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## CEO

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change in the mutually beneficial relationship between the two entities other than WCHS taking over hiring and management of their own CEO position moving forward.

"Not having the management contract means the hiring of our CEO is the board's responsibility. So, needless to say, it's been a learning process, challenging but rewarding," Kenagy said.

In preparation for the hiring, the board first approved a job description, which had never been done, to Kenagy's knowledge.

"This will help the board to properly evaluate the CEO annually and bring more accountability," she said.

The board then developed an ad hoc CEO search committee to review 40 applications that were received through an advertisement on Indeed.com. (According to the Indeed website, it is the "number one job site worldwide" with over 250 unique visitors per month. Indeed is available in more than 60 countries and 28 languages, covering 94% of global gross domestic product.)

The committee narrowed the original applicant pool to eight individuals, who were then inter-

viewed by the board. According to Kenagy, the last of these interviews was held on May 4.

Final discussions with the three final candidates will include more detailed questioning and work reference research, said Kenagy, who noted that the board would use those interviews to dive further into what they expect out of a CEO and what the potential CEO would expect out of the board and employment.

The board tentatively plans to interview the final three candidates on May 16, Kenagy said, so the board can further discuss a final selection at its regular May 18 meeting.

"Our goal is to select the three candidates, with the final choice being offered the position by June 1," Kenagy said.

When asked if the candidates will be present on-site to visit with the community and board in person, she said that is something the board would have to decide. Kenagy noted, however, that the board would have to spend money flying the candidates in to make this possible, adding that the interviews to this point have taken place over Zoom.



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## Our View

# Take those wings and fly

Congratulations to the Newcastle High School Class of 2023! You all have so much to be proud of and a whole life ahead of you to conquer.

As you head out on this journey we call adulthood, whether you are going to college, trade school or entering the work force, the News Letter Journal would like to offer some wisdom and guidance to help you along the way.

• Keep your head up. It may not seem like everything makes sense, and it won't for quite some time. Adulthood is full of obstacles you can never predict, and you have to learn to roll with the punches.

• If you think adults have

their stuff together and know what they are doing, we do not. We are always learning and adapting. Take every opportunity to learn and grow.

• Find a strong, positive support system. You never know when you will need a shoulder to cry on or someone to laugh with after a day of adulting.

• Cherish the time. If you thought your childhood passed by quickly, you are in for a rude awakening. The years start coming and they really don't stop coming. Make memories and enjoy every stage of your life.

• Reach for the stars, follow your dreams, and work hard to achieve them.

• Live, laugh and love deeply

along your journey.

• Make a plan, then do it. If it doesn't go as planned, make a new plan.

• Sometimes when things don't work out, they work out for the better. Oftentimes the direction we think we are going really isn't the 'right' one — we just don't know it yet.

• Do it your way. There's no right way or wrong way in life. We each learn as we go, and all we can do is the best we can do at that point in our life, with the knowledge we possess at that time.

We hope these few pearls of wisdom will help you on your journey into adulthood, wherever your path may go. Good luck in all that you do!

## POLL of the WEEK

QUESTION: Should the Weston County Health Services CEO finalists visit the community?

- Yes No

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

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- Yes 52% (13 votes) No 48% (12 votes)

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# Please take part in the upcoming Special Olympics

The Special Olympics is coming to Gillette later this week, and with it comes the opportunity for the community as a whole to take part in the games, as fans or as much-needed volunteers. These will be the first Special Olympics Wyoming State Summer Games held since 2019. It's been more than 15 years since the games were last in Gillette, where they were set to be held in 2020, until the pandemic nixed that.

For some of the athletes, this may be the first time in years that they're reunited with friends from around the state, sharing in the spirit of friendly competition and a love of sport.

About 500 Special Olympians from communities throughout Wyoming will compete in the games, including about 40 locals in the masters, or adult division, and another 40 or so local

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school-aged kids who will compete in basketball, power lifting, swimming, and track and field.

The Opening Ceremony is Thursday night, but the games begin earlier that day with a Torch Run from the Gillette Police Department to the Campbell County Recreation Center and continue through Saturday morning, leaving plenty of time for you to support the athletes in the stands or as a volunteer up close to the action.

Phil Grabrick, Gillette Special Olympics coordinator, said there's still need for "a tremendous amount of

volunteers."

The games are spread out across a number of local venues: Campbell County and Thunder Basin high schools, Camp-plex, the Rec Center and the Aquatic Center.

And volunteers are still needed across the board.

Special Olympics volunteers can do everything from basic but important set-up and tear down, to facilitating the events and escorting athletes to receive their awards after the competitions.

It's all appreciated and all needed to pull off the festivities of the few days a year these athletes get to reunite with their statewide community and be at the center of the action.

It's easy to forget how meaningful it can be to volunteer.

Even if you don't have the time to help, it's worth stopping by and showing

support as a fan, cheering on the athletes and translating Gillette's love of sports to a group of athletes who don't get as much spotlight.

"The more people watching and cheering them on, the harder the athletes try, and they give 100% with what they're able to do," Grabrick said.

Locally, that means 80 community members including 40 kids get their biggest opportunity in years to compete at the top of their sport. How many other events can claim that?

For more information on the upcoming Special Olympics and a schedule of events, see the B section of the upcoming Tuesday paper or visit [sowy.org/index.php/state-games/summer-games](http://sowy.org/index.php/state-games/summer-games).

To sponsor, donate or volunteer, call Grabrick at 307-299-6400 or email him at [grabrick@msn.com](mailto:grabrick@msn.com).

# Turn your cake upside down with these helpful hints

A freshly frosted cake is always delicious, but what about a cake topped with caramelized fruit instead? I hope everyone is familiar with the classic pineapple upside-down cake, topped with canned pineapple rings and dotted with red maraschino cherries, all nestled in a brown sugar glaze.

This cake is known as "upside-down" because of the technique used when preparing the cake. It is assembled and baked with fruit on the bottom and batter on top. After the cake is baked, it is turned out by flipping it upside-down, leaving you with the glistening, caramel-coated fruit layer exposed and the cake underneath — Upside Down Cake!

Upside-down cakes have existed for hundreds of years. When cakes would have been cooked over a fire, a clever way to get a nice decorative top with caramelized fruit adorning it was to put the fruit and sugar in the bottom of a skillet over the fire so that when the skillet was turned out, the unattractive top becomes the bottom of the cake and the fruit that was on the bottom becomes the top.

Although tropical in taste, pineapple upside-down cake is an American classic and has been a household favorite for almost 100 years. Pineapple upside-down cakes became

popular after a Dole engineer invented the machine that sliced pineapple into perfect rings. After this, the first pineapple upside-down cake recipe appeared in print in 1923.

Pineapple upside-down cakes were all the rage from the 1960s through the '80s.

This cake is old-fashioned and reminiscent of a time when things were simpler. This vintage treat is still delicious today.

When making an upside-down cake, you may find differences in how the caramel is prepared depending on your chosen recipe.

Some recipes call for melting the butter and brown sugar together to coat the bottom of the pan, and others make a traditional hard caramel.

There are a lot of great recipes for upside-down cakes out there. However, you do not need to follow an upside-down cake recipe to turn your cakes upside-down. If you have a favorite cake and want to try baking it with a seasonal fruit topping, you can!

Any yellow, spice, birthday, olive oil, or pound cake that is baked in a single layer will work. If it is a layer cake recipe that you want to use, just cut the batter ingredients in half so it makes a single layer.

Thinly slice your fruit of choice. Melt half a stick of butter with 3/4 cup of brown sugar, and pour that into the



bottom of a cake pan. Arrange the fruit slices on top, then pour your favorite cake batter over. Next, bake it as you normally would.

Upside-down cake can be made with more than just fruit. Consider adding nuts, or skip the fruit entirely to feature nuts.

When it comes to upside-down cake, the tropical fruit pineapple seems to get all the attention — but it is not the only delicious option out there. Nearly any fruit can replace the pineapple-cherry combo with fresh, delicious results. Upside-down cake lends itself to any fruit that cooks well, which is any fruit that can be made into a pie. Here are a few favorites: Apples; apricots; bananas; berries; cherries; cranberries; figs; grapefruits; mangos; nectarines; oranges; peaches; pears; plums; pomegranate seeds; rhubarb.

Did you know you can also add freshly chopped herbs to fruit? If making an upside-down cake with peaches or nectarines, basil, lemon, or thyme will pair well. Mint works with almost any fruit. Try rosemary with figs. The spice cinnamon combines well with apples, persimmons, or pears if you want to make a fall-flavored upside-down cake.

You will need roughly two to three cups of fruit for the perfect cake top. All fruit measures differently depending on how it's cut, so this is an approximate measurement. It is important to crowd the pan because the fruit will shrink with cooking.

To ensure the fruit does not stick to the pan, it is important to remove the cake from the pan shortly after it has been taken out of the oven. This task is tricky as the sugar

and fruit topping is still hot and can burn. Place the cake straight from the oven onto a cooling rack. As soon as the fruit has stopped bubbling (about one minute), place a cake plate over the cake and, using hot pads, pick up the rack, cake, and cake plate. Holding all three firmly, flip over to invert the cake in one motion. Set the whole stack down on the counter, remove the rack, and then carefully remove the cake pan. There will be hot steam from the fruit, so use caution.

Upside-down cakes are a perfect way to bring fruit and cake together. So if you are looking for a distinctive dessert to wow your guests, look no further than this retro classic!

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**Obituaries****DEAN H. HIGHFILL**  
**Aug. 9, 1944–May 12, 2023**

Dean H. Highfill, 78, of Rapid City, South Dakota, died at his home on Friday, May 12, 2023.

Dean was born Aug. 9, 1944, on an army base in South Carolina to O. Thomas Highfill and Carroll Highfill.

After the war, the family moved to Atchison, Kansas, and from there to Casper, Wyoming. Dean had a great time growing up with his brother and two sisters. He especially loved playing baseball and fishing. The family moved to Douglas, Wyoming, where Dean graduated high school in 1962. He had already developed his golf game to near scratch and played in several dance bands. There were some years at Casper College and St. Benedict's in Atchison, where he furthered his love of music and literature.

Summers were spent working as a ranch hand for John Dilts and honing his golf game. At his father's urging, he joined the National Guard and found a love of photography. Back in Casper, he formed his own dance band and played with the Casper Symphony. A job with a title company led him to employment as a land man for Gulf Oil Corporation during the oil boom of the late 1970s. There he met Nancy, and they enjoyed many adventures together — the greatest of them was welcoming their three daughters into the world. The oil bust of the early '90s saw him unemployed until a call from Chuck Townsend (who remembered him from business dealings as "not a suit") brought him to Newcastle, Wyoming, where he worked for Townsend Company Inc. until his retirement in 2009.

A self-described renaissance man, Dean was as adept at quoting Shakespeare as he was at cussing. His lifelong love of music, books, animals and Wyoming were constants, but his ever rotating hobbies were legendary. He would go all-in gardening, birding, baking bread, training for a marathon,

forming a jazz band, listening to operas — 84 operas. Everything was a deep dive. If an author appealed to him, he read everything the author wrote, plus the literary criticism of it and possibly a biography or two. Sunflowers were raised, cured, and turned into bird food. Flour for bread was stone-ground at home and baked into hearty loaves from old recipes. His deep dive into opera was not as appreciated by his family as the endless supply of amazing bread, but they survived it.

Dean's three daughters were the joy of his life, and just being together as a family his happiness. Surviving a nearly fatal cardiac event in 2003, he was deeply grateful for the grace of the next 20 years, which were filled with graduations, weddings, travel, and grandchildren.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Mary Harman and Peggy Duell; and sister-in-law, Robin Highfill.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; daughters, Maggie (Declan) Fleming, Bessie (Clinton) Colgrove and Nikki (Tyler) Bartlett; brother, Bill Highfill; sister-in-law, Judy Bouts; grandchildren, Fianna, Lincoln, Lucy, Clodagh, Winnie, Theo and Max; and many dear nephews and nieces.

Friends may make a donation in his name to an animal shelter or nature conservancy of their choice.

A memorial Eucharist will be offered at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Inurnment will be in the Emmanuel Memorial Garden following the service. Please visit the online memorial for Dean at OsheimSchmidt.com.

**BETTY ANN HONEY**  
**Feb. 1, 1940–May 14, 2023**

Betty Ann Honey, 83, died Sunday, May 14, 2023, at her home in Newcastle, Wyoming.

Betty Ann was born Feb. 1, 1940, one of twin girls to Melvin and Betty (George) Pollat in Newcastle. She was raised on the ranch south of Upton, Wyoming. She attended grade school and high school in Upton.

After graduation in 1958, she worked as a telephone operator for Mountain Bell in Newcastle and Pacific Bell in California for a year,

going there on a whim to visit two cousins who lived there. She later returned back to Newcastle, working with Mountain Bell again.

Betty Ann married Harold Honey Jan. 16, 1965, in Upton, then following him as he worked heavy construction throughout Wyoming and South Dakota. They bought their home in Newcastle in 1973 to have a permanent residence. They went to work on the George Ranch in 1980, homesteaded by her grandparents, Clay and Otello George. They returned to Newcastle to live after retiring in 2004.

**Betty Honey**

Children born were Brenda (Ed Young), Debra (Bruce Shelton), Robert (Robyn Sweet), Cheryl (Robert Steele). She is survived by her husband, Harold; her three daughters and their husbands; daughter-in-law, Robyn Honey; brother, Ken Pollat; brother-in-law Don Kokesh; as well as 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are son, Robert (Bob) Honey; parents, Melvin and Betty Pollat; grandparents, Frank and Anna Pollat, Clay and Otello George; twin sister, Nancy Kokesh; brother, Dennis Pollat; and great-grandson, Owen Michael Honey.

She enjoyed gardening, sewing and crafting, shopping and talking on the phone with Nancy, traveling to school events of her children and grandchildren, and going to church on Sundays. During retirement, they enjoyed traveling to their grandchildren's graduations and marriages. They took advantage of the Golden Age Passport to visit national parks on their way.

One of her favorite memories was the last Christmas on the George Ranch in 2003 with her children and grandchildren present before retirement.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Upton, Upton Community Center, Weston County Senior Center, or Weston County Fire

Protection District, if you wish.

Condolences may be sent to the family in care of Meridian Mortuary, 111 S. Railway Ave., Newcastle, WY, 82701 or expressions of sympathy may also be made online at meridian-mortuary.com.

**MARTHA JUNE FRYER MANN****June 27, 1931–May 9, 2023**

Martha June Fryer Mann, known as June and "June Bug," was born June 27, 1931, to Harry S. Fryer and Grace Alice Whitehead Fryer in Newcastle, Wyoming. She passed away in Spearfish, South Dakota, on May 9, 2023.

She started school in Newcastle, spent a few years in Battleground, Washington, while her mother worked in the ship yards, and returned to Newcastle for high school, graduating in 1950.

She worked at Sly's Grocery, then as a telephone switchboard operator. Despite her best efforts to avoid him by sneaking out of the back of the office after work, Virgil Merriett Mann successfully charmed her into marrying him in Rapid City, South Dakota, on Oct. 25, 1954.

They lived on Hay Creek, then on their ranch in Boles Canyon, where they welcomed two daughters, in 1958 and 1961.

They later lived in Newcastle, Hulett, and Burgess Junction, returning to Newcastle in 1975, where June resided for the rest of her life.

June loved family picnics and parties, especially if she got to hold little ones. She loved to laugh, and found humor in most situations, including laughing at herself. She was often the first person to arrive with comfort, food, and offers to help for family or friends in need.

She was a voracious reader, passing her love of books, films, concerts, and plays to her daughters. She enjoyed a quarter slot machine and lunch in Deadwood with family a few times a year.

Her ability to say no was permanently removed the moment her grandson, Taylor Bryce Tavegia, was born. She greatly enjoyed time with him in his younger years, following him around the state for basketball, football, and rodeo, as well as around the nation and Europe to hear him sing.

June was a lifelong Democrat and never missed voting in an election. She believed one should help others, not try to force your beliefs on them. She was the epitome of kindness, compassion, and generosity, quietly donating to many non-profits.

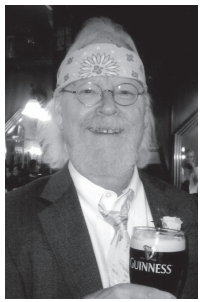
She is survived by her daughters, Dana Mann-Tavegia (Harry) of Osage, Wyoming, and Dee Mann Aust (Brian) of Bigfork, Montana; grandson, Taylor Tavegia, Osage; brother, Richard Fryer (Shirlene), Idaho Falls, Idaho; sister-in-law, Helen Fryer (Dale) Billings, Montana; nieces and nephews, Judy Scott, Larry Morgan, Bonnie Morgan Meyer, Lanette Windemaker, Clayton Fryer, Karen Fryer Sarver, Michelle Pettingill, and Derek Fryer; and many great and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was grateful to spend many happy hours with Judy Scott, Larry Morgan, and Bonnie Morgan Meyer throughout her life, and appreciated their extra care and time so much. She was blessed by a special, 85 year-long friendship with Myrna Kaiser. They enjoyed drives and lunches together on many Sunday afternoons. Her extraordinary neighbors, Guy and Bev Tolman, were a great blessing, and Bev continued to watch over June after Guy's passing.

Graveside services were held at noon on Saturday, May 13, at Greenwood Cemetery, Newcastle. Brunch reception followed at the Michael's Room, Weston County Senior Services center, Newcastle.

Memorials in June's honor may be sent to the Weston County Senior Services Delivered Meals Program at 627 Pine Street, and the Weston County Concert Association, 43 Wocicki Lane, both in Newcastle.

Condolences may be sent to the family in care of Meridian Mortuary, 111 S. Railroad Ave., Newcastle, WY, 82701 or expressions of sympathy may also be made online at meridian-mortuary.com.

**Dean Highfill****Martha Mann**

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# faith & values

**Daily Devotional Reading**

May 19 Ezra 5-7	May 23 Nehemiah 8-10
May 20 Ezra 8-10	May 24 Nehemiah 11-13
May 21 Nehemiah 1-3	May 25 Esther 1-5
May 22 Nehemiah 4-7	Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

• **ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH:** Rev. Norm Brotzman, 216 S. Seneca, 746-2249. Call to Worship 9:30 am; Children's Church during Call to Worship; Faith Rally Sunday 6 pm

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• **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** Rev. Kenli Barling, S. Summit & Winthrop Streets, 746-9684. christchurchnewcastle@gmail.com. Service times: Sunday 4 pm

• **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Pastor Rob Carr, 224 West Road, West of Dow Park, 746-2415. Sunday Worship 9 am

• **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS:** Bishop Ty Checketts, 120 Ash, 746-4131. Sunday Sacrament Mtg 9 am; Sunday School 10:20 am; Relief Society & Priesthood Mtg 11:15 am

• **CHURCH ON THE HILL:** Pastor Wayne Wilson, 301 Delaware, 746-9663. Adult Sunday School 9:30 am; Prayer 10:15 am; Worship 10:45 am; Prayer Service Tuesday 6 pm; Undeafened Youth/children's ministry (3 years old-12th Grade) Wednesday 6 pm

• **CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, 19 W. Winthrop, 746-4219. Saturday Mass 5 pm; Sunday Mass 8 am; Weekday Mass 7 am

• **COUNTRY CHURCH:** Four Corners, Pastor Bill Haley and Micah Popma, 746-9712. Worship 10 am

• **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:** Pastor Ben Roberts, 903 S. Summit, 746-2188.

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• **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Rev. Calvin Hill, 23 N. Seneca, 746-4119. Adult Bible Study 8:45 am; Traditional Church Services 10 am; 10:15 am Children's Church; Youth Group Sunday evenings 5:30-7 pm

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• **NEWCASTLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH:** Pastor Mick Bohn, 1525 S. Summit, 746-3618. Sun. Worship 10 am; Wed. Night Prayer

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• **ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Father Brian Hess, Upton. Sunday Mass 5 pm

• **UPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Pastor Donnie Holt, 834 Pine, Upton, 468-9302. Worship 9 am; Fellowship 10 am

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**25 Years Ago**  
**May 21, 1998**

High school graduation is all about memories, words of wisdom and future plans. Newcastle High School's Class of 1998 got a healthy dose of each at Sunday's commencement exercises in Crouch Auditorium.

It may have been legal for Dakota Cement, Inc. to purchase 12,497 deeded acres of South Dakota and Wyoming ranch lands, but the veil of secrecy surrounding the transaction has raised red flags. The Forest Service lease is in South Dakota while the BLM and state leases are in Wyoming. The trust was not revealed until the Forest Service demanded it as a part of the procedure for issuing a permit to the new owner.

A motion made by Commissioner Walt Soper, and passed by the County Commission, calls for Weston County to pay 100 percent of Commissioners' retirement premium. The cost is currently split between the county and the commissioners themselves.

Area residents had a chance to get a bird's eye view of Newcastle this weekend. Four local pilots spent the day giving free flights as part of Mondell Airfield's 6th Annual Open House.

High-tech computers have been in place on the library floor for several years, but behind the scenes, the library



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staff have been stuck using an archaic machine for book-keeping and administrative duties. Library administrators will have an easier time now thanks to Butte Pipeline Company, which donated a Compaq Proline 486 running Windows-95.

**50 Years Ago**  
**May 17, 1973**

The First State Bank of Newcastle was the lone bidder for the city of Newcastle's general obligation fire equipment bonds in the amount of \$35,000. The bonds will earn five percent interest.

Seven persons have been named to the board for a newly organized Weston County

weed and pest control district. The 1973 legislature passed a law requiring the entire state to have weed control districts on a county level.

A gift of a cassette recorder with tapes has been made to the Weston County Historical Society by the three federated clubs of Weston County. The groups are the Osage Woman's Club, the 20th Century Club and the Newcastle Woman's Club.

An old fashioned country school picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, May 27, in Newcastle. The picnic will be held at the old country school house located across the street from the National Guard Armory. The picnic will start

at 12:30 and will feature homemade ice cream, lemonade, sack races, horseshoe throwing and a tug of war.

Carol Dilts and Bill Lambert of Newcastle and Cora Lee Thompson of Upton have been named recipients for Weston County commissioner scholarships. The scholarships admit the students to the University of Wyoming without fees or tuition for the term of one year.

The Rainbow 4-H club has collected about 8 tons of old newspapers and is looking for more. A door to door paper drive will be conducted on Saturday morning, May 26.

JoAnne Owens, NHS girls' track coach, says she is pleased with the performance of the Newcastle girls at the State Track Meet in Lander. The girls were one of 16 Class A-AA schools competing. The team as a group placed 10th.

**100 Years Ago**  
**May 17, 1923**

Miss Beatrice Kipping, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kipping of Newcastle, Wyoming, and Hall Greene of Cambria, Wyo., stole a march on their many friends and were quietly married in Hot Springs, South Dakota, Saturday afternoon. The bride is one of the well known young ladies of this vicinity. For the past two years she has been engaged in the work of teaching school here and in that time made a host of friends.

Last Thursday evening at the auditorium of the high school building was held the elocution contest of students of the high school. The auditorium was well filled with the many friends of the young people taking part, and the program was attentively listened to by all.

One of the biggest improved property transactions that has taken place in Newcastle for many months occurred the latter part of last week when Lawrence Leuthart purchased the Park Hotel from Peter J. Kinney. Prices ranging from \$20,000 upwards to \$30,000 are quoted as the consideration.

The Riley Moto Co., of Sheridan, have about 10 new Buick cars stored here at the Dow Motor Co.

E.A. Donnelly made final proof on his homestead yesterday before the Register and Receiver of the U.S. Land Office.

From the vault ...



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This photo depicts the early day trek to fish in the Big Horns. It was not recommended for people to take their horses and wagons to make the long trip.

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<b>Thu. May 18</b>	7AM 9AM 1PM 4-6PM 6PM 6PM 7PM	T.O.P.S. #218 T.O.P.S. #218 Crafts BLM Resource Mgmt. Plans WCHS Board of Trustees Meeting Veteran's Memorial Meeting Alcoholics Anonymous	WC Senior Center First Baptist Church WC Senior Center Zoom: See Public Notice WCHS Four Square Church WC Senior Center
<b>Fri. May 19</b>	9AM 1PM 6PM	Caramel Rolls Bridge BINGO	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center VFW Hall
<b>Sat. May 20</b>	10AM	Memorial Service for Freida Lincoln	WC Senior Center
<b>Mon. May 22</b>	9AM 1PM 6PM 7PM	Exercise Class Computer Clinic WC Republican Party Meeting Alcoholics Anonymous	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center WC Senior Center WC Senior Center
<b>Tues. May 23</b>	11AM 1PM 3:30PM 4PM	Story Time Bridge/Dominos Alzheimer's/Dementia Support T.O.P.S. #218	WC Library WC Senior Center Zoom First United Methodist Church
<b>Wed. May 24</b>	6:30-8:30AM 9AM 9AM-1:30PM 10AM	Wellness Wednesday Exercise Class GiGi's Closet Cribbage	WC Health Services WC Senior Center First United Methodist Church WC Senior Center
<b>Thu. May 25</b>	7AM 1PM 5-6:15PM 6:30-8PM 7PM	T.O.P.S. #218 Bridge/Crafts Celebrate Recovery-Middle & High School Celebrate Recovery-Adults(18+) Alcoholics Anonymous	WC Senior Center WC Senior Center Church on the Hill Church on the Hill WC Senior Center

With great honor and respect, The Wyo W.E.S.T. Warrior Foundation and The Woody Williams Foundation humbly request the presence of all Patriots, Veterans, Warriors and our cherished Gold Star Families to the dedication of northern Wyoming's first Gold Star Memorial.

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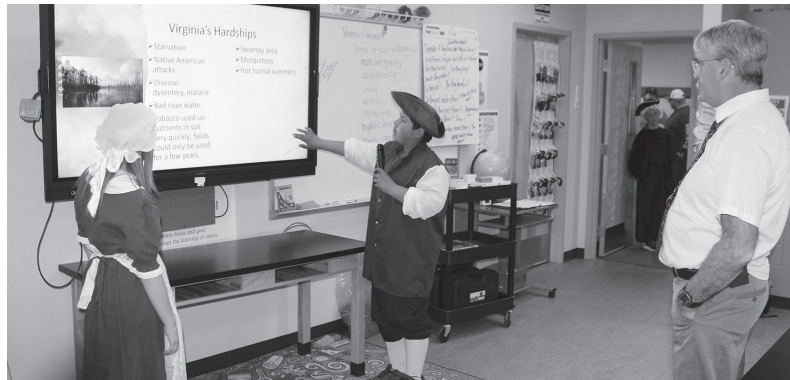
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## Way back

On Monday, May 8, Newcastle Middle School held its annual Colonial Days event, where students of 13 classrooms represented the 13 original colonies, and visitors could enjoy short speeches about each state as well as food, games, and crafts popular during the colonial days. At left, representing Maryland, Abby Tacy shows a handmade kite, a popular past time of that state, describing a method to make your own. At right, Dante Demerit and Cayson Phillips demonstrate the glass harmonica, a musical instrument using glasses and water to make sound, while representing South Carolina.

Photos by Walter Sprague



At left, Caiden Humprey is ready to serve refreshments while representing New York. Above, Robert Munger listens to a brief history of Virginia from Faith Hicks and Gustavo Munoz. At right, Dominic and Shane Ankeney play a popular game, Liar's Dice, representing Pennsylvania.



## Run

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outside by promoting, maintaining, and building new trails," according to the organization's website.

A year ago, the Bent Sprockets Club received a grant from the Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Office to widen the trails at the Flying V, and by last fall several of the trails had been expanded to a width of 40 inches to make them more accessible for new and beginning riders. The newly widened trails also make it possible for adaptive riders on hand-crank or power-assist bikes — or other adaptive equipment — to experience the scenic and challenging terrain.

Saturday's event begins with the Fun Run at 8 a.m., which will offer three different distances — a 5K, 10K and 20K. A free lunch is being served beginning at 11:30 a.m., and a variety of bike and hiking tours will be offered to showcase the different features of the trail that afternoon.

"We just want people to come out and see the trails. We will have maps, and we have new trail junction signs up around the Flying V," said Caleb Carter, another organizer of the trail showcase. "We're going to lead bike tours if people want to do that, but you can also go out and choose your own adventure. I think we've got a nice mix of trails out there, and people can find whatever they're looking for."

All three of the annual Cave Man Fun Runs have been held to honor former state forester Bill Kohlbrand, a pioneer of Weston County's fledgling outdoor recreation movement. According to Dedic, the "Cave Man Forester" was approached over a decade ago about the development of

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trails on a portion of state land near the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp north of Newcastle. Kohlbrand would end up being instrumental in the layout of what became known as the Serenity Trail, another outdoor recreation gem, and that sparked his excitement for a trail system for mountain bikes in Weston County.

"He always thought we had just as good of topography as anywhere to ride," Dedic said. "That was the start of the Flying V trail system. Bill worked with others to get that project started, and what it is growing into today. He wanted everyone to access the forest, to have the enjoyment and love for the forest he had. He was a staunch advocate for active forest management, and part of that was getting folks outside."

"The Flying V trail system is the perfect place to honor Bill's vision and to enjoy a day on the trails. While our main goal was to get people outside and to show off our wonderful trails, any proceeds from the race will go to help continue trail work for our community

and improve local access to our natural areas," explains the group's website, bentsprocketswy.org.

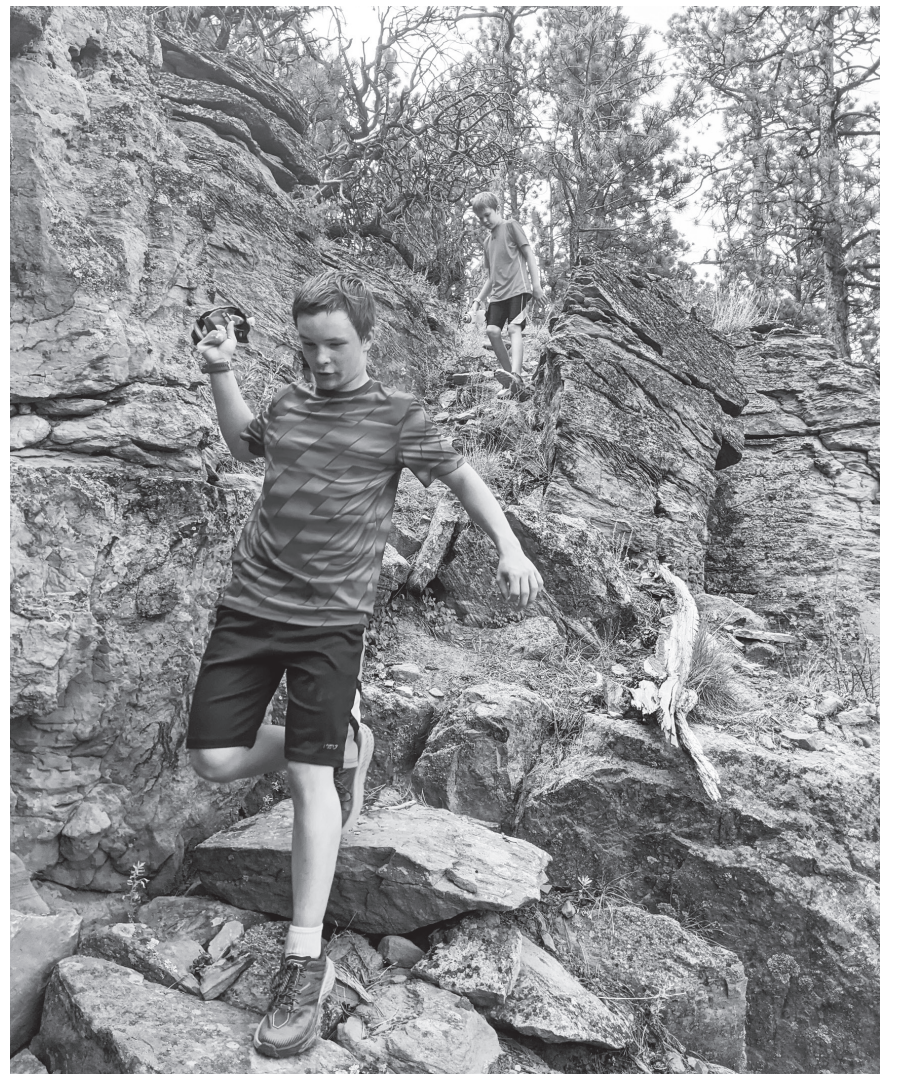
While the main purpose of the event is to encourage people to get out and enjoy the scenery and outdoor recreation opportunities available in Weston County, serious outdoor enthusiasts will be testing themselves against the new trails in the three different races that are being offered in the morning.

The more experienced runners will be challenged by a 10K course that offers approximately 1,000 feet of elevation gain, and the 2,000 feet of climb on the 20K course will be a true test. Carter appeared on the News Letter Journal's Top of Main Podcast this past weekend and said the 5K course will offer a more reasonable task that even novice runners should be able to complete.

"It's not very common for a lot of the bigger trail races to have a shorter distance like a 5K. We're going to mark the 5K course really well. It will probably be over-marked," Carter said, noting that the course is being set up specifically to make it accessible for people who aren't "big runners." They also wanted to create a course that kids could tackle.

"We are open for people to come out and walk our courses as well," he said. "Even if you don't want to run it, come out and walk it."

Part of the improvements at the Flying V Trails include an expanded parking lot, and parking for participants will be allowed at the Flying V Trails parking lot this year. Overflow parking will be across the highway at the Flying V Cambria Inn parking



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Children are encouraged to attend Saturday's event and explore the network of trails that have been created near the Flying V. According to race officials, the 5K course is even suitable for young runners.

lot. Signs and volunteers will also be present to help direct traffic.

To learn more about the event, go to newslj.com and listen to the most

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## History re-enacted

The Weston County Museum District held Living History Days at the Anna Miller Museum on Thursday, May 11, and Friday, May 12. Elementary school children were bussed in to enjoy presentations about what frontier life was like. The program had characters, dressed in traditional garb, from the Platte Ridge Company of Casper. Top left, Packing blank charges, David Gerhart, Wyatt Jensen, and Kawika Cope prepare muskets for firing in a reenactment. Above, Maggie Makousky helps members of the Platte Ridge Company of Casper show fourth- and fifth-graders how to make yarn dolls on Friday, May 12. At left, The living room at the Anna Miller Museum is full of students who listen to "mountain man" Edward Hageman of the Platte Ridge Company of Casper, as he shows items used by frontier men.

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As Wyoming's snowpack begins to melt and rivers and streams begin to rise, it's important to remember that flooding is not covered by homeowners insurance. Flooding is one of the most frequent and expensive natural disasters in the US. Just one inch of water can cause \$20,000 or more in damages to your property. Yet, most homeowners do not have flood insurance.

### What is flood insurance?

The most important thing to understand about flood insurance is what it isn't. Flood insurance is not typically covered through homeowners and renter's insurance plans. Flood insurance is a separate coverage you can purchase through a private insurer that offers coverage or through an agent or insurer participating in the national Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) manages.

Contact your insurance provider to learn more about flood insurance, to learn if your community participates in the NFIP or to get a quote. If your community doesn't participate in the NFIP, ask your licensed insurance agent about private flood insurance or ask to be referred to another licensed agent who sells flood insurance. Shop around and



compare coverage and premiums before you decide which policy to buy.

It is very important to note that the NFIP insurance does not go into effect immediately after purchase. There is a 30 day waiting period unless a policy is bought at the same time as a mortgage. Also, in order for policy to pay on flood damage it has to officially be deemed a flood.

### Why do I need flood insurance?

High risk areas have at least a 1% chance of flooding each year.

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Moderate to low risk areas have less than a 1% chance of flooding each year, but there is still a possibility the area could flood. Flood coverage isn't required in these areas, but it is recommended. Some mortgage lenders may require you to have flood insurance in non-high risk areas.

Undetermined risk areas are areas where flood-hazard analysis has yet to be conducted, but risk still exists.

### Know the language?

A flood/flash flood WATCH means a flood or flash flood is possible. A flood/flash flood WARNING means flooding or flash flooding is already occurring or will occur soon. TAKE IMMEDIATE PRECAUTIONS!

One precaution is to understand your flood risk. Learn about the types of flooding that can impact your home and community. Types of floods could include, flash floods, river floods, storm surges, burn scars, debris flows, ice/debris jams, and snowmelt to name a few. Flash floods have little to no warning. Designate a place on higher ground that you and your family can get to quickly. Move there before flooding begins.

### After the Flood?

1. Make a list of damaged items to be replaced or repaired.
2. Contact your insurance agent or company to discuss your claim.
3. Use caution when hiring a contractor or other workers to repair the flood damage.

For resources on how to deal with flooding in your home or area you can visit:

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# Local pioneer joins Cowboy Hall of Fame

Julius Bock came from abroad, in Germany, then settled and made a reputation in this area of Wyoming. According to everyone I've known or heard talk who knew Julius, he followed the Golden Rule. He was a good American and a good neighbor in an era when having or lacking one could be the difference between life and death. He was a good steward of the land and of all his livestock, and that of his neighbors.

His descendants carry those cowboy traditions of honesty and hard work down the generations to the present, to his great-grandchildren and their children — some still ranching in Weston County. Those involved in other industries continue to personify the brilliance, honesty, fairness and tenacity that is their family legacy — a legacy that has now earned Julius a rightful place in the Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Julius F. Bock was the third born in a family of 10, of which two died in infancy. In 1872, at the age of 5, he came to America with his parents, two brothers and seven sisters. Cass County, Nebraska, was the Bock's first home in America. There, Julius attended country schools until he was 13, then worked on the family farm until he was 19.

With "the clothes on his back and a dollar in his pocket," Julius rode a train into South Dakota, as close as he could get to the famed T-E Ranch in Crook and Weston counties in Wyoming. That was most likely the railroad stop at Dewey. History says the young man walked from there to the T-E. Today's Google Maps tell us it's about 45 miles to Osage, and the ranch was a ways from there — a 'pretty fair walk and hard on shoe leather,' one would think!

Knowing the value of land, and perhaps realizing someone would grab it quickly, Julius took a preemption claim as soon as he arrived. He found employment with prominent horse rancher Lagrave Delaney for a year and a half, then settled on his own land in 1888. Julius built a log house, bunkhouse, barns and sheds, all of which remain standing as reminders of pioneer days and



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This is a photo of the daughters of Julius Bock, pictured, Clara Bock Engle and Tillie Bock Sewell.

testament to his carpenter skills and expertise.

Julius partnered in business with an uncle for a time. That partnership dissolved in 1892, and he continued ranching on his own. His wisdom, skills, industry and determination paid off, and he continued to prosper.

He married Bertha Jahrig (a migrant from Saxony, Germany, via Nebraska) on June 3, 1897. By 1912, they had accumulated some 8,000 acres of rangeland. Julius built what history records as "a very

attractive modern home" with "furnace, bath, and all modern conveniences." He also built "one of the largest barns in his section of the state" with "an extensive granary where he keeps his seed," and "two teams could drive in at once to unload hay."

The Bocks became parents to Clara, Tillie, Julia, Ella, John, Fred and Carl, "who was born on the ranch." History tells us "the two eldest were expert riders and could rope as well as any cowboy" and that they "attend contests and roundups statewide." Julius was undoubtedly proud of those daughters; and their children and grandchildren continue to carry on the same ranching traditions.

As late as 1911, the local newspaper reported that "Julius

Bock was in from his Skull Creek ranch buying supplies to paint his new house."

He wisely continued purchasing land, some of it homesteads, and by 1912 the ranch was known as "Double Spear Ranch." Buildings included "a new house," along with "blacksmith shop and a lumber camp where all kinds of lumber were cut from the timber, canyons, springs and creeks," which "abounded on those acres." The land was stocked with "many horses, two bands of sheep and 1500 head of cattle."

After well over a century, it's difficult to estimate the amount of land Julius accumulated. It's been said that homesteads purchased brought the property to more than 60,000 acres in the immediate area. There are further indications that he expanded his holdings far beyond that. The livestock numbers he was reported to own would have required a lot of acres to survive and prosper, particularly in some of the hilly, rugged areas.

It is known that Julius leased pasture land from many neighbors, which would have greatly expanded that "60,000 acre" figure. Some land he accessed included parts of Horse Canyon, Black Canyon, the Fherman Place, Farley, YT Ranch, Mangus, Williams, Long, Double Spear and Stewart holdings.

As a founding member of the Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame who viewed every nomination for over 20 years and continues to read the biographies of each new honoree, I have to say that Mr. Bock's story is outstandingly impressive. Two of his daughters, Clara Bock Engle and Tillie Bock Sewell, were recognized by knowledgeable cowboys and ranchers of the area as supremely capable ranch hands. It is said that calf wranglers in the branding pen never had to wait when those girls were roping, and they brought them in by the heels.

If rodeos had been common, as they are today, both surely could have held their own against the men of their day in any roping or riding competition. Had they been inclined to travel (as some cowgirls of their era did, by train and ship all over the world), they might have become world champion cowgirls. That would definitely have been a positive reflection on the father who raised and trained them.

*(Editor's note: For another account of Julius Bock's adventures in early Weston County, see page 282 of the book Weston County: The First 100 Years)*



Rhonda Sedgwick-Stearns  
**Nods to Neighbors**

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Photo from the book "Weston County: The First 100 Years" Julius and Bertha Bock. Picture taken at the Double Spear Ranch.

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### SPORTS SCHEDULE

NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL			
Track	5/18-20/23	State Track @Casper	A TBA
Ladies' Soccer	5/18-20/23	State Soccer @Rock Springs/Green River	A TBA
Men's Soccer	5/18-20/23	State Soccer @Rock Springs/Green River	A NOON
High School Rodeo			
All dates tentative/subject to change			
	5/11-12/23	JH State Finals @ Gillette, Thurs. 4PM (1st go RS, BA & PB ) Fri. May 12, 9AM, (Rem. 1 & Round 2) & HS Cutting	A
	5/13-14/23	HS Rodeo @ Gillette, Cutting TBD - RCH TBD - Shooting TBD - RCH TBD - RCH TBD Times	A A A
	5/19-20/23	Casper: Cutting/ RCH TBD Times	A A
	5/27/23	Sheridan IN BUFFALO: Cutting/ RCH	A A
	5/28-29/23	Buffalo: Cutting/RCH	A A
	6/5-10/23	WY HS State Finals @Rock Springs	A A
	6/18-24/23	NJHFR @ Perry, GA	A A
	7/16-22/23	NHSFR @ Gillette	A A

## Tracksters punch tickets to state

**Sonja Karp**  
 NLJ Sports Editor

Two Lady Dogies and six Dogies secured a chance to continue their season last weekend at the 3A East Regional Track Meet in Rawlins. While a few had prequalified for the state meet during the season, a few more punched their ticket by finishing in the top eight in their events at regionals.

"It was cold and windy, but weather really wasn't a big factor for us," head coach Chad Ostenson began. "Our kids did really well, and I was just really pleased."

Aspen Bloom was one of the two Newcastle ladies who needed a qualifying finish at the regional meet to advance, and the sophomore got it done in both the 1600 Meter and 3200 Meter races. In her first season as a varsity trackster, Bloom finished fifth

in both races, and set a new personal record in the two-mile, crossing the finish line in 13:04.25.

"Aspen had a nice day, and qualified in the two-mile on her birthday," Ostenson said, smiling. "She told me that she remembered the first lap or two and the last lap, and kind of blanked out of the rest. But she ran a smart race, staying right where she needed to be to get qualified."

Jaylen Ostenson had prequalified for

the 100 Meter Hurdle race, however, she added the Discus to her slate by also finishing fifth in that event. Unfortunately, the senior suffered a potential re-injury to her foot, which she fractured in the 2022 basketball season, so Coach Ostenson opted to have her sit out any running events last weekend. Depending on the results of a medical exam, Ostenson may or may not

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## Changes will be tough

The Wyoming High School Activities Association has once again reclassified Wyoming sports. The previous realignment increased the number of 4A schools from 12 to 16, which was definitely a great thing for 3A.

But, after the reclassification meeting this spring, the number of 4A schools was cut to only 15 when they determined that status

would be based on school enrollment rather than on the number of schools in each class.

So, going forward, schools who will compete at the 4A level will

have enrollment of 700 and up, 3A will consist of schools with enrollment of 210-699, 2A will be from 110-209 and 1A will be the remaining schools.

Kelly Walsh is the biggest school in the state with a high school enrollment of 1,996 students and Green River will be the smallest of the 4A schools, with an enrollment of 771 students.

For 3A, that means that Cody

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## Newcastle's men wrap up their season

**Sonja Karp**  
 NLJ Sports Editor

After showing improvement throughout their season, the Dogies went into last week with a chance of making post-season play. However, in order to do that, they had to win both their games — against Buffalo on Tuesday, and Douglas on Thursday.

Although they came close and played both teams much better than they had previously, the Dogies lost in an overtime shootout against the Bison, then lost to Douglas 1-3, bringing their season to an end.

"We knew we had to win both to continue our season," said head coach Sally Hoover. "The boys were pretty motivated, but they didn't really have the urgency they needed. They didn't act like it was do-or-die, so we will need to work on that."

The first half was a battle, and players all appeared to be a little tentative, so the game went back and forth without much offensive action taking place. Therefore, the two teams were still tied at 0-0 at the half.

However, after a pretty uneventful 40 minutes of play, things ramped up in the second half.

In the 44th minute, Finn Gerlag made a back pass to Dylan McFarlin, who took a couple of dribbles before executing his signature shot from between the 18 and the



Dogie center mid-fielder Caleb Hoover sets up a pass to his forwards in the Dogies' last regular season contests last week. Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ

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# A disappointing end for the ladies

**Sonja Karp**  
NLJ Sports Editor

After holding on to the No. 4 seed throughout the season, the Lady Dogie soccer team had their post-season hopes dashed last week as they fell to Buffalo and Douglas in the last of their regular season contests.

The losses, in combination with a Rawlins win against Torrington, allowed Rawlins' Lady Outlaws to edge out head coach Cami Willyard's squad by just one point.

"It was a tough week," Willyard said. "We played so much better against Buffalo on Tuesday than we did against them up there, but I guess it just wasn't meant to be."

Willyard and crew made some changes to their game on Tuesday, reverting back to the 4-5-1 scheme, moving Hailey Beastrom and MacKenzie Conzelman to the center defensive mid, Gabby McVay to the center attacking mid, and McKenzie Rose to forward.

Buffalo adjusted quickly to Newcastle's new look and got on the board in the eighth minute of play.

After that initial goal, despite the fact that Buffalo possessed the ball for

a good portion of the time, Newcastle held the Lady Bison out of the goal to go into the half down only 1-0.

"We definitely had some runs and we had some opportunities, which was much better than it was up there," Willyard insisted. "We were feeling pretty good at half-time and we felt like we had a shot at it."

Unfortunately, right after the half, the Lady Dogies gave up a goal off a corner kick with only two minutes ticked off the clock.

Then, in the 46th minute, the Bison were able to make good on a free kick to extend their lead to 3-0. They got their fourth goal in the 54th minute, taking advantage of another corner kick.

"After their fourth goal, I saw something pretty cool that I hadn't seen before. Our senior captains brought everyone into the middle to regroup. I thought that was awesome, especially for a team who wasn't expected to win, and was down 4-0," Willyard said. "They still had the heart to try to rally the troops and try to do better, so it's a testament to our leaders for sure."

Finally, in the 58th minute, the Lady Dogies were able to get on the board

when they made good on a corner kick. Hailey Beastrom found the back of the net off the kick by Gabby McVay, who notched an assist on the play.

According to Willyard, the Lady Dogies were running out of steam at that point against a pretty good team.

In the 68th minute, Buffalo sealed the deal with yet another goal to go up 5-1. With 1:25 to play, McVay stole the ball off a Bison throw-in and made a crazy, out of the air shot just above the keeper's hands, improving the score to 2-5 to end the game.

"With about five minutes left, I looked at one of our coaches and lamented that this is the only team that Gabby hasn't scored against," Willyard said. "And then two minutes later, she gets it done with a really spectacular goal."

"Overall, it was a much better game," Willyard continued. "We gave up maybe 18 shots to them and we had six shots versus giving up 22 and only getting one last time."

After the loss, the Lady Dogies were down to one lifeline and Willyard admitted that they knew it would be tough to punch their ticket to the state finals. Woefully, Douglas' Lady Bearcats were too solid right from the

start of the contest.

"In the first five minutes of the game, they had a few bad touches, so I was thinking we were playing pretty well against the third best team in the state," Willyard described. "But then they pulled themselves together and proceeded to definitely look like the third best team in the state."

The Lady 'Cats certainly showed what they are made of, as they scored in the 7th, the 9th, the 20th and 23rd minutes of the game from a variety of opportunities.

"They outworked us and they beat us to every ball," admitted Willyard. "They were more athletic, they were fast, and in that moment, they were the ones who wanted the ball most."

It was looking pretty hopeless, but then Willyard moved McVay up to the forward position. With pure hustle, she ran down a long ball, beating a Douglas defender, and took a touch around the keeper and finished, despite having a crazy angle. The goal gave Newcastle one point to Douglas' four at the end of the first half.

"We knew it wasn't very probable that we could come back against a team like Douglas, but there was

**NHS Ladies' Soccer**

**Newcastle v. Buffalo 5/09/23 2-5**  
 Gabby McVay: 1-4 shots on goal, 1 assist  
 Hailey Beastrom: 1-2 shots on goal  
 Kathryn Huber: 13 saves

**Newcastle v. Rawlins 5/11/23 1-7**  
 Gabby McVay: 1-5 shots on goal  
 Hailey Beastrom: 0-1 shot on goal  
 McKenzie Rose: 9 saves

always a chance," Willyard said. "We wanted to end our season playing our best and making them work for the win."

As the second half got under way, the monkey that was on the Lady Dogies' back in the last three games reared its ugly head, and a minute and a half off the clock, the Lady 'Cats scored their fifth goal. They then got their sixth goal in the 45th and their 7th in the 61st minute to take the 7-1 victory over Newcastle.

"I felt so bad for those seniors, because it was really tough for all five of those guys," Willyard said. "We let the underclassmen know they have big shoes to fill."

McVay, Conzelman, Mia Peterson, Kyah Miller and Emilie Jensen played their final game as Dogies on Thursday. Willyard expects to have six or seven incoming freshmen who will be coming off of a pretty successful middle school season, so is looking to rebuild next year.

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**NHS Men's Soccer**

**Newcastle v. Buffalo 5/9/23 2-2; 0-3**  
 shootout  
 Finn Gerlag: 1-2 shots on goal  
 Dylan McFarlin: 1-4 shots on goal  
 Caleb Hossfeld: 0-1 shot on goal  
 Caden Esposito: 0-1 shot on goal  
 Will Beastrom: 8 saves

**Newcastle v. Douglas 5/11/23 1-3**  
 Finn Gerlag: 1-1 shot on goal  
 Dylan McFarlin: 0-2 shots on goal  
 Skyler Cummings: 0-1 shot on goal  
 Will Beastrom: 9 saves

half. He sailed it into the back of the net for the first score of the contest, giving the Dogies the 1-0 lead.

With 18 minutes remaining, Buffalo tied things up on a missed clear-ball on the Dogies' defensive end.

"That one was kind of a bummer," admitted Hoover. "It was just a bad clear that took a

Buffalo bounce and they were there to finish it off."

The score seemed to invigorate the Bison, while taking the wind out of the sails of the Newcastle team.

With seven minutes to play, another misplay by the Dogie defense resulted in one of the Dogies inadvertently scoring on his own goal to put the Bison up 2-1.

"We were pressuring, but they got around our defense," Hoover explained. "Then our guy was facing the wrong direction and rather than clearing the ball, he kicked it right into our net."

Gerlag made up for lost ground when he countered within two minutes by dribbling through defenders to tie it up, 2-2.

From there it was a battle of clearing the ball on both ends. The 2-2 tie at the end of regulation meant the Dogies were once again in a shootout situation. Unfortunately, the first three of Newcastle's shots, though close, didn't find the back of the net, while the shots of the Bison did, so they took the shootout win, 3-0.

With the Dogies out of contention for post-season play, Hoover admitted that perhaps her team was lacking a little bit of motivation for their final contest of the season against Douglas on Thursday.

"Just getting our one point for our tie wasn't enough for us to make up the points we needed to go to state," she said with a sigh. "But, we knew that if we could beat Douglas that

we might also knock them out of contention for going to state, so the boys wanted to do that, but we were a little flat."

The Bearcats got on the board first, scoring in the 30th and the 32nd minute of the contest.

With seven minutes to go in the first half, Gerlag took possession of the ball at the half, dribbled up the pitch, and got around a defender and the Bearcat keeper to find the back of the net.

Then, in the 38th minute, the 'Cats scored their third and final goal of the game on a

breakaway, sending the Dogies into half-time down 1-3.

Although there was not another goal scored in the remainder of the contest, Hoover was proud of her boys for finishing the game tough.

"They came out and they fought hard," she said. "They never gave up, and they just played so much better than they did before when we lost 1-6. We did spend way too much time in our defensive third, but our defense did a great job of stopping them."

With the season at an end, the Dogies will lose five

players from this year's roster. Gerlag will go home to the Netherlands while McFarlin, Caleb Hossfeld, Yestin Davis and Travis Harrington will graduate in a week.

"I told my junior boys that we will have to step up to fill those roles, and we have a few incoming freshmen, but looking to the future, the sixth and seventh grades have quite a few players," she said. "We are going to be small, but hopefully we can get a few more out and get some touches on the ball this summer at open field."



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Photo by Alexis Barker/NLJ  
**Caden Esposito launches one toward the goal in the Dogies' final match of the year, against the Douglas Bearcats.**

## Karpe from Page 9

will drop back down as they come in just under the mark with 626 students, while Thermopolis rounds out the 16 schools in 3A with just 221 students.

Newcastle is fourth from the bottom with 232 wandering the halls, according to WHSAA.

There are only 14 teams in 2A, with Moorcroft topping that list with 197 students, and Sundance filling the bottom spot with 122 students.

Comparing the disparity from top to bottom in 2A through 4A is like comparing rivers.

The Missouri River is quite a bit smaller than the Mississippi River, however, both are challenging bodies of water with a lot of power. I would equate these to the 4A classification.

Yes, there is a difference of 1,200 students from the bottom to the top, but when you have 771 potential athletes to choose from, you stand a pretty darn good chance of rostering a talented team, and, at the very least, you're going to have the numbers to compete.

When it comes to 2A, there is a difference of only 75 students. That would be like comparing the Cheyenne River to the Wind River — there's not a whole lot of difference.

However, when it comes to 3A, there is a difference of 405 students between Thermopolis and Cody. While that may not seem like much, especially compared to the gap in 4A, in river talk we are looking at the difference between

the Colorado River (that carved out the Grand Canyon) and the North Platte.

When you only have 220 students to draw from, you are not going to be as competitive as the schools who are looking at pools of 500 to 625. The odds are definitely not in the smaller schools' favor.

And we've seen the difference on the sidelines of football games, soccer games, wrestling benches and basketball benches as well.

Our poor soccer teams were rostering around 15 players and going up against 30 to 40 players on their opponent's sidelines. Just having fresh legs gave Douglas and Buffalo the edge in last week's pivotal contests.

Newcastle has always been a small fish swimming in a pretty big pond — or river if you'd rather — but now we are not only adding back another really big fish, but 3A also has the most teams of the top three classifications.

I know that Newcastle has produced teams that have competed, but it's only been sporadically, and let's be frank, it's tough to produce a winning program and the attitude that needs to go along with it when you face the level of competition that we do year after year.

I know there's nothing that can be done without completely watering down high school athletics in Wyoming, but it's pretty discouraging to think about adding Cody back into the mix of 3A competition.



## Budding talent

Newcastle High School held its annual Art Show on Thursday, May 11, and Friday, May 12, in the Dogie Dome. Many art students and wood shop students had their projects on display for the public to enjoy. At right, Douglas Pritchard shows two award-winning pieces of wood work. Below left, Katrina Tysdal looks at monochrome art painted by high school students. Below middle, Othniel Novak poses with his first-place award for a charcoal drawing. Below right, the Art Show is put on largely by the efforts of art teacher Brandi Marshall and wood shop teacher Bessie Colgrove, pictured. Hundreds of pieces of art and wood work were on display, a testament to the talent of local students.

Photos by Walter Sprague/NLJ



## A few words of wisdom from NHS valedictorians

This year 10 seniors from Newcastle High School earned the honor of valedictorian, representing the class of 2023. During the commencement ceremony on May 21, these students will present a combined speech to their classmates, friends and families.

Take a chance to get to know each of these impressive students before they take the stage to say goodbye to the school, friends, classmates and the faculty that shaped their lives moving forward.

### Heath Henkle

My name is Heath Henkle. The main activities that I enjoy doing are football, wrestling, science fair, FBLA and student council. I am also interested in chess, the Electric Slide, and science. I have always liked playing sports and wanted to get good grades, but the motivation I had for being a valedictorian was because my sister

said I couldn't. It was a great motivator. Words of encouragement for underclassmen that I have are that things are only as bad as you make them out to be. Over thinking is something you don't want to do throughout high school — it only makes things harder. If you think positively, you can make the best of whatever your situation is and, as a result, make a better life for yourself. The question I will be answering for my valedictorian speech is, "How have I changed throughout high school?"

### Lidia Jerry

My name is Lidia Jerry, and I am 18 years old. I am going to be majoring in history education at Black Hills State University this fall. I love to sing, learn new things, spend time with my family, and talk about history and our government. I was not a part of a lot of groups, however one group I participated in throughout high school was the football team. I managed the football team until this year. I have been taking concurrent classes through

Eastern Wyoming College and I am going to be graduating with my Associate of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. If I am not hanging out with my family and friends or doing homework, I am working. I have worked at Woody's Food Center for three years now. My goals motivated me to strive

to be a valedictorian. I know that I need to work hard for the goals that I want to complete in my lifetime. Striving to become a valedictorian has shown me that I will achieve my goals if I set my mind to it. Underclassmen, do not give up. There will be hard times, but you can make it through the hard times.

### Mo Kenney

My name is Moriahn Kenney, more commonly known as Mo. I have lived in Newcastle my entire life. Growing up, I was surrounded by my parents, Raimee and Chris Kenney, along with my older brother, Austen. They have all been great motivators in getting me where I am today. My family are my biggest role models in school and everyday life. My education started at the Christian Academy, where I had the pleasure of gaining the fundamentals of education through Amanda Finley. I owe a lot of my academic success from the years I was able to be a student in her classroom. I have always had the mind-set that hard work pays off, and this honor is just a reminder of how accurate that statement is. Along with school, I have been able to be a part of the Newcastle Explorer Post No. 66, which has taught me discipline and leadership skills I will be able to carry with me in the future. I know how grueling school can be, but the benefits that come from staying motivated will be a tremendous victory for you all in the end. Thank you for everyone involved, for getting me where I am today!

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### Holden McConkey

Ten valedictorians — holy cow, I honestly never thought I would be one myself. My name is Holden McConkey. I've played football, track, baseball, wrestling, basketball, and soccer. I love to hunt, fish, work on projects, and go for long drives. I wasn't a math wiz, I wasn't the best kid in elementary school, and I can only remember wanting to be the fastest kid in school. Luckily, I had one heck of a mother and father who pushed me to be the best of what I could be. My mother, being a valedictorian herself, certainly pushed me to keep my grades up and pursue

this academic achievement. My father, on the other hand, taught me to be something other than book smart, and be my own man. I hope to do nothing but make them proud. They taught me the importance of having a work ethic, staying humble, being competitive, and to accomplish my goals. I truly wouldn't be who I am without them. If I had a few words for the underclassmen, I would tell them, you only live one life, so why not make the most of it? As for my graduating speech, I will speak on the accomplishments of the 2023 graduates.

### Hunter McFarland

Being a senior who is about to graduate in a very short amount of time, all I can think is, wow, time really does fly by. Athletics is a huge part of my life, and most likely the reason why I am one of the many valedictorians of my class. I have played basketball and volleyball since I was in elementary school, so those activities pushed me to strive for academic success. The grade policy towards athletic eligibility is an awesome motivation to get all work turned in so I wouldn't miss games because of failing classes. I am very thankful for the wide variety of classes in our high school, because it provided me with an opportunity to take classes I enjoyed. This was another motivation to excel. To all the underclassmen, it is always okay to go have fun and enjoy your four years of high school, but be responsible and always put academics first, because it paves a path for your future. Make as many memories as possible, you only have a short amount of time before your life begins!

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### Jaylen Ostenson

I am Jaylen Ostenson and I have been a student athlete here at NHS for the last four years. I have participated in volleyball, basketball, and track throughout my time here. Constantly being in a sport demands good grades all the time. Being a valedictorian was not something that I had planned before I entered high school. However, after my first semester of freshman year I knew that this was achievable, so I decided to keep working to maintain straight A's. I knew that I wanted to try and

play basketball in college, and that was also something that motivated me to uphold a 4.0 as well. Some words of encouragement for others I would like to give are work hard and communicate with teachers and classmates to stay on top of things. All in all, I am really grateful for everyone who helped through the years to achieve my goals.

### Trinity Shroyer

My name is Trinity Shroyer, and I am one of the valedictorians in the Class of 2023. In my daily life you can often find me at school, working, or doing homework. In my free time I like to express my creativity by drawing, writing, or trying out new skills. On the other hand, I am also a curious individual who likes to learn about anything scientific. I am the senior class president, and I am also involved in FBLA, National Honor Society, 4-H, and was also a part of the speech and debate team. Becoming a valedictorian is an honor that I have dreamed about having since I was in middle school. My parents have always encouraged me to do my best, and I knew that with dedication and hard work I could make it. I am proud that I overcame the obstacles I felt were too large to handle at first. A valuable piece of advice is to not let the workload overwhelm you. There are resources and people who can support you and set you up for success. In my speech, I will be delivering a message not only for the future, but also one that anyone can use.

My family are my biggest role models in school and everyday life. My education started at the Christian Academy, where I had the pleasure of gaining the fundamentals of education through Amanda Finley. I owe a lot of my academic success from the years I was able to be a student in her classroom. I have always had the mind-set that hard work pays off, and this honor is just a reminder of how accurate that statement is. Along with school, I have been able to be a part of the Newcastle Explorer Post No. 66, which has taught me discipline and leadership skills I will be able to carry with me in the future. I know how grueling school can be, but the benefits that come from staying motivated will be a tremendous victory for you all in the end. Thank you for everyone involved, for getting me where I am today!

### Tiernan Stanton

I am the daughter of Elvin and Candi Stanton here in Newcastle, Wyoming. In my years of high school, I have participated in a variety of sports including volleyball, basketball, track, and rodeo, while also being a part of 4-H, Sources of Strength, FBLA, Student Council, and National Honor Society. Next fall I will attend Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Nebraska, to pursue a biology and pre-medical major, while also competing collegiately in volleyball and track. The reason I strived for good grades was so I could be accepted into a good college, and because I need stellar grades for my

biology and pre-medical major. My advice for the younger classmen is to keep going no matter how rough times are, and to never let your goals and dreams fly away.

### Tell Tavegie

My name is Tell Tavegie and I am the oldest of Troy and Kelli Tavegie's four kids. I was born and raised on the ranch here in Newcastle and have been a part of it my whole life. I have been a part of many different clubs including Wyoming Boys' State, 4-H, FFA, basketball, football, National Honor Society, and the Newcastle High School Rodeo Club. I would like to credit the majority of my success in high school to my parents. They are my biggest motivators, supporters, and critics. There are too many people to list, but I would like to thank my family, teachers, and everyone else who has made my high school career fulfilling. I plan to go to college, compete in college rodeo, and get my bachelor's degree, then return to carry on the ranch.

### Shelby Tidyman

My name is Shelby Tidyman, and I am one of the many valedictorians this year. I have taken part in many school activities and clubs. This includes basketball, volleyball, track, FBLA, and 4-H. Sports have taught me many life lessons and pushed me to be my best self. I love spending my time on the family ranch and with friends. At a young age my grades were a big deal to me, due to my older brothers. They pushed me and taught me that high academics can get you further in life than you ever imagined. It has taught me to keep pushing and to always make time for what is important. In the spring I will be attending Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, to major in elementary education and minor in coaching. I have a heart for teaching others, through both of my parents, and have been blessed with the wonderful opportunity of watching my mom teach as I grew up. My biggest words of encouragement to the underclassmen, there are people observing you and your actions more than you realize, so be the role model you needed in your life.



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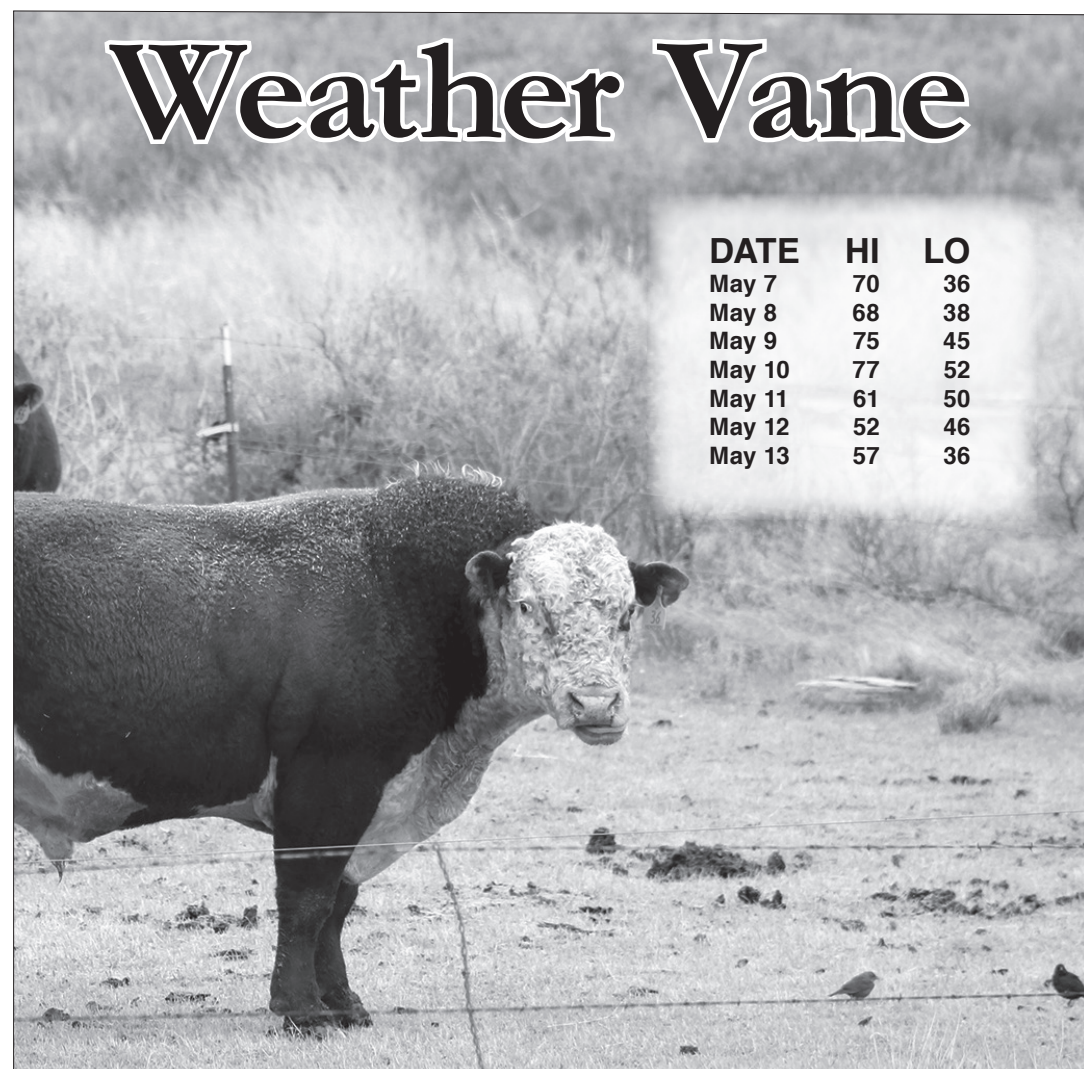
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# Weather Vane



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### Legal Notice

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

IN RE NAME CHANGE OF  
Kaiden James Patik  
(Minor Child's Current Full Name)  
Minor Child, By Next Friend  
Alicia Jo Patik  
(Petitioner's Full Name)  
Civil Action Case No. CV-2218

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In accordance with Wyoming Statutes 1-25-103, notice is hereby given that a Petition for Name Change of a Minor Child, Civil Action No. CS-2218 has been filed in the Wyoming District Court for the 6th Judicial District, whose address is 1 W. Main St. Newcastle, WY 82701, seeking to change the name of the minor child Kaiden James Patik to Kaiden James Grimm.

Unless an Answer or Response to the Petition referenced above is filed within 30 days following the last date of publication of this notice, an order may be entered granting the requested name change.

Dated April 24, 2023

By Clerk of Court  
Tina Cote by Riki Kaiser  
Clerk of District Court/ Deputy

(Publish April 27 and May 4, 11 and 18, 2023)

### Legal Notice

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

IN RE NAME CHANGE OF  
Kobi Dean Patik  
(Minor Child's Current Full Name)  
Minor Child, By Next Friend  
Alicia Jo Patik  
(Petitioner's Full Name)  
Civil Action Case No. CV-2219

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In accordance with Wyoming Statutes 1-25-103, notice is hereby given that a Petition for Name Change of a Minor Child, Civil Action No. CS-2219 has been filed in the Wyoming District Court for the 6th Judicial District, whose address is 1 W. Main St. Newcastle, WY 82701, seeking to change the name of the minor child Kobi Dean Patik to Kobi Dean Grimm.

Unless an Answer or Response to the Petition referenced above is filed within 30 days following the last date of publication of this notice, an order may be entered granting the requested name change.

Dated April 24, 2023

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### Public Notice

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHWG or the Company) to establish a total purchased gas cost rate of \$0.7291 per therm, representing a decrease of \$0.1155 per therm, effective on and after December 1, 2022. The rate is applicable to 67,954 customers, including all Cheyenne and Cody Division customers and all Choice Gas customers in the Casper, Gillette, and Torrington Divisions who have elected to take service under the Gas Cost Adjustment Rate. The Commission's approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing, and further order of the Commission.

The proposed gas cost rate results in a monthly decrease of approximately \$9.71 (7.8%) for the typical residential customer using 84 therms monthly during December 2022 through February 2023 and results in a projected decrease in the Company's revenues of approximately \$3,843,235 without any effect on the Company's earnings. When combined with the Company's proposal to modify the Revenue Adjustment Mechanism rate, the net result is a monthly decrease of \$10.21 or 8.2% before taxes, for a typical residential customer using 84 therms.

Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 26 allows a utility to pass on to its customers known or projected commodity cost increases or decreases on a dollar-for-dollar basis, subject to public notice, opportunity for hearing and refund. 1 BHWG's Application is available at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne or online at: <http://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (enter Record No. 17187). Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing must file with the Commission on or before June 12, 2023. A proposed intervention or request for hearing must set forth the grounds and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to participate in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 30026-66-GP-22.

Dated: May 12, 2023.

(Publish May 18 and 25, 2023)

### Meeting Notice

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Weston County Natural Resource District will hold a special budget meeting on Tuesday, May 23rd at 3 pm at their office, located at 1225 Washington Blvd in Newcastle, WY. The public is welcome to attend.

(Publish May 18, 2023)

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### Public Notice

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Please note that Goshen HELP DBA WYO HELP a 501(c)3 is providing public notice regarding the FFY 2024 Community Services Block Grant Application for the following counties: Carbon, Crook, Goshen, Niobrara, Washakie, and Weston.

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) will provide funds to assist low-income individuals and/or families through FFY 2024 (October 1st 2023 - September 30th 2024) with an expected grant total of \$278,369. The totals by county are Carbon - \$81,348, Crook -\$22,580, Goshen - \$83,192, Niobrara - \$118,509,

Washakie - \$41,103, and Weston - \$31,637. A meeting will be held May 24th, 2023 at 6pm via Zoom. You may register to attend at <https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZ0rf-GsrTKiGtVmvvi981VKb9QOPFmVwZhV>

A link will also be available at [www.wyoHELP.com](http://www.wyoHELP.com).

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information for the suggested services, programs, and staffing for the CSBG grant awarded to the forementioned counties under the direction of WYO HELP.

(Publish May 11 and 18, 2023)

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### Gwamma by JaNel M. Farnsworth



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Legal Notice

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

PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: CHRISTOPHER DEAN GARHART VS. DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: JESSICA ELISABETH ROY CIVIL ACTION CASE NO DR-22

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO JESSICA ELISABETH ROY, DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT'S CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

You are notified that a Complaint for Divorce, Civil Action No. DR-22, has been filed in the Wyoming District Court for the 6th Judicial District whose address is 1 West Main Street, seeking dissolution of your marriage to Christopher Dean Garhart, in his/her favor.

Unless you file an Answer or Response or otherwise respond to the Complaint or Petition referenced above within 30 days following the last date of publication of this notice, a default judgement will be taken against you and a Decree of Divorce will be granted.

Dated this 26 day of April 2023, By Clerk of Court: Tina Cote by Rikki Kaiser Clerk of District Court/Deputy

(Publish May 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2023)

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More volunteers are needed

GILLETTE (WNE) — More volunteers are needed to help run the Special Olympics Wyoming State Summer Games run smoothly this weekend.

The three-day event will feature athletes from across the state in track and field, swimming, power lifting and basketball. Organizers are hoping the number of volunteers that were signed up by Friday doubles by the time the games begin Thursday.

Although volunteers are welcome any day, Phil Grabrick,

Gillette Special Olympics coordinator, said Saturday tends to be a difficult day to fill up because high school students who volunteer during school days have their own activities on the weekend.

Volunteer positions include timing for track and field, leading athletes to award stands, clean up and set up for all activities, serving dinners and lunches for the athletes and refereeing basketball games.

“(Volunteers) can also show up to an event day-of to help,” Grabrick said. “They may have a little paperwork to do but

that’s it.”

The games are set up at different venues around town — Campbell County High School, Thunder Basin High School, the Campbell County Rec Center and Campbell County Aquatic Center.

The opening ceremony and banquet and dance take place in the Cam-plex Central Pavilion.

The games were originally slated to come to Gillette in 2020 and 2021 but were delayed due to COVID. The games will be back again in 2024 and Grabrick said venues are already being reserved for those dates.

This story was published on May 15, 2023.

Cheese slices found on multiple cars

GILLETTE (WNE) — Gillette police investigated and found multiple instances of cheese slices left on vehicles parked outside of homes Tuesday.

The first report came in from a 27-year-old woman who said her vehicle in the 1500 block of Ohara Drive had cheese slices on it. There was no damage from the cheese, and it’s unclear what kind of cheese they were.

Several other neighbors found similar cheese placements on their cars, said Police Deputy Chief Brent Wasson.

While investigating that report, an officer found a 2008 Chevy in the 1400 block of Oshannon Drive, which is off of Ohara Drive

and had cheese slices on its windows and doors.

A 2011 Toyota and a red 1994 Cadillac were found with cheese slices on their windows and doors in the 1300 block of Henry Drive that same afternoon.

There was minimal if any damage to the vehicles, and the investigation continues.

A similar incident was reported in February 2022, when a man found cheese all over his Honda in the 3000 block of Harder Drive. At that time, temperatures were well below zero, making cleanup more difficult.

This story was published on May 10, 2023.

Michigan man fined for more than 100 false claims of Wyoming residency

SHERIDAN (WNE) — Michigan resident Michael J. Dupuis Sr. pleaded no contest in March to making false claims of residency to obtain resident Wyoming hunting, fishing and trapping licenses.

On March 20, 4th Judicial Circuit Court Judge Shelley Cundiff approved a plea agreement between the Sheridan County Attorney’s Office and Dupuis. As part of the agreement, Dupuis pleaded no contest to seven counts of false oath to obtain resident Wyoming hunting licenses.

He will pay \$35,070 in fines and will lose his hunting and trapping privileges for six years.

Wyoming and 48 other states

participate in the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. If a person loses hunting or fishing privileges in one state, the revocation is also in effect in all other partner states.

Dupuis began illegally purchasing licenses as a Wyoming resident in 2008. Over the following years, he made 110 separate claims of residency on deer, antelope, elk, fishing, trapping, turkey and professional hunting guide licenses.

“There is no doubt in my mind this was a calculated effort to defraud the residents of the state of Wyoming,” said Sheridan Regional Wildlife Supervisor Dustin Shorma, who investigated the case. “Mr. Dupuis was licensed as

a professional guide with the Wyoming Board of Outfitters. He used family members’ post office boxes in Wyoming as a mailing address and was able to obtain a Wyoming driver’s license. He put a lot of effort into misrepresenting himself as a Wyoming resident.”

The public is reminded that for the purpose of receiving a resident hunting, fishing or trapping license, the applicant must have physically resided in Wyoming for at least one year prior to applying for or purchasing a license and not claimed residency in any other state, territory or country.

This story was published on May 13, 2023.

Teen ticketed after school shooting threat

GILLETTE (WNE) — A 15-year-old student at the YES House was ticketed for breach of peace Tuesday morning after threatening a school shooting out of frustration.

Police said there appeared to be no means to carry out the threat. When contacted Tuesday at about 9:45 a.m., the student admitted to making the threat because she had been upset, said Police Deputy Chief Brent Wasson.

The report is one of a number of recent school shooting reports, including a Sage Valley Junior High student who was ticketed for breach of peace and banned from the school earlier this week after a shooting threat he allegedly made last week.

Wasson said that most of the investigations have found the threats are made without “a student having the means to carry them out.”

“If it seems like they’re occurring more frequently, it’s because more people are saying something when they hear something,” he added.

Wasson said police continue to work with the schools to make sure students are safe.

Two Twin Spruce Junior High students were arrested for terroristic threats last month for allegedly making separate threats over the course of a couple weeks that were believed to be related.

Those incidents followed a series of “swatting” calls that falsely reported school shootings at a number of high schools throughout Wyoming, including Campbell County High School, the morning of April 3.

That same week, an apparent threat circulating on Snapchat among CCHS students was investigated and unfounded.

It was determined to be from a 2018 incident at Clovis High School, or “CHS,” in New Mexico, and to have been spread by a former Gillette student currently living in Texas.

This story was published on May 10, 2023.

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## Marking the end

On Tuesday, May 9, Newcastle Saddle and Sirloin FFA Banquet was held at Weston County Event Center, where they said goodbye to old officers and installed new officers to serve for the coming year. About 60 people came to witness the event, which included finger foods and a silent auction. More information about the Saddle and Sirloin FFA can be found on Facebook. At left, current Wyoming State FFA president, Larkin Williams, a senior from Lusk, gives a speech to the Saddle and Sirloin chapter about the virtues of perseverance, honesty, hard work, and good character. Above, FFA Advisor Jill Pischke awards outgoing officers with banners, thanking them for their service. They are, from left, JJ Lipp, president, Pate Tavegie, vice president, Quint Perino, treasurer, Tell Tavegie, reporter, Taylor Crinklaw, sentinel, and Cole Wehri, secretary.

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### NHS Track & Field

<p><b>Newcastle @ 3A East Regionals in Rawlins 5/12-13/23</b></p> <p><b>Women's Team Results:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buffalo 159.5</li> <li>Rawlins 141</li> <li>Torrington 114</li> <li>Wheatland 98</li> <li>Douglas 69</li> <li>Glenrock 57.5</li> <li>Moorcroft 29</li> <li>Newcastle 15</li> </ol> <p><b>Women's Individual Results:</b></p> <p>100M Prelims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Savannah Carr 14.11 PR</li> <li>Julie Morris 14.25 PR</li> <li>Sara Huey 14.69 PR</li> <li>Taylor Conklin 15.00 PR</li> </ol> <p>200M Prelims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taylor Conklin 32.98</li> </ol> <p>1600M Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aspen Bloom 6:02.41 q</li> <li>3200M Finals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aspen Bloom 13:04.25 PR q</li> <li>4x100M Relay: 55.86</li> <li>Taylor Conklin, Savannah Carr, Julie Morris, Elizabeth Rushton</li> </ol> <p>Pole Vault Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Julie Morris, Elizabeth Rushton</li> </ol> <p>Long Jump Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elizabeth Rushton 6-06</li> <li>Julie Morris 14-03.5</li> </ol> </li></ol>	<p>18. Savannah Carr 13-03</p> <p>19. Taylor Conklin 12-10.5</p> <p>24. Elizabeth Rushton 12-07.25</p> <p><b>Triple Jump Finals:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sara Huey 24-00</li> </ol> <p><b>Shot Put Finals:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Julie Morris 28-06</li> <li>Jaylen Ostenson 91-02.25 q</li> <li>Elizabeth Rushton 76-05</li> </ol> <p><b>Men's Team Results:</b></p> <p>1. Torrington 163</p> <p>2. Buffalo 141</p> <p>3. Douglas 136</p> <p>4. Rawlins 108.5</p> <p>5. Wheatland 54.5</p> <p>6. Newcastle 47</p> <p>7. Glenrock 29</p> <p>8. Moorcroft 11</p> <p><b>Men's Individual Results:</b></p> <p>100M Prelims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holden McConkey 11.55 3AQ</li> <li>Colton Vanderpool Mobley 11.50 3AQ</li> <li>Collin McConkey 12.06</li> <li>Aiden Butler 12.50</li> </ol> <p>100M Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colton Vanderpool Mobley 11.69</li> <li>Holden McConkey 11.72</li> </ol>	<p>200M Prelims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colton Vanderpool Mobley 23.36 PR 3AQ</li> <li>Holden McConkey 23.57 PR 3AQ</li> <li>Collin McConkey 24.29</li> <li>CJ Hardy 25.26</li> </ol> <p>200M Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holden McConkey 23.18 PR</li> <li>Colton Vanderpool Mobley 23.91</li> </ol> <p>400M Prelims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colton Vanderpool Mobley 55.65 q</li> <li>Jayden Corley 1:02.89</li> <li>Drew Conzelman 1:06.16</li> </ol> <p>400M Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colton Vanderpool Mobley 55.47 PR q</li> </ol> <p>800M Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Logan Olson 2:22.81 PR</li> </ol> <p>1600M Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Logan Olson 5:35.95</li> <li>110M Hurdles Prelims: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elijah Morrill 17.58 PR q</li> <li>110M Hurdles Finals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elijah Morrill 17.79</li> <li>4x100M Relay: 46.12 q</li> <li>Colton Vanderpool Mobley, Collin McConkey, Casey Mat-</li> </ol> </li></ol> </li></ol>	<p>thews, Holden McConkey 4x400M Relay: 3:49.46</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aiden Butler, Collin McConkey, CJ Hardy, Casey Matthews Sprint Medley Relay: 4:32.65</li> <li>Jayden Corley, Drew Conzelman, Thomas Prell, Logan Olson High Jump Finals:</li> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CJ Hardy 5-08 q</li> <li>Pole Vault Finals:</li> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Casey Matthews 11-00 PR q</li> <li>NH. Thomas Prell Long Jump Finals:</li> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jayden Corley 16-08.75</li> <li>Elijah Morrill 15-11.5</li> <li>Drew Conzelman 15-03</li> </ol> </ol> </ol> <p>Triple Jump Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elijah Morrill 36-06.25 q</li> <li>Jayden Corley 35-02.25</li> <li>Drew Conzelman 30-02.25</li> </ol> <p>Shot Put Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jacob Prell 43.04.5 q</li> <li>Holden McConkey 36-07.5</li> <li>Dane Evenson 33-05.25</li> <li>Rylan Fladstol 33-04.25</li> </ol> <p>Discus Finals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nate Strickland 106-05</li> <li>Aiden Butler 102-10.75 PR</li> <li>Jacob Prell 89-11.25</li> <li>Dayne Evenson 87-07.5</li> </ol> </ol>
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## Track

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not be competing in the hurdles this weekend at state.

"We decided that we didn't want to risk causing more damage last weekend, so Jaylen didn't run," Ostenson began. "She also had to power throw the disc because we didn't want her spinning."

Despite being at a bit of a disadvantage, Ostenson was able to launch the disc more than 91 feet, earning her a ticket to state.

On the men's side, sprinters had a banner regional track meet, with Holden McConkey and Colton Vanderpool Mobley qualifying in the 100 and 200 Meter races and Vanderpool Mobley also secured a place in the 400 Meter race.

In the preliminaries of the 100 Meter, McConkey finished fourth and Vanderpool Mobley was sixth, then in the finals the two switched places, with Vanderpool Mobley coming in sixth and McConkey seventh.

In the 200 Meter, the two traded top finishes again. This time Vanderpool Mobley was first across the line in the prelims with his sixth-place finish, while McConkey was eighth. Then, in the finals, McConkey moved up to fourth and Vanderpool Mobley fell to eighth.

Finally, Vanderpool Mobley made his way to the finals in the 400 with his eighth-place finish in the prelims. In the finals, he moved up one place to seventh.

"Colton and Holden had one heck of a weekend, and I was really tickled with both of them!" Ostenson said. "It's been a while since we've had two sprinters competing at state."

Elijah Morrill punched his ticket to state in the 110 Meter Hurdles with a fourth-place finish in the prelims and a fifth-place finish in the finals of that event.

The 4x100 Relay team of Vanderpool Mobley, Collin McConkey, Casey Matthews and Holden McConkey finished fourth. Although the team had prequalified, their fourth-place finish sealed the deal for them.

"The 4x1 team looked really great," Ostenson reported. "We have one handoff that needs a little work, but they were right in it, even fumbling a handoff. I think they'll do fine at state."

In the field events, CJ Hardy finished second in High Jump, Matthews was third with a personal best finish of 11 feet in Pole Vault, Morrill added Triple Jump to his state slate with his seventh-place finish, and Jacob Prell placed sixth in Shot Put, giving each the chance to extend their season in those events.

"Eli had a great weekend in both the hurdles and the triple jump," Ostenson said. "Both of those are really strength events and he has worked really hard to get where he is."

Bloom in the two-mile, and Morrill in the hurdles will start the state meet off in Casper Thursday, and the team will wrap things up on Saturday.