

Hospital seeks more funding

■ *WCHS applies for additional CARES funding for hospital, Manor*

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Weston County Health Services has submitted another \$10,195,666 in CARES Act funding in grants through the State Loan and Investment Board,

according to CEO Maureen Cadwell. Since the act was passed in March, the facility reports receiving \$4,024,739 in funding to date.

On May 5, Rep. Tyler Lindholm, R-Sundance, told the Weston County commissioners that the CARES Act

was passed by the federal government and provided \$1.25 billion dollars to the state of Wyoming with the intended purpose of providing aid to the state during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Wyoming Legislature later established several avenues for

using the funds, including grants for both hospitals and small businesses affected by the pandemic.

According to Cadwell, the facility recently submitted four project grant

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Camp begins COVID testing

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

Testing for COVID-19 began this week at the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp and Boot Camp, north of Newcastle, according to a press release from the Wyoming Department of Corrections. On July 8, the department announced that it would be working with state epidemiologist Dr. Alexia Harrist and her staff to conduct testing on all inmates and employees at all Wyoming facilities.

Before beginning testing at the local facility, the department had tested inmates, staff and contract staff at the Wyoming Medium Correction Institution

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Hold on, cowboy!



Photos by Alexis Barker/NLJ

On July 27, the Weston County Mini Roughstock Rodeo Association held their rodeo event at the Weston County Fairgrounds. Fairgrounds manager, Kara Fladstol, said there were more than 70 kids who participated. The stands were well filled and trucks and cars lined up along the rodeo arena, with spectators cheering and have a great time as the kids rode livestock from sheep, to bare-back broncs, to bulls. Also, while there were the inevitable bumps and bruises, nobody was seriously hurt and everyone was able to leave the arena under their power. Clockwise from top: James Hall is thrown by a bronc; Keaton Hampton looks worried as he slides off a sheep shortly after leaving the gate; Steel Dysart hangs on tight; and Cannon Cowger 'shoots' out of the gate.

Humans cause 18 fires in county

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

On Aug. 3, firefighters responded to a fire near the Wyoming-South Dakota state line. The cause of the fire, according to Weston County fire warden Daniel Tysdal, was an illegal abandoned campfire on federal land, the 18th human-caused fire in the county. The Newcastle Volunteer Fire Department and other local fire resources responded to the fire.

"These types of careless acts could cause catastrophic damage and be extremely expensive to suppress. The public needs to be particularly careful with any outdoor activity that could cause a fire and remember to be aware of and abide by all fire restrictions in place and realize these restrictions could vary between land management agencies," Tysdal said.

According to Tysdal, by Aug. 3, Weston County has seen nearly the 10-year average for the number of both natural and human-caused wildland fire calls.

"The month of August we could expect to generally see more fires simply due to the late season drying and hot temperatures. So, August could be another long month and will likely put us well over an average year," Tysdal said. "On a positive note though, the number of acres burned are relatively low for both natural-caused and human-caused, given the number of fires we've responded to — 167 acres for

— See **Fires**, Page 8

Unwanted seeds come to county

KateLynn Slaamot
NLJ Correspondent

Several states across the United States have been receiving unsolicited packages of seeds from China. According to a CBS News article, all 50 states have reported receiving the seeds. Weston County recently received its first package, according to Hale Redding, district supervisor

at Weston County Weed and Pest.

In a release, Weed and Pest stated that any unsolicited seed packages should not be opened. Anyone receiving these packages should bring them to their office, and they will be sent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, in Cheyenne. People may also call Weed and Pest to receive directions

to mail them to APHIS themselves. "We don't know what they are," Redding said. "It could be potentially invasive."

While it is still unknown exactly what these seeds are or how dangerous, there is a risk of them being invasive species that could harm agriculture, and extreme caution is being taken.

According to APHIS, some of

the seeds already identified include fruit, herb and weeds, among others. However, it is pertinent to gather as many seeds as they can to help identify whether or not they pose a risk to U.S. agriculture.

For more questions, call Weston County Weed and Pest at (307) 746-4555 or Bruce Shambaugh, state plant health director at APHIS in Cheyenne, at (307) 432-7979.

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Thursday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 88, Lo 62



Friday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 93, Lo 61



Saturday
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Hi 89, Lo 61



Sunday
Sunny
Hi 93, Lo 61



Monday
Mostly Sunny
Hi 86, Lo 60



Tuesday
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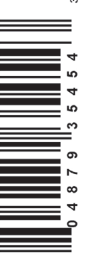


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Census bureau urging response

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

The 2020 census is encouraging people in rural communities to “Shape Your Future” as part of Rural Week of Action, according to a release from Jennifer Hillmann, media specialist for Colorado, Wyoming and Kansas at the Dallas Regional Census Office for the U.S. Census Bureau.

As of Aug. 3, Weston County had a response rate of 50.6%, Newcastle’s rate was 55.2%, Upton’s was 50.8%, and the state of Wyoming had a response rate of 57.3%. According to Hillmann, that 57.3% represents roughly 172,000 households across the state.

In 2010, the last time the census was conducted, the final self-response rate for Newcastle was 68.3% and Upton finished with a rate of 70.4%.

“Our goal is to surpass the 2010 self-response rates across Wyoming. We would love to see self-response in the 75% to 80% range for 2020,” Hillmann said.

Collectively, Wyoming is below the national self-response rate as well, according to Hillmann. Currently, 62.9% of the country has already responded to the 2020 census, which is around 93 million households.

“Achieving a complete count means each community will have census-derived funding for schools, roads, libraries and more job opportunities for community members to benefit from,” a release states.

With the hopes of lowering the number of homes that census takers have to visit, the 2020 census has also begun the “Stop the Knock” campaign. As part of this program, the census will be use email to encourage people in low-responding areas to complete the form.

“It saves both time and money if people self-respond and I know that most people in Wyoming prefer their privacy and would rather not have a census-taker knocking at their door this month,” Hillmann said. “So, if they self-respond now, they will greatly reduce their chance of getting a knock at their door.”

She noted that nonresponse follow-up visits will begin Aug. 11 in Wyoming.

“That being said, some folks will still receive a knock from a census-taker even if they completed their questionnaire because we conduct a quality-assurance check at random households to verify response data and confirm we have counted everyone once, only once and in the right place,” Hillmann said.

The overall goal of the census, according to Hillmann, is to do just that, make sure everyone person in America is counted once, in their rightful place.

“Everyone matters and responding to the census helps communities get their fair share of federal funding. Census data guides how billions of dollars in funding gets distributed to states and communities each year and helps communities create jobs, providing housing, prepare for emergencies and build schools, roads and hospitals,” Hillmann said. “The census also helps determine how many seats a state receives in Congress and state and local

governments use the data to redraw boundaries for congressional districts, state legislative districts and school districts, adapting to population shifts.”

To receive more information on the census, visit 2020census.gov or by calling 844-330-2020. Also available over the phone is assistance with the questionnaire.

2020 Census Self-Response Rates as of July 31, 2020

Top 10 Counties

Laramie County 68.3%
Sheridan County 65.2%
Park County 64.4%
Natrona County 61.3%
Johnson County 61.1%
Washakie County 60.3%
Albany County 59.4%
Sweetwater County 58.8%
Goshen County 58.8%
Campbell County 57%

Top 10 Cities

Cheyenne 71.4%
Rolling Hills 70.9%
Bar Nunn 70.3%
Sheridan 69.5%
Green River 69.2%
Buffalo 69.1%
Powell 68.9%
Bear River 68%
Lander 67%
Cody 65.4%

Self-Response Rates as of Aug. 3

Wyoming 57.3%
Weston County 50.6%
Newcastle 55.2%
Upton 50.8%

SPECIAL ELECTION SECTION

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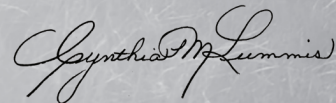
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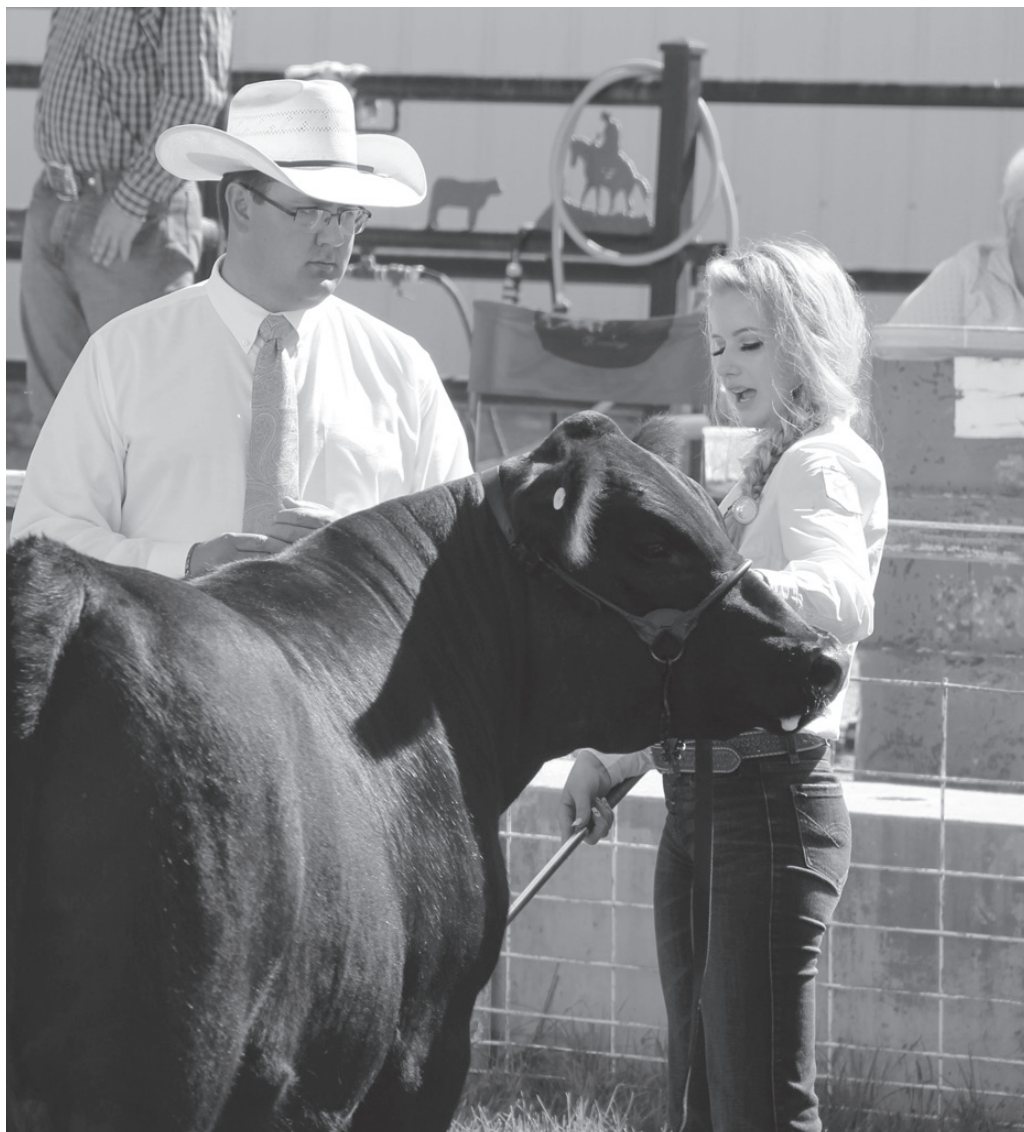
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Beef show



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Dylon Tidyman, above, makes sure his cow is all lined out before visiting with the judge during the producer portion of the beef show at the 2020 Weston County Fair last week. Below, Producer Sierra Checketts visits with judge Colby Hales during the beef show.



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Our View

Be an informed votert in 2020

Anyone who has voted before knows that making decisions while going over a ballot can be an overwhelming task, especially if the voter is uneducated and hasn't taken the time to get to know their candidate options.

The 2020 primary election is quickly approaching, and it's important for voters to be well educated on their candidates before hitting the voting booth.

As far as federal seats go, Republicans will choose between 10 candidates to fill the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by Sen. Mike Enzi, and another two candidates for the U.S. Representative seat currently held by Rep. Liz Cheney, who is rerunning. Republicans especially have a daunting task of researching the candidates' views, especially

with two out-of-staters unknown to local voters.

Democratic voters, on the other hand, will have six U.S. Senate candidates to pick from and another three candidates vying for the general election U.S. Representative seat.

State lawmakers have less of a battle heading into the primary with Rep. Hans Hunt running unopposed for the House District 2 seat and incumbent Rep. Tyler Lindholm facing one opponent, Chip Neiman, for the House District 1 seat.

These aren't the only races citizens should pay attention to. Local elected officials have more impact on the lives of Weston County residents on a daily basis, and it is crucial to research these candidates as well.

Weston County residents will choose between three candidates — incumbent Ed Wagoner, Don Taylor and Vera Huber — for the two Weston County Commission seats up for grabs. Commissioner Tracy Hunt has not filed to rerun for his seat on the commission.

Newcastle residents have two options for the mayoral seat left vacant by former Mayor Deb Piana. Both Councilman Don Steveson and Councilwoman Pam Gualtieri have filed and are running for mayor. Newcastle City Council candidates are Roger Hesper, Tom Voss, Michael Alexander and Darren Downs.

Running for Weston County District Court Clerk is Tina Cote, who filled the position when the late Gidget Macke passed earlier

this year, leaving that seat open.

Next week, residents will have two opportunities to consume as much information as possible about local, state and federal candidates. The Weston County Republican Party's candidate forum will be held on Aug. 12 at the Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center with a question and answer session open to the public at 7 p.m. The News Letter Journal election guide will publish on Aug. 13, and will feature questions and answers from the candidates. Candidates can also be reached through individual websites and Facebook pages (see ads throughout this newspaper and the Aug. 13 edition).

Don't forget to get out and vote on Aug. 18! Make your voices heard.

Letters to the Editor

Get us back to normal

To the Editor,
I'm writing to thank Gillian Sears for her articulate and timely letter in the July 30, 2020, edition of the *News Letter Journal*. This letter raises important questions, such as the continued push for policies that were supposed to last 30 days at most, and the slurring as murderers of anyone who dares to question these policies. It also presents compelling data for research-based health practices instead of following potentially politically-motivated, fear-based tactics.

I support her statements 100% and echo the encouragement to "get our

schools to reopen normally, get businesses back to full capacity and let us focus on living, instead of being obsessed with a virus we will be dealing with forever, just like the flu."

I would also offer an additional perspective on the consequences of this virus and ensuing policies long after the curve was flattened:

the mental, emotional, social, and spiritual toll that has arisen out of continued policies that brought life to a standstill, which current research is now questioning the effectiveness of anyway.

Depression, anxiety, stress, isolation, substance abuse, and a host of other issues are on the rise. No loss of life is ever trivial, and every COVID death is

a tragedy; however, COVID death and illness are no more tragic than other death and illness, yet the spectre of COVID seems to dominate the news, with very little consideration being given to deaths and illnesses due to the mental, emotional, social, and spiritual aftermath of continued shutdown in one form or another.

These issues need serious consideration as well, recognizing that health is so much more than disease prevention. Policies that strive to contain the virus, however well intentioned, that are not continually supported by data but by fear, are causing more damage than the actual virus.

As Ms. Sears so aptly pointed out, "life MUST continue" and we need policies that follow current data and respect individual's rights to their own healthcare decisions, balancing all the consequences of this pandemic.

I am proud to live in Weston County and call Newcastle my home. Let's continue to use common sense and follow science — they are not mutually exclusive!

— Leslie Patterson

Thanks for the memories

To the Editor,
I always enjoy reading the various sections of the *News Letter Journal*, but my all time favorite is Recapture. It is so interesting to read of day-to-day life in years past, especially when a familiar name comes up.

In the June 18 issue, 100 year section, was a short sentence about my uncle, Chuck Cattles, going fishing. Just to think of that old guy who was never seen in anything but his work bib overalls doing anything just for fun made me realize there

was a younger Uncle Chuck I never knew.

I sent the paper to his only grandchild that lives in Texas.

I also wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed that fabulous shot of the lightning bolt which appeared on the front page of the July 9 paper. The shot was incredible, just as the strike hit. What a wonderful mix of colors! Thank you.

Sincerely,
— Kari A. Clark,
Sutherlin, Ore.

Correction on my letter

To the Editor,
The first line of the second paragraph in my letter last week (two weeks ago) was accidentally misprinted. It should have read: "Absolutely nowhere, of course."

Thank you for printing this correction.
— Leonard Lang



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Be careful in how you vote in the primaries on Aug. 18

The primary election is just weeks away and even though this campaign season seems more subdued than those in past

years, it is no less important. As we all know, the primary election in Wyoming is often the more meaningful, as single-party dominance in many areas means that the nomination is often tantamount to election. As we decide who we will trust to make the decisions about our state and nation, we should remember what is important in choosing who to represent us.

Policy matters. As easy as it is to get caught up in personal narratives and questions about whether officials have the right demeanor, politics is about enacting policies. It is about making good choices about how we order our

society, spend our money, and hold one another accountable. That is not to say that candidate's character does not matter (it absolutely does), but we

often see good people with bad policies and bad people pushing for good policies. As we make our choices, we should not forget that policies matter and are the most important part of government. We should look for candidates with well-considered, conservative policies to support.

Character matters. Just as policy matters, character matters too. I have written before about people who I agree with politically that are unfit to hold office because they lack the character to serve. Character matters because the public must be able to trust our elected officials. If they lack the character required for us to trust they will do the right thing, it undermines our faith that our government is working for us. Character is also

important because our elected officials are a symbol of our society as a whole. For better or worse, we look to them as examples of how we should act and treat one another. If we elect officials without character, we are also making a statement about ourselves.

Solutions matter. Now is not the time for platitudes and vagueness. Our state has serious issues that will not wait before they must be addressed. Candidates who cannot say what they hope to do and how they will do it are probably not ready to be in elected office. Vagueness suggest one of two things: either the candidate has not put the work in to be prepared for the position they seek, or the candidate is running, not because they want to serve their community, but because they want the ego inflation that comes with the fancy title. When evaluating candidates, voters should be sure that they have something more to offer than vague platitudes. They should seek out candidates with actual proposals, and proposals that could work, before casting

their vote.

Beware the attackers. Lastly, as with almost every election, I am seeing attacks against candidates. I am not one of those who believes every negative advertisement is bad. There is a place for contrasting with a political opponent, and there is even a place for criticizing opponents, especially when they fail to meet one of the standards listed above. However, if the only reason you can articulate as to why you should be elected is an attack on the other candidate, you should not be in the race.

I see this most with candidates who attack the party "bonafides" of their opponents. If someone's primary argument for why they should be elected is that their opponent is "not a real Republican" or "not a real Democrat," they are probably not going to be an effective legislator. Legislation inherently involves finding solutions and compromise. The worst legislators are those that refuse to work with those they disagree with to find a solution and instead merely criticize

everyone else for failing to meet their litmus test.

This is not to say that legislators should not have principles. Rather, the opposite is true. However, legislators should also not let their desire for the perfect solution get in the way of progress toward their goals. Some do their own cause a disservice because they oppose incremental progress and instead hold out for their perfect piece of legislation, even though it may never come. Those that attack their political opponents as "not a real" Republican or Democrat typically fall into the mold of those who cannot effectively legislate or lead. We can and should do better than those types of candidates.

In sum, we need quality candidates, with solid, conservative policies, well thought out solutions, and good character to tackle the issues facing our state. We should avoid those without principles, without character, and without viable ideas on how to address the problems before us. It sounds simple, but it rarely is. Vote wisely.



Khale Lenhart
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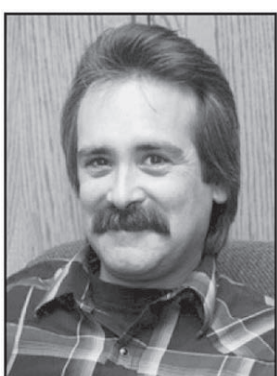
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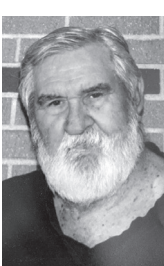
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CHARLES M. 'MAX' DABNEY
Aug. 18, 1934–July 20, 2020



Charles M. "Max" Danny, age 85, passed away on July 20, 2020. He was born Aug. 18, 1934, in Oklahoma. He is survived by his

wife, Judy, and step-grandson Justice of Newcastle. He was preceded in death by his step-son, Tully. In California he has four children by his first wife, Leona (now deceased), Charles, John, Christina, and Jim. He has seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and one on the way. Max was an U.S. Army Korean War veteran. He played

football for the army and was offered a football scholarship at Colorado State University. Max was an avid hunter, and loved his garden. Above all, he loved the Lord, and would spend hours in his library studying the Lord's word, for us our only hope. Please join the family of Ross J. Garman for a celebra-

tion of life service to be held on Sunday, Aug. 16, at 2 p.m. The service will be held outdoors at the ranch on Garman Road (Crook County Rd 157) near Miller Creek. Look for signs and balloons that day, marking the way. Valet parking and shuttle service provided. We will have square bale seating, but chair seating is limited so please bring a lawn chair if you want to comfortably sit and visit.

Birth

MIA JO SANDOVAL

Alonzo, Salina, and proud big brother Jaden welcomed with lots of love, Mia Jo Sandoval on April 18, 2020, at 5:36 p.m. She weighed 3 pounds, 5 ounces at birth and was 14 1/4 inches long. After spending 32 days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, she was able to come home and be with her family! She is healthy and happy!



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Preston Perino, his brother, Wade Perino, and Kerri Lambert branding during the Ranch Rodeo July 29 at the Weston County Fairgrounds.

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Daily Devotional Reading

- Aug. 7 Hosea 1:1–2:1
 - Aug. 8 Hosea 2:2–23
 - Aug. 9 Hosea 3:1–4:10
 - Aug. 10 Hosea 5:4–15
 - Aug. 11 Hosea 6:1–7:2
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 - Aug. 13 Hosea 9:17–10:15
- Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society*

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A PIECE OF HISTORY

25 Years Ago
August 10, 1995

Camp Wyoming was in full swing at Mallo Camp Aug. 2, with Girl Scouts present from all over the state when the water had to be temporarily shut off due to contamination. Scouts were told to empty their water bottles and not drink until bottled water arrived, which it did an hour later.

A Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp inmate was still at large Tuesday and authorities speculate he's out of the area.

Weston County Memorial Hospital and Manor recently purchased a pediatric CPR/Trauma care simulator and an Intraosseous simulator with training funds available through the Rural Health Care Transition Grant.

Cindy and Dave Harbor and son of Anderson, Ind., were Wednesday overnight guests of Lyndon and Lydia Childs.

Mina Ferguson returned to Carol Hanson's home in Gillette Saturday evening to continue her visit there. She had been visiting the Art Hagermans and enjoyed Fun Days.

The Tuck Legers attended the parade and barbecue in Upton Saturday. Cindy and

Troy Dysart and family spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Carl and Hazel Kuemmerle at the ranch.

Gene and Barb Hagerman had supper Sunday evening with Art and Alma Hagerman. The George Bondora family shopped in Gillette Saturday for school clothes.

Bernie Ruff, who had been staying with her mother, Ann Cummings, during the Fun Days activities, returned to her home in Dubois Thursday, July 20.

Arrilla Taylor came from Gillette Wednesday to have lunch with her sister, Jo Fulton, and to spend the day visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wright of Newcastle are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Marie Wright to Rick Wehri, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wehri of Hebron, N.D.

The Newcastle Cambria Lions Club has added to the improvements at the LAK recently with the addition of a new boat dock located next to the new boat ramp.

50 Years Ago
August 6, 1970

Weston County taxpayers residing in Newcastle, Upton,

school district seven and the old school district nine will be paying higher mill levies for 1970 taxes. Residents in district one, outside Newcastle, will be paying a lower mill levy.

Fred Stoecker has announced the leasing of the Auto Mart in Newcastle to Al Novak. Novak will operate the facilities as Novak Body and Paint and will also sell used cars.

Jimmy D. Ragland, forester on the Spearfish Ranger District of the Black Hills National Forest, is being promoted and reassigned to a similar position on the Elk Mountain Ranger District at Newcastle.

The Newcastle National Guard unit will have a muta-two drill on Sunday, Aug. 9. The drill will start at 7 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m.

The annual picnic of the Weston County Cowbells was held at Dow Park Tuesday, July 28, with 24 in attendance. Following lunch a quiz game was played using the names of flowers with Mrs. Tom Wright being the winter.

Mrs. Jerry Miller and daughter of Casper and Mrs. Art Taylor were social callers at the Felix Perino home Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Jay

Mayberry were shopping in Newcastle Friday morning.

Newcastle's Little League All-Stars returned from the State Tourney with 4th place again this year in a 12 team field.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hamilton and children of Skull Creek were among the many family members who enjoyed the Livingston picnic at the ranch south of Newcastle.

Mr. and Mrs. Garvus Roby and son, Tommy of Sundance were Sunday afternoon callers of the Royal Bock family.

Mrs. Helen Bock enjoyed a trip to Hill City with the Kenny Clyde family Friday and a picnic supper on Cold Creek Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Graves and son of Lusk were Sunday callers of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Willadson.

100 Years Ago
August 5, 1920

Frontier Days opened yesterday afternoon with a bang, full of excitement and thrills, with many good exhibitions of riding, roping, bull-dogging and the other interesting things to be seen during Frontier Days.

The ball game this morning between the Gushers and the high-salaried team from Rapid City was without question one of the best exhibitions of baseball playing seen in Newcastle in a good many days.

Mrs. R.E. Hulbert was shopping in our town Monday. Mrs. Andy Jurice and son John, were shopping in Cambria from their ranch on Plum creek Monday.

Mrs. Chas. Miller and her son-in-law, Mr. Nick Mittich passed through Cambria Monday from Newcastle, where they had been looking after business matters.

Mrs. Mauhn, formerly Mrs. Cooksey returned to Newcastle Monday after a week's sojourn at the Dowland home.

Mrs. W.W. Franklin spent Thursday night with her friend, Mrs. Jane White. Mrs. Lucretia White and little children returned from Henry, Nebr., last Friday, they report that vicinity as being very hot and glad to be in Cambria once more.

Quite a number of young people attended the dance given at the Jackson ranch on Cold Creek. The families of Westover and Router spent Sunday fishing on Cold creek.

L.R. Keys, one of the Stockade Beaver's prominent ranchmen and stockmen was a business visitor in the county capital Saturday.

We are pleased to state that Robert Junior, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Harper of Beaver creek, has fully recovered from his recent illness.

Last Saturday a Ford truck parked with the motor running on Main street, started across the street headed for the soda fountain in the Sprecher Pharmacy, but halted when it struck the high curb in front of the store.

Charles Miller and Mike Koski two of Horton's prominent ranchers were among business visitors to the county hub Tuesday.



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Weston County Meetings & Events Calendar

DAY/DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri Aug 7	5:30PM	BINGO	VFW Hall
	5-7PM	Newcastle Farmer's Market	Pinnacle Bank/4-Way
	7PM	Sprint Track Races	WC Fairgrounds
Sat Aug 8	7PM	Sprint Track Races	WC Fairgrounds
Mon Aug 10	6:30PM	WC Fair Board	Fairgrounds, WC Event Center
Tues Aug 11	10:30AM	Alzheimers/Dementia Support	WCHS shelter
	6PM	Weston County Humane Society Mtg	
	7-8PM	Alanon Meeting	Senior Center Family Room
Wed Aug 12	6:30-8:30AM	Wellness Wednesday	WCHS
	7PM	Candidate Forum	Newcastle Lodge Banquet Rm

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Aug. 8 Everett & Kim Dean ☺ Ray & Annette Hawk ☺ Steven Jarmin Kyle & Alyssa Kachelhoffer ☺ Jennifer Locke	Aug. 10 Dee Dee Hawk & Charles Bean ☺ Barb Dinges Rita Feist	Aug. 12 Colton & Brittany Cummings ☺ Jake Sylte
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For the Ages

News Letter Journal

Ghost sightings reported at Isabella's



Hannah Gross
NLJ Correspondent
With Leonard Cash

No one is exactly sure who or what roams the Isabella's building late at night, but one thing is sure: Many people claim to have seen or heard something, and rumor has it that it's a ghost. Because there have been many reports on strange happenings, including personal ones, historian Leonard Cash decided to end this seven-week installment of the "History on Main" series with the Isabella's resident "ghost."

Before sharing the stories from several community members regarding the ghost, Cash first talked with former owners Kenney and Debi McKee, who bought the building from Angilil Cregger on Aug. 8, 2003.

"Thanks to Leonard Nack at First State Bank, who pointed out the big blue building with the marshmallow roof, right outside his office window," said Debi, in an interview with Cash.

A local contractor was hired to fix the water-damaged roof

and convert the former studio and art gallery into a restaurant, which meant that the floor plan had to be redone. Kenney and his two sons aided the contractor, and on Feb. 1, 2004, Isabella's was opened.

"We didn't know if Newcastle was ready for salads made with mixed greens instead of iceberg lettuce and carrots, but we wanted to offer a menu that was something entirely new to the area — one of specialty salads, homemade soups, sandwiches, gourmet pizzas, pasta, and desserts, and let's not forget the homemade bread," Debi said.

Later, steaks, burgers and fries were added to the menu. The upstairs (which once housed the mortuary, along with other businesses) was used as a 1,200-square-foot apartment, and the other part was used for "small venues."

"It was quite an experience, since we had never ran a restaurant before. But due to a change in circumstances, it was time to turn over our baby to let it continue to grow," Debi said.

On Nov. 1, 2013, the restaurant was sold to Hattie Conley, who added a bar in the back of the building, and from the get-go, she noticed something was off.

Her dog, Jack, was uneasy on the first night. He jumped off the bed and started attacking something in an unexpected way. This made Conley think that someone had entered the building, but when she checked, nobody was there.

Conley also noted that many of the employees mentioned that it seemed "creepy" at night and "they regularly feel as



Photo courtesy of Weston County, Wyoming The First 100 Years

This photo depicts Newcastle Mortuary and Furniture store.

though there are presences."

For example, before the bar was opened, two teenage girls were walking down the hall leading to Conley's office and thought they saw someone. They screamed and quickly came back, afraid to go there alone. Whatever they saw was enough to convince them to travel that way only when using the buddy system.

In 2016, cameras with motion detectors were installed, and they've already detected some peculiar activity.

"They record small things regularly — in many cases,

when the motion detector goes off at night and I review the clip, ... there is nothing there. Sometimes you think you see a slight wave to the picture," Cash's notes with Hattie state. Cash also talked with several townspeople to gather their Isabella's ghost tales.

Karon Wieburg, an employee at the restaurant, also claims to have seen something.

"The history of the building is awesome. This building has served this town as many things. In doing so, I and others believe part of the past is still here with us," Wieburg

said. "We at Isabella's have a resident ghost that we have affectionately named Melvin. I personally have seen him on many occasions. He can be moody, but for the most part — very nice and easygoing."

But the sightings and rumors of ghosts started long before then. Cash said that when Bob Cregger still owned the building, one of the furnace installers had a strange encounter.

It all started when Cregger needed to put a new furnace on the second floor to keep the building from getting so cold. According to Cash, the installers had to go to the attic to hook up some stuff, and one particular man who went up came back down, vowing that was his last time going up there.

"He really looked peaked and would never go back in that attic again," Cash said. "He never would talk about it."

To this day, nobody knows what he saw because he wouldn't say why or give a reason, but it was enough to keep him from the attic, according to Cash.

"So there must have been something up there," Cash said.

Linda, Cash's wife, has a few ghost tales of her own. Although her store, Cashbox Ceramics, is now located across the street from the Antler's, the business started out in the Isabella's building.

Linda said that there was a light bulb hanging at the bottom of the stairs, and every night at 9:30 p.m. whenever they were still working there,

the light would shut off for a minute, then turn back on.

"That was our warning. We usually left. If we were still there at 10, it would go off and would not come back on," Linda said.

One particular evening, she had a late class, and after it was over, everyone was sitting and visiting. The light went off at 9:30 as usual, but they continued visiting.

"About 15 minutes later, a bag of recycling pop cans (that had been bagged up for a long time) came crashing down off of the table in the back room and came open and spewed pop cans the entire length of the hallway," Linda said.

That made everyone start getting ready to leave, but because it was such a nice, enjoyable night, they continued visiting some more.

"All of a sudden, one of the women there said, 'Oh! I am leaving now!' I said, 'What's up?' and she was sitting very still. She said, 'Look at the chair next to me.' There was a perfect behind impression on the chair seat. We all left," Linda said.

Another time, Linda and her daughter, Annette Koester, were working, when Annette's husband came back from the bathroom and sarcastically said, "Nice. Thanks, ladies," because the light for the bathroom (which was on the outside) had shut off and the door locked, so he thought they had pulled a prank on him.

"We had no idea what he was talking about. He said we had turned off the light and locked him in. We didn't — really!" Linda said.

On a different night, Linda sent her son-in-law to fetch an airbrush. This time, when he came back, he looked as if he had seen a ghost — and maybe he had. As he was locking the door after retrieving the brush, he looked up and claims to have seen a cowboy just standing there watching him on the other side of the door's glass window.

"Many times, I would come in in the morning to find a row of ceramics all lined up down the middle of the aisle. Just playful. Never anything broken, just moved," Linda said.

So the mystery remains of what caused these curious events. But, to this day, Isabella's is still operated as a bar and grill restaurant, so maybe if you're lucky, you can see for yourself who this mysterious "ghost" is.

And that finishes up the history of the Isabella's building. Next week, Cash will begin his discussion on the A.M. Nichols Supply Co. on lots 4 through 6.

BLAST FROM THE PAST



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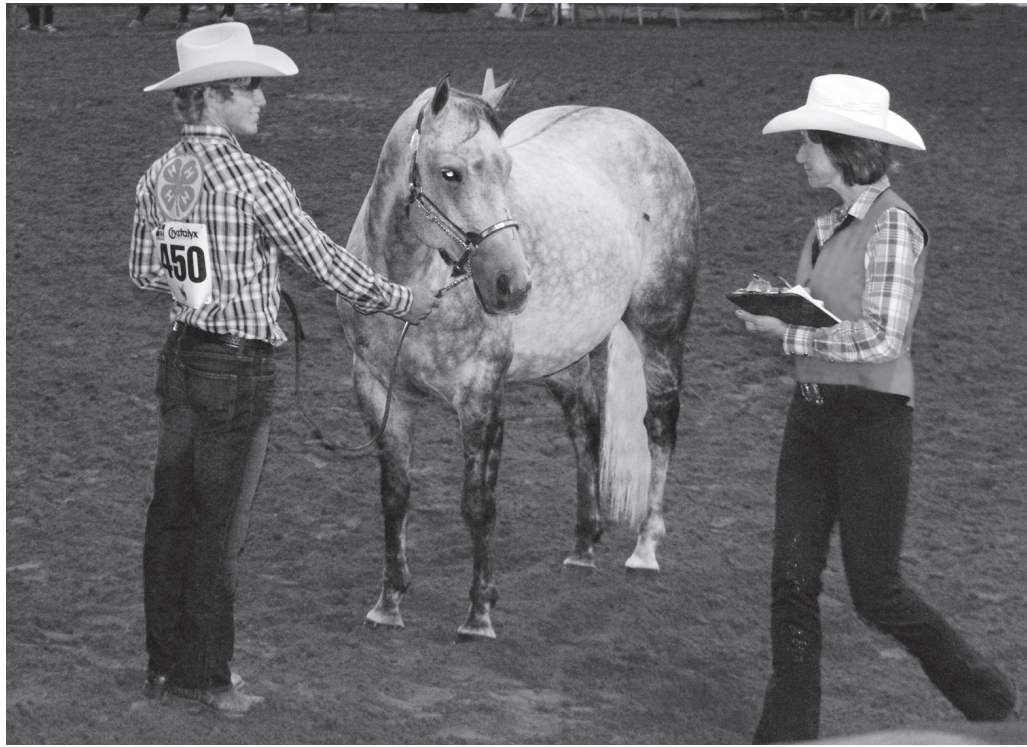
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On July 26, the Junior Horse Show took center stage in the Four Season Indoor Arena at the Weston County Fairgrounds. The speed events took place on July 27 in the arena in front of the grandstands. Above, Jacob Rhoades, in the Senior Division, presents his gray for judging in the FSA. Below, Brook Martel-Achterhof displays her English riding skills to the judges in the FSA.



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proposals to the SLIB board after the WCHS board of trustees approved the projects.

“The first project would be adding an isolation room, or negative pressure room. We currently have one, and this would be thinking about what we would go through if we have people we needed to segregate and isolate,” Cadwell said. “This actually has a minimal cost because of the remodel and would involve altering the HVAC system of those rooms.”

Updating the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning for those rooms would cost about \$62,000, the facility’s executive assistant Denice Pisciotti reported.

WCHS has also requested \$868,666 to upgrade the HVAC system in the Weston County Manor’s older rooms. Cadwell said that these rooms were not done during the recently completed upgrade and remodel to the facility.

“Right now, these rooms have the air systems, but this would upgrade the system and improve the air quality in the nursing home. Hopefully these upgrades would disallow the movement of viruses and other airborne containments,” Cadwell said.

In addition to this Manor project, the facility applied for \$9 million for what Cadwell called “a wish more than anything.”

“This would look into changing all of the rooms in the Manor to private by building a separate structure to the west of us. This building would create approximately 24 additional rooms for the nursing home,” Cadwell said. “This would be a separate building but allow for all Manor rooms to be private.”

She noted that this wish is something the board is not banking on receiving, but something they figured they might as well try for.

Last, but not least, WCHS applied for \$265,000

in grants to upgrade the basement for overflow beds in the case of an increase in patients.

“We are looking at remodeling the old kitchen space in the basement to be used for overflow of hospital patients. This would increase our beds by six, the room would be open and the beds would be separated by curtains,” she said.

According to Cadwell, the project would involve piping in oxygen to allow for support-type services. Updates to the sprinkler system and bathrooms would also be needed.

“This would not require a significant amount of spending, but there would be some remodel involved,” Cadwell said.

Cadwell noted that the \$10,195,666 in requests is an addition to the \$4,024,739 the facility has already received in CARES Act funds. The money has been used by the facility to pay for things directly associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We’ve gotten CARES money that is in our bank account. We have basically been accounting for staff time in preparation of the pandemic, working with the patients and residents to ensure they are taken care of and doing everything we can to treat this,” Cadwell said. “We are accounting for that time, above and beyond our normal duties, and purchasing things like personal protective equipment and other supplies.”

She stated that the money has been set aside but is being used by the facility.

“So far, we have probably spent around \$2.7 million of that in staff time and other supply purchases,” Cadwell said.

At the time of publication, an answer on the grant requests had not been received by Weston County Health Services. Cadwell said that the SLIB board meets on Aug. 6 and the facility should receive an answer that day.



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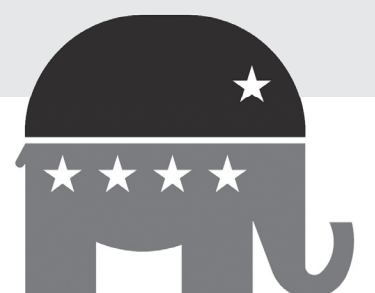
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Honor Camp

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in Torrington, Wyoming Honor Farm in Riverton and the Wyoming State Penitentiary in Rawlins.

According to the Aug. 3 release, before testing at the WHCC, a total of 2,122 tests had been conducted.

"As previously reported, there were 24 positive test

results from the Wyoming State Penitentiary's round of testing (15 inmates, 2 staff and 7 contract staff). Those individuals are currently in recovery," the release said. "There were no positive test results reported from the Wyoming Honor Farm's round of testing."

According to the release,

935 tests were performed at the Torrington facility, with two positive results among staff and one in the contract health care staff population.

Results for the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp and Boot Camp testing will be released as soon as the department is informed of the results.

Fires

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natural caused and 43.35 for human caused."

Less than a month ago, Tysdal had reported that seven natural-caused fires burned 46.55 acres, while 15 human-caused wildland fires burned 15.93 acres.

"As we progress through summer, I would expect these numbers to continue to increase

unless our current hot, dry and windy weather pattern changes," Tysdal said.

In the past 10 years, Weston County has had a total of 477 fires, of those, 249 were natural-caused fires and 228 were human-caused fires. These fires resulted in the destruction of 95,706.3 acres.

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Will there be fans?

Last week, the Wyoming High School Activities Association released information on the fast approaching fall sports seasons.

In their announcement, the WHSAA has made the decision to move forward with the fall seasons of football, volleyball, cross country and girl's swimming, and I have to be honest and say that I am very happy to hear this news.

After losing out on the end of basketball last spring, and having soccer and track cancelled altogether, I've been so hoping that the kids would be able to get back on the field/court this fall, but after watching professional and college sports also shut down, I have to admit that I was nervous.

Now that those nervous thoughts have been put to rest, I'm getting excited for what this 2020 season will bring, and as I look forward to sports getting underway in a few short weeks, I have turned to wondering what their competitions are going to look like.

Will other schools in the conference also decide to get their seasons underway? Will fans be able to attend the games?

The WHSAA has apparently made comprehensive plans for several possible scenarios given the very different situations the fall sports present, and for sure there is a lot for them to consider. With practices beginning in less than two weeks, it was vital that they line out the regulations and expectations for each sport, but they have yet to make an official announcement regarding whether or not there can be fans in the stands to support the teams.

As Dogie football head coach Matt Conzelman said in an interview on Sunday, if it comes down to not being able to play if there are fans, but they can without, they will play without. However, he also admitted that the Dogie Nation in the stands are also the team's 12th man, and they will miss them if they are not there to support them.

With the first competitions

— See **Karpe**, Page 10



Sonja Karp
Karpe Dogie

NHS fall sports set to begin

Sonja Karp
NLJ Sports Editor

The void that was left when high school sports were cancelled last spring is about to be filled. The Coronavirus has wreaked havoc on pretty much every aspect of life in the last five months, and as the summer has progressed, big questions regarding what the fall would bring as far as school and sports have lingered over many people's heads.

The Weston County School District #1 has made the determination to begin the 2020-2021 school year face-to-face with students in the classroom, and at the 11th hour, the Wyoming High School Activities Association (WHSAA) announced last week they were giving the green light for schools to begin the fall sports seasons as

scheduled.

As such, the Dogies will get started with preseason practice in less than two weeks. The football boys will be working hard at getting in shape, the volleyball girls will be working on their ball handling skills, the cross country team will be seen riding their bikes to the canyon as they prepare for their first meet, and the ladies will be diving into the pool.

While the coaches for each sport at NHS have expressed relief and excitement that their seasons are a go, there are still some questions regarding what those seasons will look like as contests get underway.

"It's definitely going to look a little different, but let's see what happens", head football coach Matt Conzelman exclaimed. "It's very exciting now that the state has given us a go."

The WHSAA board has had a busy few weeks as they hammered out the details of how to progress into the fall sports contests while abiding by health regulations and social distancing and cleanliness protocols.

"For us, it's been a little easier due to the nature of the sport," cross country head coach Kathy Beehler began. "There's not much of anything for physical contact and it's outside so there may be a little less opportunity for transmission. It was great to finally get the green light from WHSAA."

Some changes that will take place for football this year include sanitizing the ball throughout the game, players will need to mask up and social distance when not in play, the pregame conference is limited to officials and one team representative and there

are to be no handshakes before or after the contest.

"We're taking precautions and working through some new procedures, probably a little bit over what the state is mandating," Conzelman explained. "We're going to try to get everyone in gloves because we think that might be a little easier to sanitize, and we're also looking at face shields to cover the lower part of the face masks. We'll also have gators that they can pull up over their faces when they aren't playing."

For cross country, the WHSAA is limiting meets to four teams if schools are large, or maybe a few more if the meet is made up of small schools. The contests will also have staggered starts and finishes to limit the number of athletes in one area at once, and they will also forgo

handshakes between individuals. For Newcastle, that does present some challenges as many of their meets take place in South Dakota which does not have those limitations in place.

"We could do virtual meets where we put our times up against people," Beehler suggested. "You are always racing yourself and the clock so we're in a little better situation than other team sports."

In the works right now is the possibility that Newcastle will host a couple of home meets this year when it usually just hosts the first of the year at Mallo. In order to make up for some of the lost South Dakota contests, the golf course has offered their venue in order to give the athletes the opportunity to compete.

— See **Sports**, Page 11



Jr. Rodeo

The 2020 Weston County Fair Jr. Rodeo took place on Saturday at the fairgrounds, with numerous events to let youth show off their skills and compete for awards. Callan Smith chases down his steer during the roping event on Saturday.

Schools prepare for face-to-face learning

Alexis Barker
NLJ News Editor

The question everyone has asked since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in Wyoming began is this: Will schools be able to open regularly for the 2020-21 school year and will the students have to wear masks?

The answer for Weston County School District No. 1, according to Superintendent Brad LaCroix, is hopefully and occasionally.

"We plan to start in Tier 1, but we have to have plans for all three tiers

ready to go in case we get notified that we (the district) need to move into another category," LaCroix said.

Within the Tier 1 plan, students will need to wear a mask in listed locations, including hallways, buses and bathrooms between classes.

"I would like to provide as much clarity as possible regarding the district's position on social distancing and the wearing of masks if we are indeed able to fully open under a Tier 1 plan this month," LaCroix said in a letter to district staff.

In the letter, teachers and staff are

told to recognize when maintaining 6 feet of social distancing is not possible, they ask that a mask be worn in those cases, realize that different health and mental stressors exist for different people, remember that masks don't have to be worn at all times and to respect each other and their different beliefs. He adds that district staff need to understand that they have a responsibility to care for each other and themselves if the schools hope to return safely.

— See **Schools**, Page 10

"We have to have a better way to do the online stuff than how we ended the school year. The district will make plans with better ways of delivering the education that is maybe more 'user friendly'."

— Brad LaCroix,
WCSD #1 Superintendent

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Harder than it looks




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John Sandrini helps Colby Rich secure his goat during the catch-a-goat event, held prior to the 2020 Youth Livestock Sale at the Weston County Fair Friday.

Schools

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According to the July 1 Smart Start guidance document from the Wyoming Department of Education, school districts across the state will be required to have three different plans submitted to the department for approval before the start of the new school year.

Tier 1 is the goal for the district, LaCroix said. This would entail face-to-face teaching, with precautions designed to prevent the spread of the coronavirus through students and staff.

"We want to work with you all to make the return to school as comfortable as possible, so we can truly celebrate being reunited with our students and again experiencing the joy of helping them grow," LaCroix said in the letter, adding that he would like them all to fill out a survey on what they think are the best options moving forward and any concerns.

"I am also asking all of you to embrace the opportunity we have to offer outdoor learning this fall. For the first six to eight weeks of school, the weather will be nice enough to move your classes outdoors on the majority of days to further limit the potential for COVID-19 transmission,"

LaCroix said in the letter.

Each school's "expansive grounds" provide ample space for numerous outdoor learning pods, he said. LaCroix added that he hopes the community can rally together to secure canopies, tents and other coverings to shelter students during outdoor learning.

"In addition to offering a safer alternative, the chance to offer unique outdoor experiences could provide a new and exciting learning opportunity for our students," LaCroix said.

In preparing for the possibility of a positive test or outbreak within the district, LaCroix said, the staff needs to be prepared to adjust throughout the different tiers. He noted that the students also need to be prepared for the possibility of either remote learning or a mix of remote and on-site learning.

LaCroix asked the staff in the letter to prepare a plan outlining how to best accomplish those shifts from in-person to online learning, potentially on very short notice.

According to LaCroix, the Tier 2 plan will address more of these potential health and safety protocols, with plans for small groups and potential mixed-delivery education.

"This plan will be for if the health officials say we cannot be in large groups at any building, whether it is 250 or 500 in a school," LaCroix said.

Tier 3, which each district must also prepare for, is the one that no one wants to use, according to LaCroix. Tier 3 is the plan for complete closure of schools and remote learning.

"We have to have a better way to do the online stuff than how we ended the school year. The district will make plans with better ways of delivering the education that is maybe more 'user friendly,'" LaCroix said. "We hope we don't have to go back to that. Everyone worked hard, and I applaud everyone involved. But, in my opinion, that is not what any of us signed up for and I don't think we do it well ... If that is what people wanted, they would have done online schooling before that."

Any patrons with questions or concerns are encouraged to email LaCroix at lacroixb@wcsd1.org or give the district office a call at 746-4451.

School is currently scheduled to begin Aug. 26. LaCroix said the district will do everything possible to keep students, parents and staff informed as plans develop.

Karpe

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a little over four weeks away, the WHSAA has a bit of time to map out regulations regarding attendance at competitions, and I hope that there will be a way to at least allow parents/families the ability to watch their kids compete.

I remember hating every time I had a kid who was participating in an event that I could not attend, so to have to miss an entire season would be excruciating.

However, I also know that I would rather them have the ability to play without me than have to sit out without me there.

And in Newcastle, we are blessed with the technology to allow fans to watch the games on their computers via the awesome cameras installed in both the Dogie Dome and the middle school gyms, as well as the football field

(which is a new camera expected to be installed prior to the first contest).

I expect that the WHSAA will allow spectators into contests, but that there will be requirements and regulations for those who attend, including social distancing and mask wearing.

My hope is that fans can be present and will comply with whatever requirements they meet at each contest. Though we may not like the idea of wearing masks, I guess I'd rather mask up and be able to cheer on our Dogies than be turned away because I don't want to wear one.

The Coronavirus is here to stay and I fervently hope that we can avoid having to cancel sports again, so I know that I will do whatever is asked of me to make sure that the kids can play.



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Sports from Page 1

“The golf course has been so supportive and has generously offered to allow us to host meets. The board understands that this is a difficult time and they are doing everything they can to help us be successful,” Beehler beamed. “Our town has always been really good about pulling together to help each other out and I am so thankful that we have the community members that will go above and beyond to do whatever they can to help. It really warms my heart that when things get overwhelming, people just want to help.”

Volleyball and girls swimming will also be seeing some changes to the status quo as they get ready to begin their seasons.

A few of the requirements that will be of consequence for swimmers will be that warmups will likely be extended to allow for one swimmer per lane, relay teams must social distance between legs of the relay, and lane assignments will be given based

on teams rather than times. Home teams will swim in lanes 1-3 and visitors in lanes 4-6, and no hand shakes between teams.

Keeley Anderson is taking over as head coach of the Lady Dogies after former head coach Jenny Willard relocated from Newcastle, and in her first year will be facing a new frontier in volleyball.

Like other sports, there will be some changes this season which include teams not switching sides throughout the contest and there will be no pre contest meeting with a coin toss. In lieu of that, the visiting team will get first serve and then the serve will alternate as per usual. If it comes to a deciding set, officials and one team captain will meet at center court and will maintain social distancing protocol, and no pregame or postgame handshakes are allowed.

“I’m glad we get to have the season, because I know the girls were worried,” Anderson admitted. “We’re going to have

some different things this year, but just having a season is exciting. All the other stuff is just what we have to do to get to play.”

Like cross country, scheduling is a little up in the air for the netters as the big tournaments will not be held this year. The Lady Dogies typically attend tournaments the first three weeks of the season, but since those are no longer an option, Anderson is hoping to see some duals scheduled to give her team the chance to compete.

On Tuesday, NHS activities director Mike Gregory attended a scheduling meeting in Casper and stated that he would have revised schedules ready by the beginning of next week.

Though there remains quite a bit that is unknown, and everyone is aware that situations may change quickly as the year progresses, all involved are excited to get to work on Aug. 17.

Who can I trust?

I just received a political flyer informing us of how Rep. Tyler Lindholm protects traditional marriage by voting against HB212/2017, which promoted gender-neutral language. He did, in November, in a room full of voters who were speaking against the legislation here in Sundance, Wyo. But, just nine months earlier as he sat amongst his peers in Cheyenne he not only supported the legislation as vice chairman of his committee but he also amended Page 3-line 12, “Strike ‘husband or wife’ and insert ‘spouse.’” I want someone who is the same person in Cheyenne as they are in House District 1.

He claims to defend religious freedom by supporting HB83/2015. Just look at the bill, under amendments you’ll find his alteration before supporting it, “(c)Nothing in this act shall be construed to allow or authorize a government employee or official from refusing to perform any of the duties or responsibilities which are required of that person’s position or office, regardless of the person’s religious or moral objections.” LINDHOLM, SOMMERS.

Apparently, if you want the freedom of religion and moral conscience you can’t be a government worker. The original sponsor of this bill withdrew his support and the Senate did not pass this bill, after Representative Lindholm and Sommers amendment. It actually restricted one’s constitutional rights based on their employment! Where might that end?

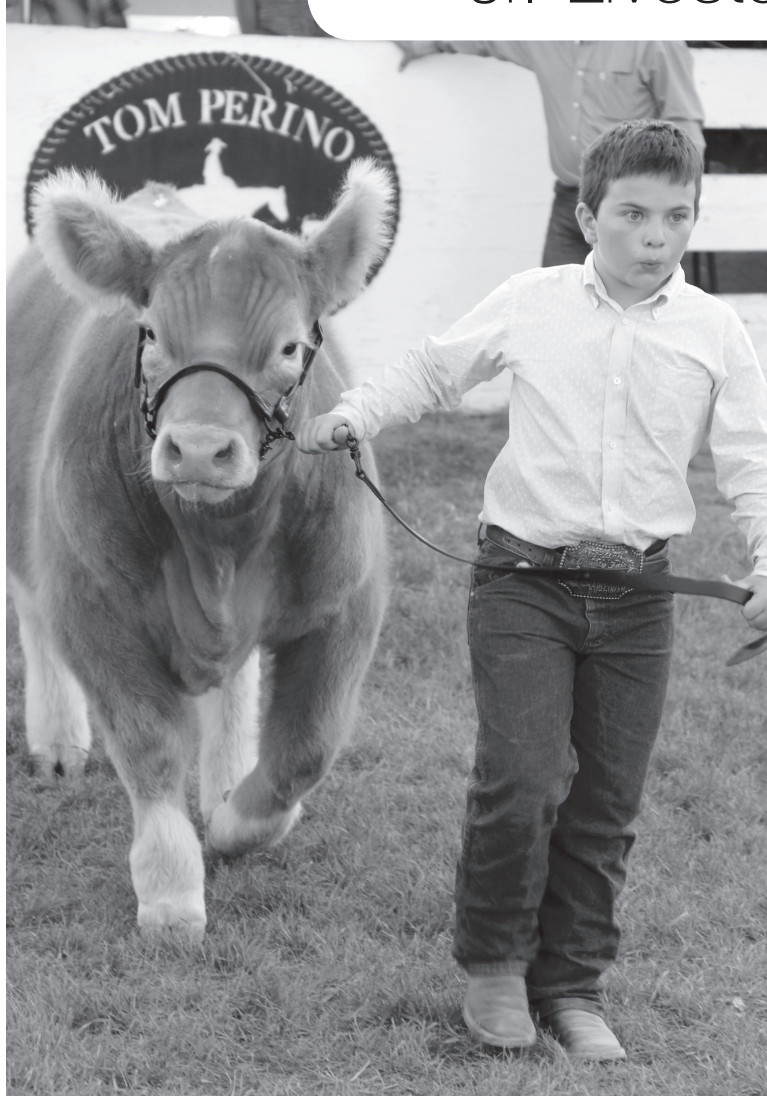
Unfortunately, the statements on this political flyer are deceptive. I do not like playing detective. I want someone I can trust. Vote for Chip Neiman Aug. 18th. Please research these truths for yourself on wyoleg.gov.

— Sherri Davis

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Jr. Livestock Sale



Olivia Mills, top, got her sheep all dressed up and ready to cheer with her in the sale ring at the 2020 Youth Livestock Sale at the Weston County Fair Friday. Above, Christopher Fullerton shows off one of his Grand Champion chickens. Below, Ridge Checketts attempts to drag his beef through the sale ring. At left, Vincent Stanton shows off his well-groomed beef that is going to represent Weston County at the 2020 Wyoming State Fair.

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FOR THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE – WELL HOUSE #5 AND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

The Department of Environmental Quality/Water Quality Division (DEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed City of Newcastle Well House #5 and Water Supply System project in accordance with EPA and State of Wyoming procedures for implementing the State Environmental Review Process. DEQ has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, DEQ is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under the State Environmental Review Process. Neither an Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact nor an Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision will be required for the proposed action. The following is a brief description of the situation and the proposed action and a brief statement of how the action meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion.

This project will tie the recently drilled Newcastle No. 5 Well into the existing Newcastle well collection system. Groundwater from the No. 5 well will flow under artesian pressure to the existing pump station to be distributed to the users in Newcastle and/or to their storage facilities. Additionally, two existing old Transite collection lines from the No. 1 Well and No. 4 Well will be abandoned in place and replaced with PVC pipe. By combining the flows from No. 5 Well and No. 4 Well, the City will be able to match to production from No. 1 Well, allowing it to be taken off line for a significant period of time. Based on current estimates, the City of Newcastle plans to borrow \$705,680 from the

Wyoming Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund at 2.5% Interest for 30 years or a payment of \$16,857.80 per year for 30 years. The expense of repayment of the loan was already figured into the current Water rates.

The City of Newcastle is aware of and accepts the fact that they will be responsible for any required mitigative actions associated with and including storm water runoff, erosion control, archeological/historic artifacts, and air quality concerns. These will be part of the standard State Revolving Funds Program contract conditions.

DEQ is granting an exclusion because the project consists of a minor expansion to an existing system near existing infrastructure and the project involves minor construction of ancillary facilities adjacent to and within existing facilities and on the same property. This project will be completely constructed in previously disturbed ground, specifically the No. 5 well site area, the existing access road to the No. 5 Well and the existing City Streets and Water Utilities yard area. DEQ has determined that exempting the proposed project from further review under the State Environmental Review Process will not result in adverse impacts to the population or the area of Newcastle and Weston County, Wyoming.

The documentation to support this decision will be on file in the DEQ Cheyenne Office and is available for public scrutiny upon request. Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Stan Miller, SRF Project Engineer, DEQ Cheyenne Office, 200 W. 17th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002, telephone (307) 777-5973, email stanley.miller@wyo.gov

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT WITH CONTRACTOR ON PUBLIC WORKS

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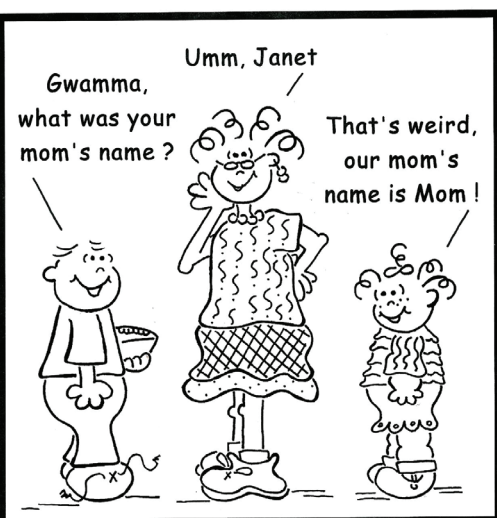
Upon the forty-first (41st) day after the first publication of this notice, which day is the 8th day of September, 2020, the State of Wyoming, Wyoming Game and Fish Commission will pay to the contractor the full amount due under the contract.

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Meeting Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE SWEETWATER IMPROVEMENT & SERVICE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting for Sweetwater Improvement & Service District has been changed to Tuesday, August 11 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at 92 Breakneck Road.

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JULY, 2020**

The Weston County Children's Center/Region III announces its participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, which provides reimbursement for nutritious meals and snacks served to young children in child care centers and head start programs. The goals of the CACFP are to teach good eating habits and assure that well-balanced, nourishing meals are served to children. The same meals will be made available to all enrolled children at no separate charge regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability, and there is no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Following are the Income Eligibility Guidelines, which are to determine if participants qualify for reimbursement. These guidelines are in effect from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
(Effective from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021)**

Household Size	FREE MEALS -- 130%					REDUCED PRICE MEALS -- 185%				
	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Every Two Weeks	Twice a Month	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Every Two Weeks	Twice a Month
1	\$16,588	\$1,383	\$319	\$638	\$692	\$23,606	\$1,968	\$454	\$908	\$984
2	\$22,412	\$1,868	\$431	\$862	\$934	\$31,894	\$2,658	\$614	\$1,227	\$1,329
3	\$28,236	\$2,353	\$543	\$1,086	\$1,177	\$40,182	\$3,349	\$773	\$1,546	\$1,675
4	\$34,060	\$2,839	\$655	\$1,310	\$1,420	\$48,470	\$4,040	\$933	\$1,865	\$2,020
5	\$39,884	\$3,324	\$767	\$1,534	\$1,662	\$56,758	\$4,730	\$1,092	\$2,183	\$2,365
6	\$45,708	\$3,809	\$879	\$1,758	\$1,905	\$65,046	\$5,421	\$1,251	\$2,502	\$2,711
7	\$51,532	\$4,295	\$991	\$1,982	\$2,148	\$73,334	\$6,112	\$1,411	\$2,821	\$3,056
8	\$57,356	\$4,780	\$1,103	\$2,206	\$2,390	\$81,622	\$6,802	\$1,570	\$3,140	\$3,401
For each additional family member, ADD	\$5,824	\$486	\$112	\$224	\$243	\$8,288	\$691	\$160	\$319	\$346

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. The household may now be eligible for benefits if the household's income is at or below the levels shown.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for purposes of determining eligibility and verifying data unless specific written consent is given.

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(Publish August 6, 2020)

Legal Notice

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated 07/31/2014 executed and delivered by George R. Locke to Quicken Loans Inc. and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by George R. Locke, an unmarried man (the "Mortgagor"), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., and which Mortgage was recorded on 08/14/2014, as Instrument No. 753772 Book: 353 Page: 0703 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Quicken Loans Inc.
Assignment dated: 03/18/2020
Assignment recorded: 03/24/2020
Assignment recording information:
Instrument No. 767568 Book: 390 Page: 109
All in the records of the County clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Weston County, Wyoming.

WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagor declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$68,329.18 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$65,181.84 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$2,138.76 plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the

date of first publication of this notice of sale; WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid;

NOW, THEREFORE Quicken Loans, LLC, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Weston County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 AM o'clock in the forenoon on 09/01/2020 at the located at Weston County Courthouse, 1 West Main, Newcastle, Wyoming, Weston County for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF WESTON, STATE OF Wyoming, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THE SOUTH 75 FEET OF LOT 24 OF THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT 10 OF THE NE1/4NE1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 48 NORTH, RANGE 65 WEST, SOMETIMES KNOWN AS OGDEN'S RESERVATION TO THE TOWN OF UPTON, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING.

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(Publish: July 23 and 30, August 6 and 13, 2020)

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON VARIANCE REQUEST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Amanda Bench has requested a variance with the City of Newcastle Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment. Ms. Bench requests a variance to allow for signage to be placed upon the addresses of 510 S. Seneca, Newcastle, Wyoming and 514 S. Seneca, Newcastle, Wyoming for the purposes of operating an overnight lodging establishment. Pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Newcastle, Wyoming, the requested signage is generally not permitted at these zoning addresses, as they are located in an R-2 Zoning District.

ALSO TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the requested variance will occur on August 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in front of the City of Newcastle, Wyoming Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment at the City of Newcastle, Wyoming City Chambers, located at 10 W. Warwick, Newcastle, Wyoming 82701.

DATED this 3rd day of August, 2020.
Michael Moore
City of Newcastle, Wyoming Engineer
10 W. Warwick
Newcastle, Wyoming 82701

(Publish August 6, 2020)

Public Notice

**BLACK HILLS ENERGY
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given of the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (Black Hills or the Company) for approval of its Energy Efficiency Programs, Tariff, and Cost Recovery Mechanism.

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

Black Hills filed its Application on June 25, 2020, requesting approval of Energy Efficiency Programs, Tariff, and a Cost Recovery Mechanism. The Application was filed pursuant to the general rate cast in Docket No. 30026-2-GR-19 (Record No. 15267) and sections of BH Wyoming Gas P.S.C. Tariff No. 2, Original Sheet Nos. 30 through 30.8.

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before August 19, 2020. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 30026-27-GT-20 (Record No. 15549) in your communications.

Dated: July 29, 2020

(Publish August 6 and 13, 2020)

Public Notice

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE:**

In accordance with Chapter 6, Section 2(m) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations, notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, proposes to approve a request by Wyoming Refining Company to modify the Newcastle Refinery with the authorization to bring in rail-cars of crude oil and off-load the oil into tank trucks for transfer into the refinery's main crude oil tank (Tank 102/TNK013). The Newcastle Refinery is located at 740 West Main in Newcastle, in Weston County, Wyoming.

For the duration of the public comment period, the permit application, the agency's analysis, and the public notice are available for public inspection online at <https://openair.wyo.gov>, utilizing facility ID F000980 and permit number P0027796 under permits. Additionally, during the state of emergency declared by Governor Gordon on March 13, 2020, if you have questions about or need assistance accessing the materials, please contact Nancy Vehr, Air Quality Division Administrator,

Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, by fax at 307-635-1784, via phone at 307-777-3746, or via email at Nancy.vehr1@wyo.gov. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternate formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

Written comments may be directed to Nancy Vehr, Administrator, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, 200 West 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 or by fax (307) 635-1784. Please reference A0010721 in your comment. Comments submitted by email will not be included in the administrative record. All comments received by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2020 will be considered in the final determination on this application. A public hearing will be conducted only if in the opinion of the administrator sufficient interest is generated or if an aggrieved party so requests. For the duration of the state of emergency declared by Governor Gordon on March 13, 2020, public hearings will be conducted telephonically. Para español, visite deq.wyoming.gov.

(Publish August 6, 2020)

Police Blotter

July 26
Welfare Check Requested. Traffic Complaint. Suspicious Activity Reported. Probation Violation, Arrest Made. Fire Alarm Reported. Report of a Dog at Large, Verbal Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Injured Deer Reported. Open Container Reported.

July 27
Injured Deer Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. VIN Inspection Requested. Civil Issue Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. Suspicious Activity Reported. Missing Animal Reported. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. VIN Inspection Requested. 911 Misdiagnosis. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Hit and Run Accident REported.

July 28
Welfare Check Requested. Commercial Burglar Alarm Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Dead Deer on Highway Reported. Welfare Check Requested. 911 Misdiagnosis. Report of a Dog at Large. VIN Inspection Requested. Warrant Arrest Made. Child Neglect Reported. Abandoned 911. Traffic Complaint. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. 911 Misdiagnosis.

July 29
Civil Issue Reported. Assist Other Agency.

Report of a Missing Dog, Report of a Found Dog. Child Neglect Reported. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. VIN Inspection Requested. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Assist Other Agency. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued.

July 30
Suspicious Activity Reported. Suspended Driver Reported. Commercial Burglar Alarm Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. Minor Vehicle Accident Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Motorist Assist. Public Assist Requested. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. 911 Misdiagnosis.

July 31
Medical Assist. Suicidal Subject Reported. Theft Reported. VIN Inspection Requested. VIN Inspection Requested. Medical Assist. 911 Misdiagnosis. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued.

Suspicious Person Reported. Drunk Driver Reported. Traffic Complaint Reported. Traffic Stop, Verbal Warning Issued.

August 1
Commercial Burglar Alarm Reported. Federal Escort Requested. Trespassing Reported. Report of a Dog at Large. Medical Assist. Assist Other Agency. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. Report of Found Property. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. Residential Burglar Alarm Reported. Traffic Stop, Written Warning Issued. 911 Pocket Dial. Traffic Stop, Citation Issued. 911 Misdiagnosis. Suspicious Person Reported.



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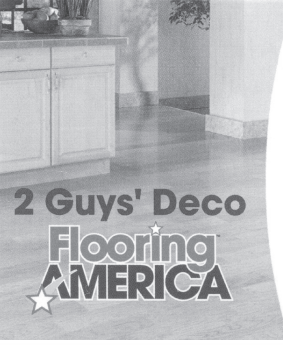
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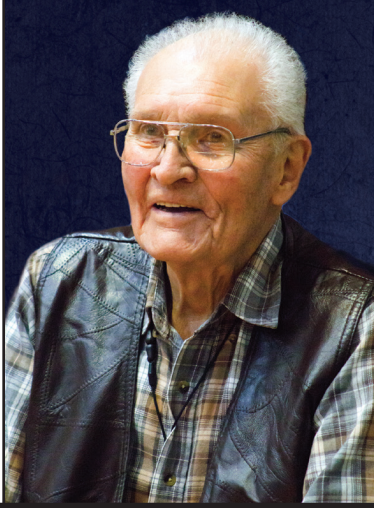



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Dr. Willis M. Franz will be 100 years old on Aug. 14, 2020

Celebration gathering to be held later

Here's lookin' at you, kid



On July 29 the Weston County Children's Center Region III brought the kids out to see the animals at the Weston County Fairgrounds. The children laughed, and talked to the animals, and generally had a great time interacting with creatures many of them don't get to normally. Above, an inquisitive pig gets admired.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Wyoming Department of Transportation
State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

The STIP is the backbone of WYDOT's work flow. This meeting will provide a snapshot of projects scheduled for Weston County over the next six years. Please join us to learn more about improvements in your community.

Weston County STIP Presentation
Thursday, August 6
2:30—3:30 PM
Newcastle Lodge & Convention Center
22918 US-85

Social distancing protocols will be encouraged

For More Information—Contact: Laura Dalles, Public Involvement Specialist
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Zoning and Planning Board Vacancy

The City of Newcastle Planning and Zoning Board has a vacancy for (1) One Board Member for a (3) three-year term. Board member must be a resident of the city of Newcastle and be available for monthly meetings, special meetings and public hearings as may be necessary. Interested persons may stop into City Hall at 10 W Warwick for an application and submit it to the Mayor's Office, at 10 W Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701

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Scholarship to wear a mask not the right direction

I am alarmed at the free college rhetoric that hit the Wyoming news cycle over the past week. I know our post-secondary institutions are concerned about enrollment being down this fall and the financial hardship that will cause. But dangling the offer of free college with federal CARES money is not the right message or strategy for that money or our state. It is all too easy in contemporary politics for politicians to offer free everything, we can do better than that in Wyoming.

A draft bill, proposed by Speaker Harshman, and supported by minority leaders Rothfuss and Connolly, originally carved out \$116 million in scholarships for Wyoming's

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college students if they certify they will wear a "face covering" and wash or sanitize "hands" and "surfaces" "frequently." Scholarships for abiding by health orders that are legally required and that we are expected to follow is curious. And are we really going to enforce whether scholarship recipients are frequently sanitizing surfaces and wearing masks? I doubt it and I hope not.

that anyone will admit that free tuition is being offered to offset budget cuts to institutions. Yet, that is exactly what is happening now.

Rather than patching a one-year hole, the Wyoming Legislature has a rare opportunity to make long-lasting changes that achieve our attainment goals for higher education, boost our working population, and build out sectors that show promise in strengthening our state's economy.

I encourage the legislature to spend federal CARES dollars to promote higher education in three ways:

First, financial assistance should be prioritized for students with a known financial need and for students pursuing degrees or careers in areas that are in demand in Wyoming. This means students who were working themselves through school and no longer have a paycheck to afford school and adults who are displaced from their jobs in need of more education to expand employment opportunities would be given priority.

These are the people most in need of CARES stimulus funding and the population UW voiced support for targeting. (As a side note, eligible students will continue to receive the Hathaway Scholarship.)

Second, over 800 UW and community college courses are now available online. This is a game changer for adult learners across the state, from Midwest to Pinedale. Federal CARES dollars should be spent to ensure that broadband, connectivity, and access to technology is not an issue for any person in Wyoming.

The Wyoming Legislature has the ability, right now, to close the "digital divide" in Wyoming. Using federal CARES dollars to build out a broadband infrastructure and provide connectivity is an investment in all Wyomingites, especially students.

Third, in light of the economic downturn prior to March coupled with COVID-19 revenue losses, there is a great opportunity for an investment in Wyoming's workforce. The Wyoming Legislature should set up a grant program for business and industry to partner with high schools, community colleges, and UW to prepare students for Wyoming's jobs of tomorrow.

The grants should incentivize business and education to develop and implement training and degree programs for high-skilled, high-wage jobs in energy, advanced manufacturing, healthcare, cybersecurity, computer science, and other areas. Standing up new training programs lasts longer than one year of financial assistance to college students, it lasts for generations. This concept is some of what the Task Force discussed and intends to at least in part enlist the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services to implement.

Federal money, state money, tuition money, it all comes from somewhere, nothing is free. A scholarship to wear a mask is not the right direction for Wyoming. Let's work together to continue our diligence in strategic deployment of federal CARES dollars to advance our state for the future, not simple stop gap measures born from reactive policymaking.

Thank You

Weston County Mini Roughstock Rodeo Association, the community and all the little cowboys & cowgirls want to thank all of the Sponsor/Partners who so generously contributed to the 2020 Weston County Youth Mini Roughstock Rodeo's success during the Weston County Fair. Please patronize and tell them thank you to show your appreciation.

Weston County Friends of the Fair, Wyoming Refinery, Jason Whitney Ranch (Mutton Busters), Pinnacle Bank, St. Onge Livestock, Antler's Café/Pizza Barn (Pam Gualtieri), Woody's Food Center (Kelly Wood), Short Stop, Farm Credit Services of America, Newcastle Motors, Delane Haynes Trucking, R Spade Buckers/Hang & Rattle Buckers, Scott Peterson Motors, Wade Regan Trucking, Croell Redi Mix, Grossenburg Implement, Northeast Wyoming Feeds (Alvaro Baeza), Upton Co-op, FirstTier Bank Wyoming, Cambria Supply, Bryan & Cary Colvard, Voelkers Auto Body & Glass, First State Bank of Newcastle, Cowboy Bar, Arrow Services, Scott Sewell, Dr. W.M. Franz, Tim Sewell, Rancher's Feed & Supply, Decker's Market, Joe's Food Center, Sunset Amigos, Willow Brook Nursery, Three J Rentals, Best Auto Body, ADI Insurance, Arnold Realty, Frontier Home, Ranch & Hardware, Bomgaars of Newcastle, Runnings of Belle Fourche, Loaf & Jug, VFW Post 2516.

We also wish to thank each and every one who so generously volunteered during the rodeo to ensure the events success. We can't name everyone, but you know who you are.

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